



19th April: Encountering the risen Jesus (Luke 24:36-49)

Tell the story: read the story from a child friendly version of the Bible. Or you may like to tell the story in your own words, use small world figures to act it out or your children may like to tell the story if they have seen the video as part of the online service! Look at the Bible passage together.

Chat together:

I wonder how Jesus' friends were feeling when they met together.

How do you think they reacted when they recognised Jesus?

I wonder what you would have said to Jesus if you had been there?

Jesus said he would send them what his Father had promised, that they would be 'clothed with power from on high'. What do you think Jesus was talking about?

What do you think God might be saying to you through these Bible verses?

You may also like to look at John 20:19-22 which describes the same story, where it says the disciples were overjoyed (verse 20) when they recognised Jesus and then he breathed on them and said "Receive the Holy Spirit" (verse 22)

God is with us, when we are afraid or sad, he comforts us 'Peace be with you'. God sends his helper, the Holy Spirit, to give us strength and courage, to empower us, to help us understand the Bible and to guide us.

To do together (choose one or two, don't feel you have to do them all!)

Look at some family photos and see who your children recognise and chat about how the disciples eventually recognised Jesus.

You might like to act out the story with one person being Jesus and the rest being his friends. The friends can look afraid, Jesus can say "Peace be with you" and then the friends can look overjoyed! Take it in turns to be Jesus.

Fold a piece of paper in half and place one hand on the paper with the thumb and first finger against the fold. Draw around the spread out hand and then carefully cut it out. Open out the piece of paper and you should have a heart shape between the two hands! The heart reminds us of God's love and that he is always with us. You may like to stick the hands on another sheet of paper and write "God is always with me" on it as a reminder.

Take a piece of paper and fold it in half. From the top half cut a window, leaving a frame around the edge and only cut along three sides of the window so that one side is like a hinge. Write the words 'Who is with me no matter where I go?' on the front. Now draw a picture of Jesus inside the card - or you may like to write a verse which reminds you that God is always with you (maybe Joshua 1:9) Glue or stick the edges of the card together. Now you can read the question on the front, open the window and read/see the answer inside!

Colour the picture or have a go at the word search. Or maybe draw a picture of Jesus appearing to the disciples or a picture of what God is saying to you through this Bible passage. Or maybe make your own word search!

Pray together:

Light a candle (use a scented one if you have one or find something scented that the children can see or hold)

Smell the scent from the candle. Even though we can't see the scent we know it's there because our noses can smell it! And this reminds us that God is with us all the time even though we can't see him. Let's say thank you to God:

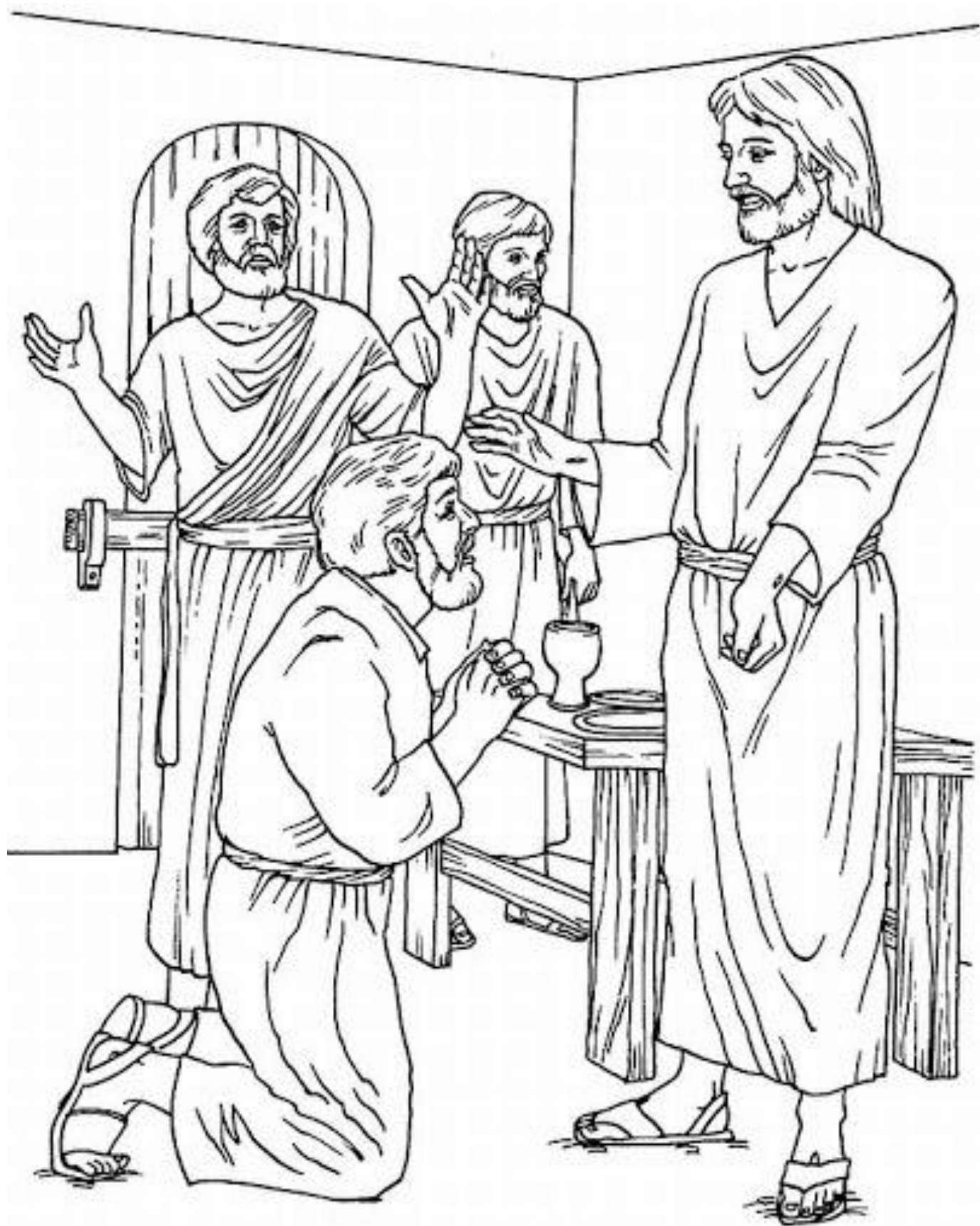
When we are afraid, thank you God, that you are always with us.

When we are happy, thank you God, that you are always with us.

When we are thank you God, that you are always with us. (Let everyone have a turn to add something)

Think about some of your friends or family who need to know that God is always with them and pray for them too.

Amen



'Jesus appears to the disciples' word search

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Jesus

Holy Spirit

disciples

hands

Father

God

fish

joy

feet

startled

amazed

power

peace

afraid