

# JESUS, RISEN AND REVEALED

Luke 24:1-12; 13-35

**KIDS**  
**3RD-6TH**

NL

**Key Verse:**

“He is not here; he has risen!”

Luke 24:5

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

Luke 24:31

**The Point:**

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples.

**Making Connections:**

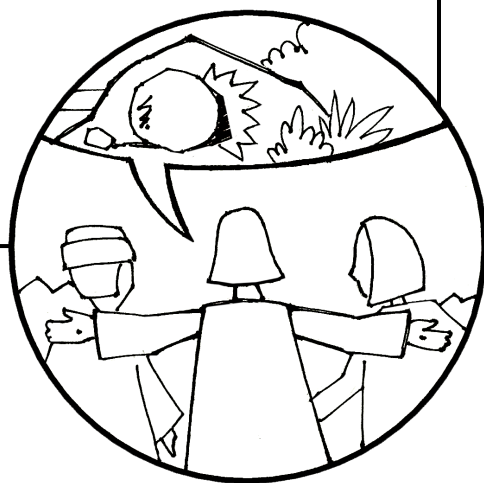
Birth of the Church

**Bible Nuts & Bolts:**

Images of God

**Spiritual Practice:**

Worship



# BACKGROUND

## Note for leaders about this extended lesson:

As many congregations do not hold Christian education the week of Easter, this lesson is been extended, or lengthened, and is designed to be used flexibly. If your class does not meet on Easter Sunday, this lesson is to be used the following Sunday. As usual, you will not be able to cover all components, but you can pick and choose what you can accomplish in the time frame you have. If you do meet on Easter Sunday, there are enough components, and the components are slightly more involved, so they will easily extend over two weeks..

## Making Connections

Throughout this unit, we will look at how the ministry of Jesus is carried on by his followers. We will see how their sharing of the resurrection story marks the beginning of the church. The church has not been perfect, and it has had a lot of struggles. But by learning the stories of Jesus and how to share them with the world, we are part of an amazing story, empowered by love and the Holy Spirit.

## Story Summary:

### *Jesus, Risen and Revealed*

This story begins in sadness. Jesus has died. His body was laid in the tomb. On the morning of the third day, some of his female followers are coming to the tomb. They are bringing spices to anoint the body, an important Jewish tradition reserved for female loved ones of the deceased.

When they arrive at the tomb, they are very confused. The stone that sealed the tomb has been rolled away. They enter the tomb, and are even more confused and frightened to discover that Jesus' body is gone! Their fear grows when two men in clothes "gleaming like lightening" appear next to them. The men ask, "What are you doing? Don't you remember what Jesus said? He is risen!" (Luke 24:5-8).

The women do remember Jesus' words and go to tell the apostles the good news. The apostles do not believe the women, and Peter goes to the tomb to see for himself.

Later that very same day, two disciples are walking to Emmaus. They are talking with each other, trying to make sense of all that has happened. Jesus approaches them and they are kept from recognizing him. Cleopas, filled with grief, tells Jesus the story of the crucifixion. Jesus responds by putting the Passion story—his story—in light of the Scriptures. The disciples invite Jesus to stay with them for dinner. They need to hear more from this stranger. When they all sit down to eat, Jesus breaks the bread with them, their eyes are opened, and they recognize Jesus.

## The Point

**The risen Jesus appears to his disciples.** Jesus is with us always. The story of Jesus' resurrection, and of the beginning of the early church, is crucial to our faith identity. The women approach the tomb in sadness. The disciples walk the road to Emmaus in confusion, trying to make sense of their loss and despair. And then they are reminded: Jesus is with them. Death does not have power over Jesus. In sadness and confusion, in joy and certainty, Jesus is still with us.



## On the Road to Emmaus

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.  
Luke 24:31a (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 24:13-35 (NIV).



