

Sunday 11th April 2021

2nd Sunday of Easter

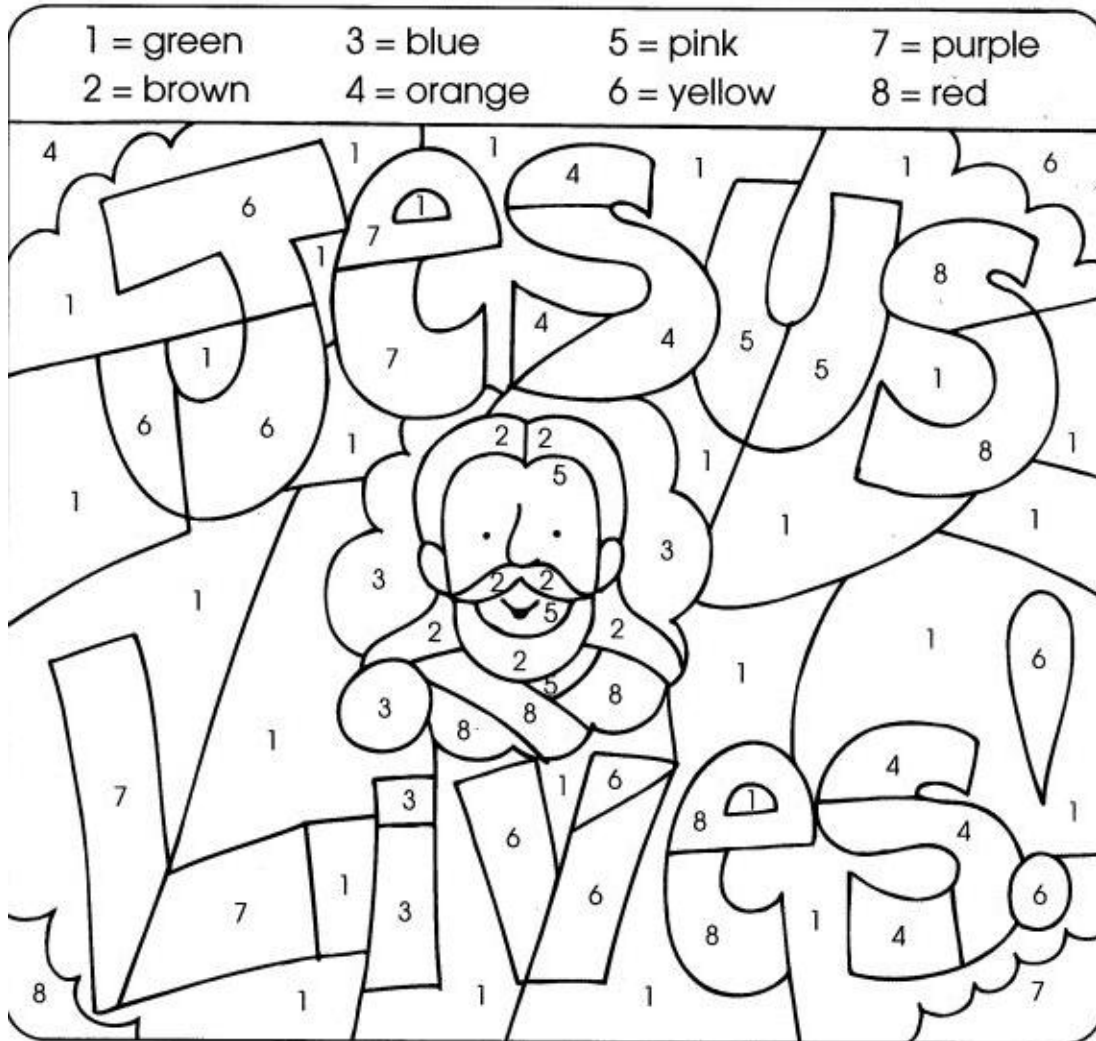
Young people's activities

Immaculate Conception R.C. Church,

John chapter 20 verses 19-31

Jesus is alive!