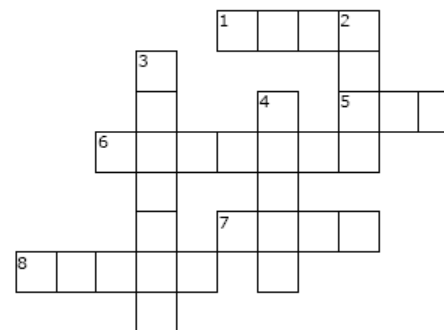
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MOSES	BREAD	BELIEVE	VISITOR
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CLEOPAS	OPENED	VILLAGE	EMMAUS

## Easter Sunrise Surprise

He is not here; he has risen! Luke 24:6a (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 24:1-12 (NIV)



### ACROSS

1. A place where someone, especially an important person, is buried
2. The whole physical structure that forms a person
3. The first or early part of a day
4. "He is not here, he has \_\_\_\_\_." Luke 24:6
5. A period of twenty-four hours
6. To kill someone by tying or nailing them to a cross
7. A period of seven days
8. A hard solid substance found in the ground which is often used for building

### DOWN

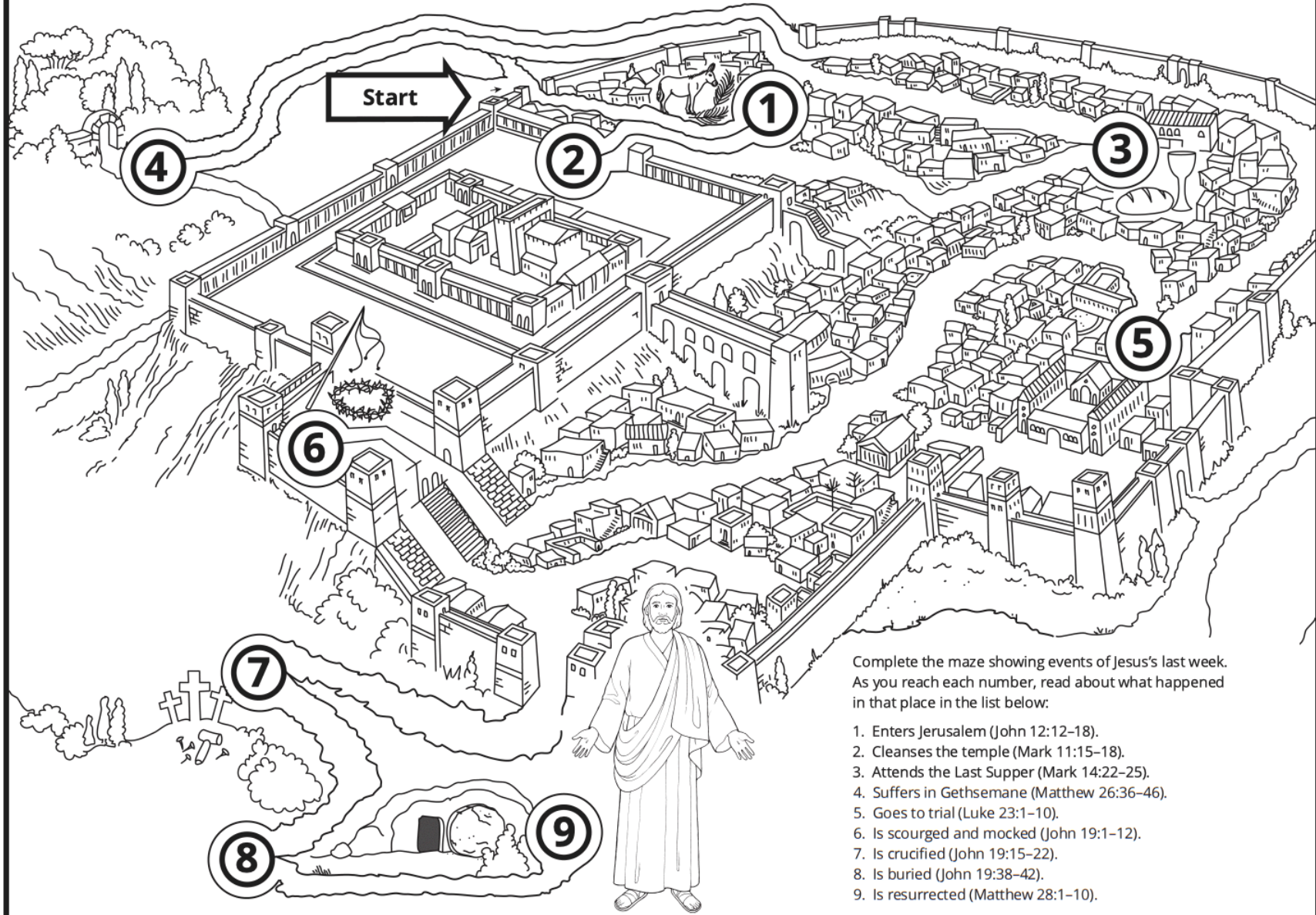
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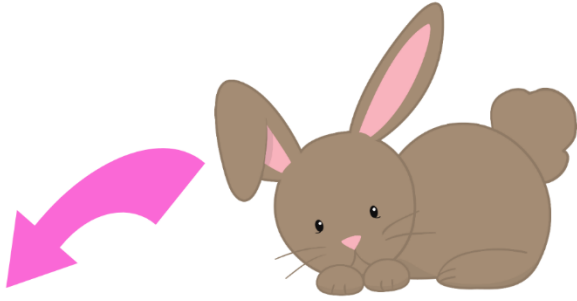