So now what?? Once all the chocolate eggs have been eaten and everyone has been wished "Happy Easter," it may seem that Easter loses its thrill. But the empty tomb is only the beginning of the story and there are important lessons to be learnt from events immediately after the resurrection. So what happened after the tomb was found empty. There were still many people in town (Jews, soldiers, etc.) who were trying to arrest the followers of Jesus. Imagine how the disciples may have felt...nervous, terrified, still sad and uncertain of the future. They were huddled in hiding when suddenly a change swept into the room.



John
Chapter 20
Verses 19-21



Spot the difference

Can you find 6?

In evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together. The doors were locked for fear of the Jewish leaders. Jesus came and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Then Jesus said "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." With that he breathed on them and said "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Thomas was not there and when disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" Thomas said "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later they were in the house again and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

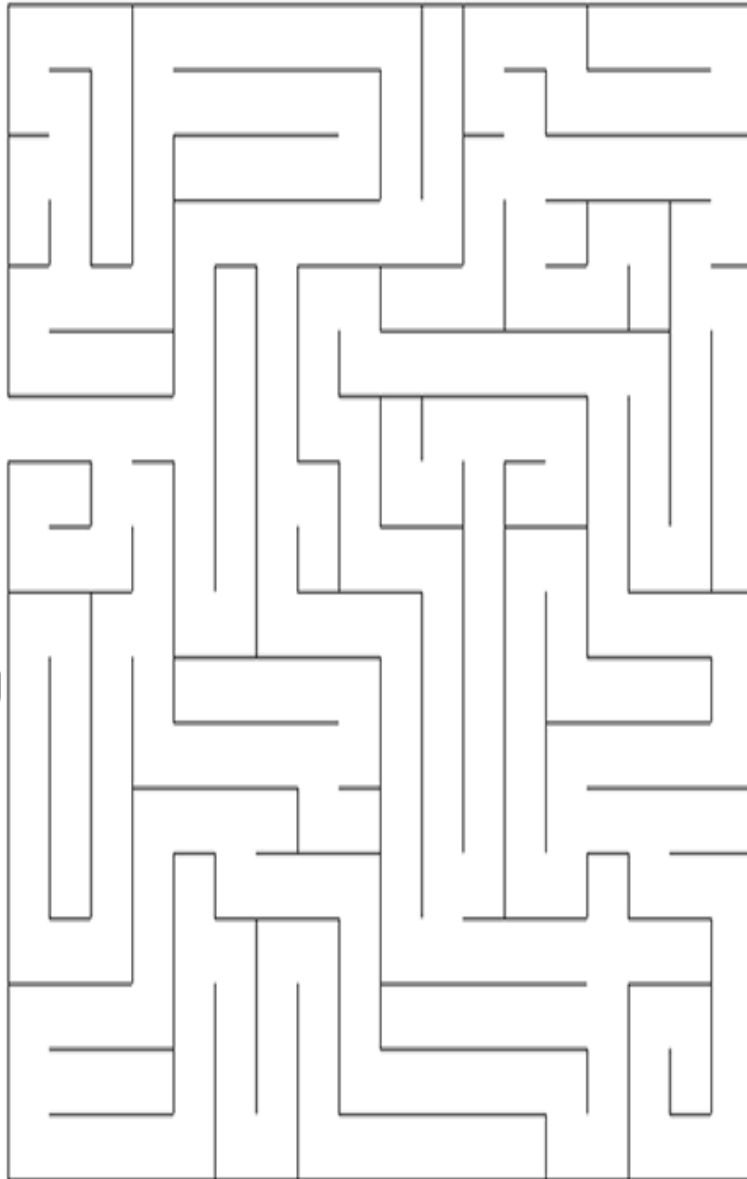
Jesus Appears to His Disciples

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25

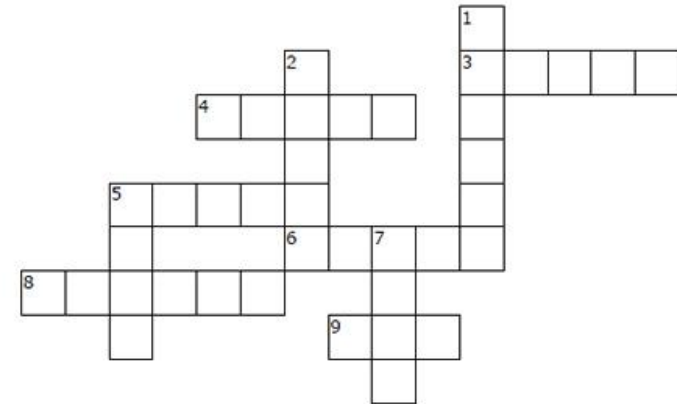
Based on John 20:19-31 (NIV)



From
Doubting



To
Believing



ACROSS

3. To be in a state of pleasure, satisfaction, joy or delight
4. Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war
5. To be undecided or unbelieving that something is true
6. The body parts at the end of the arms
8. Not open
9. To break God's law

DOWN