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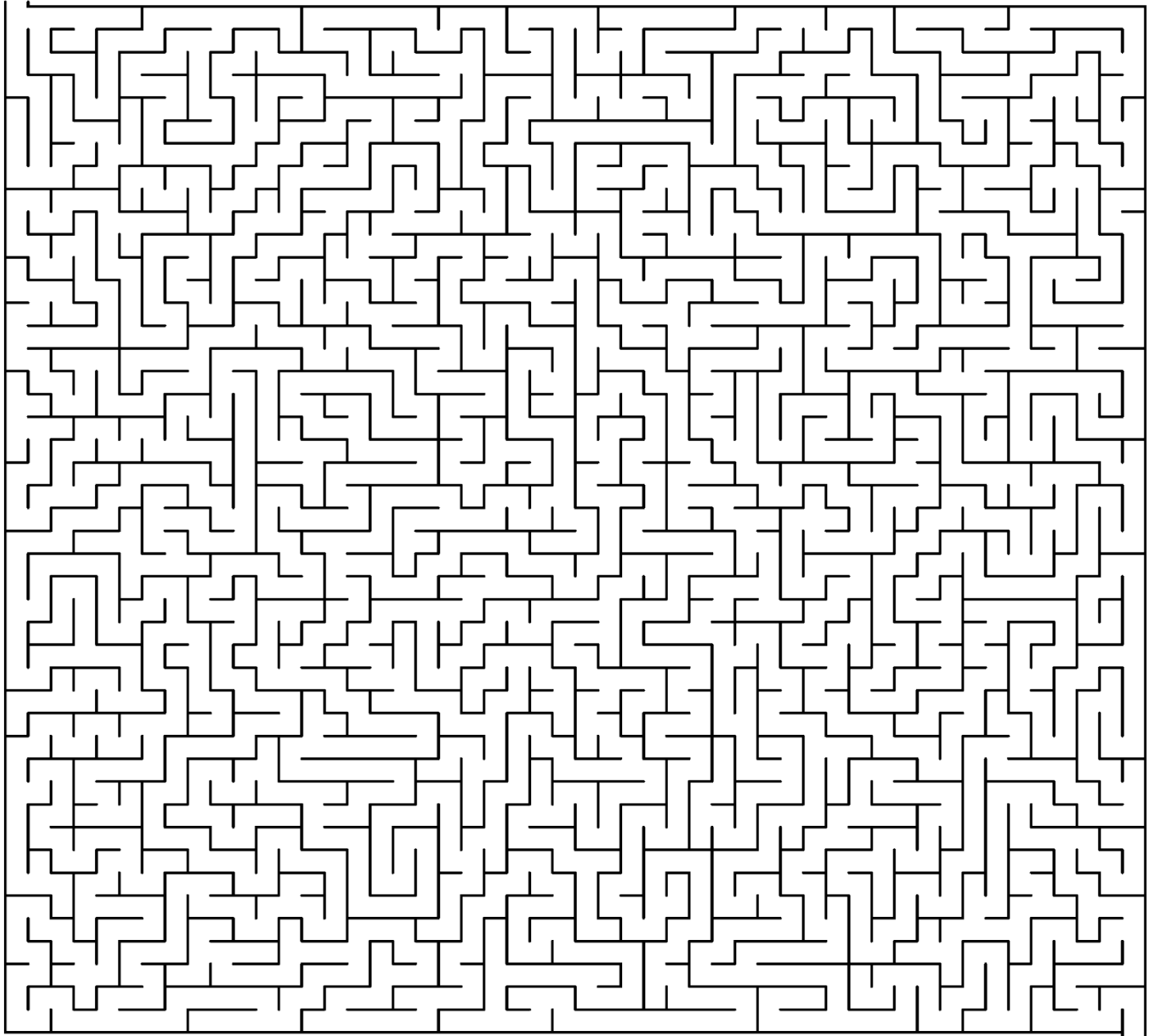
Because Jesus was resurrected, everyone will be resurrected (Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20).