1. The disciple who would not believe without seeing
2. To believe in something for which there is no proof
5. An entrance into a building or room
7. A thin piece of metal with one pointed end and one flat end which you hit with a hammer

PEACE
NAIL

DOOR
THOMAS

HANDS
CLOSED

FAITH
SIN

HAPPY
DOUBT

A Lesson for Thomas

In the Gospel of John, Jesus appears in a closed room to a group of his disciples. Another disciple, Thomas, is not in the room when Jesus appears. When his fellow disciples tell him about their experience, Thomas says he needs proof it is Jesus. He wants to see the marks left from the crucifixion in order to believe Jesus has appeared.

Eight days later, Jesus appears to his disciples in a closed room again. This time Thomas is there!

Write the letter that comes between the two letters to find out what Jesus said to a doubtful Thomas.

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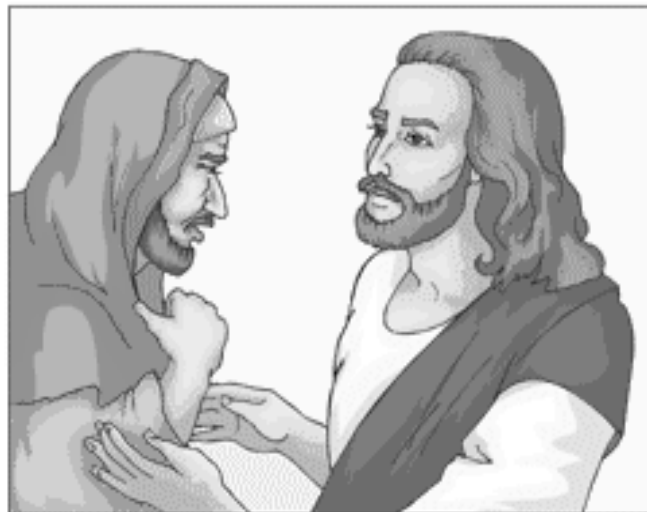
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Twelve Disciples

After rising from the tomb Jesus visited the disciples several times. He was preparing them to go out into the world to teach people about Jesus and God.

1. Color the twelve disciples and read their names.
2. Peter and Andrew were brothers. Draw a circle around both of them together.
3. James and John were brothers. Draw a circle around both of them together.
4. Peter, John, and Matthew all wrote books of the Bible. Put a ✓ mark next to each of them.
5. Judas turned against Jesus and betrayed him. Draw a big X to cross out Judas.



Peter



Andrew



James
(brother of John)



John



Philip



Bartholomew



Thomas



Matthew



James
(son of Alphaeus)



Thaddeus



Simon



Judas

A disciple is someone who learns from Jesus. How can you learn from Jesus?