# EASTER MAZE



Help the rabbit get through the maze to reach the carrot patch!





# THE STORY @ HOME

**KIDS  
3RD-6TH**

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**Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story**  
Narrative Lectionary, Year 3 (2024-2025)

**Lesson #3-32**  
Luke 24:1-12, 13-35

## LAST WEEK

Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey to great celebration. But later that week, Judas agrees to betray Jesus, Jesus shares a last supper with his disciples, and Jesus dies on a cross, mocked and rejected (Luke 19:29-40; 22:1-6, 14-23; 23:32-47).

## THIS WEEK

Jesus is laid in a tomb, but three days later women hear the good news from angels that Jesus is alive! The risen Jesus walks with two disciples to Emmaus, but they do not recognize him until later (Luke 24:1-35).

## THE POINT

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples.

## STORY SUMMARY

### Jesus, Risen and Revealed

On the third day after Jesus died, some female disciples come to anoint Jesus' body. But Jesus' body is gone! Two men in dazzling clothes appear next to them and remind the women what Jesus had said. The women tell the apostles the good news.

Later, two disciples walk to Emmaus, trying to make sense of Jesus' death. Jesus approaches them and they are kept from recognizing him. One tells Jesus what had happened. Jesus responds by teaching his story from Scripture. When they all sit down to eat, Jesus breaks the bread, and they recognize Jesus.

## BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

### *Images of God*

God is so much bigger and more that we can ever understand. However, in order to have a relationship with God, the faithful throughout time have used metaphors and images to discuss God. God is not encompassed by these images (Rock, Mother, Father, Shepherd, Fire, Eagle, etc.), but each reveals something about God and God's relationship with us. The power and use of images depends on your context, so images are not universal. God is not male or female, but more than and beyond gender.

## PRACTICE: WORSHIP

In today's Scripture, the disciples do not recognize Jesus until they sit down and break bread with him. Share a meal together as an opportunity to notice God in your presence and to celebrate what that means for the world.

## NEXT WEEK

After Pentecost, a disciple named Stephen teaches about Jesus and does miracles. He preaches to the religious leaders, but then he is stoned to death. (Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60).

### Family Discussions

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- ✚ Where do you see the message that "It is GOOD" in this Scripture?
- ✚ What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- ✚ What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

### Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

#### Sunday—Read Luke 24:13-35

Some of Jesus' apostles encounter him while walking to Emmaus, but they do not recognize who he is until he breaks bread with them. During mealtime, have each person name one thing they appreciate about each family member.

#### Monday—Read Luke 24:36-49

Jesus appears to the disciples, dispels their fears, and then gives them understanding and a mission. How do we know things are real? Talk together about how love is made real to us.

#### Tuesday—Read Luke 24:50-53

Jesus blesses his disciples and ascends to heaven. They return to Jerusalem with great joy. Have each person share one thing that brings them great joy.

#### Wednesday—Read Acts 1:1-11

Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will come upon the apostles, and then ascends into heaven, leaving the apostles with the Great Commission. Look at a map together as a family. Where have you traveled? Where would you like to travel? How might you spread God's love to all the ends of the earth?

#### Thursday—Read Acts 1:12-17, 21-26

Matthias is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, taking the place of Judas. Casting lots is a bit like flipping a coin, and there are a number of times in the Bible when it is used to reveal God's will. Talk about how we figure out God's will in our lives today. Do we flip coins to decide what we should do?

#### Friday—Read Acts 3:11-26

Peter explains how Jesus fulfilled the promises of God that the prophets had foretold. Pray together for all people to know God's love through Jesus, and for each person to do their best to make the right decisions.

#### Saturday—Read Acts 4:32-37

The early church took care of each other by sharing possessions and resources so that no one needed anything. Think of a way your family can share its resources (money, talents, or time) to help do God's work in the world.