

The Hunt for the

Risen Christ



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The game that brings Christ's resurrection to life
for you and your family!

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The resurrection of Christ has become the basis of the Christian faith and yet it was only the beginning of the fulfillment of God's promise to us. There were many sightings of the risen Lord that brought hope and joy to the apostles during their period of hiding. Then with the full manifestation of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles at Pentecost, fear ended and the Church began. This is the reason why Easter should be celebrated as an eight-week holiday beginning from Easter week until Pentecost. The world, however, dictates that this celebration should be for one day and also have something for children to partake since they can not understand the depth of the meaning of this wondrous feast. This stagnant "celebration" is one of the reasons for this game. It will help pull this holiday season together for the children and the children in the eyes of God.

"The Hunt for the Risen Christ Game" is meant to be to Easter, as the Christmas tree and nativity scenes are to Christmas. They are symbols to help us focus and reflect upon the reason for the season. You should find the design of the game helpful in getting children to better understand the events that occurred two thousand years ago, by reenacting what happened through the eyes of the apostles.

Preparing to play the game:

There are some things you will need to do before Easter to prepare for this game, although they are not very difficult, it is always good to be prepared.

To begin, you will need to take an egg, hollow it out, and then decorate it. If you want to use this egg for Good Friday as well as Easter, decorate it with the image of the tomb on one side and the cross on the other side. The early Christians adopted the egg as a symbol of Easter from northern pagans who viewed the egg as a rock from which life sprung. Since Christ came alive from the tomb, they felt it was a good analogy. Keep this in mind as you decorate your egg.

Next, you will need to make (or cut out) several characters. These include an angel, Jesus, Mary Magdalene and the apostles. Also, you may wish to write a few scriptural quotes and place them at key places with the characters, though this is not necessary, it can enhance the story and game. Some quotes you may wish to use are:

Mt.28:5-7 (or Mk.6:6-7, Lk.24:5-9) or John 20

Another way to enhance the game is by having a basket filled with perfumed oils and sweet spices such as parsley, ginger and cinnamon. This prop will give a good picture of the basket that was carried to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus.

Finally, you will need to prepare your "game board". We like using our refrigerator as a board. We took the different characters and cemented them to flexible magnetic sheets. Then we cut them out and put them upon the refrigerator so everyone can reach and participate. You may wish to use some background for your board. One idea is to cut out some construction paper or possibly use a large piece of paper that the children can draw and color the scenes upon. You can use one background all

throughout the weeks of Easter or change it weekly to reflect the activities or Scriptural passages of that particular week. Let your own creativity work for you as you prepare and celebrate throughout the weeks.

Now there are a couple of remaining items that you may need. One is a cloud for Jesus to ascend upon; the other would be a dove and small tongues of fire to place over the heads of the apostles on Pentecost.

Once you have your background done, place all the apostles who are not on the initial hunt in the “upper room”:

Andrew and James, the sons of Zebedee
Philip
Bartholomew
Thomas
Matthew
James, the son of Alphaeus
Thaddaeus
Simon the Cananaean.

Don't forget to leave some room on the board for the other characters used in the hunt, and then add them as they are found. Jesus should be placed upon a cloud so He can ascend as the weeks pass.

During those passing weeks try to have some type of treats available, whether it is candy, fruit or a special time together. You know what your family will appreciate and enjoy, so make your choices based upon that fact. Through this we do believe they will also come to appreciate your efforts to make their celebration of Jesus' resurrection fun and memorable. To help you we have listed below the weeks that follow that glorious morning so you can think of some creative ideas. We also have included at the end of each week, a suggested activity for different age groups. Some of those activities can be found in the back portion of the book. Although this may seem like a lot of work, you will find it to be enjoyable and easy, especially if it becomes a family project.

- 1) Lk 24:13-33 Luke and Cle'opas on the way to Emma'us.
- 2) Jn 20:19-23 Christ appears to ten of the remaining disciples.
- 3) Jn 20:24-29 Christ appears to Thomas and the others.
- 4) Mt 28:16-20 Jesus appears to Eleven on a mountain in Galilee
- 5) Jn 21 Sea of Tiberias
- 6) Acts 1:1-14 Ascension of our Lord
- 7) Acts 1:15-17,21-26 Judas Iscariot is replaced.
- 8) Acts 2 Pentecost

Playing the Game:

How you begin the game depends on when you plan to start. We usually begin on Good Friday by placing the decorated egg with the cross side shown in a prominent place around 9:00 in the morning. Then some time between 4:00 p.m. to sundown, the egg should be turned and the tomb displayed. Eventually most children will see the images and ask why they are there. This gives us an opportunity to discuss the Lord's Passion with them.

On Easter you want to break or cut open the egg and put it out where it can be easily seen. Place the angel and the quote from Matthew in the broken egg. Next, carry the basket of oils and spices as you pretend to be one of the women going to the tomb. When you get there, read the quote of the angel spoken to Mary Mag'delene.

Now the hunt begins. Hide Peter, John, Mary and Jesus around the room or house and have the children search for them. You can have treats with each of these or pass them out according to which character(s) they find. For example, you can have a hollow chocolate egg with white filling with Peter and John to represent the empty tomb with the white shroud. And for Mary, there can be a chocolate lamb since she was the first to find Jesus. Peter can also have a chocolate lamb because he also saw Jesus later in the day. To promote questions or discussions, you may wish to include more Scripture quotes or paraphrased events with each of them, such as Mary saying, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him . . ." (John.20:15). Then you can ask the children, "To whom was she speaking and where did she think Jesus had gone?"

Read John 20:1-18 after all the pieces are found, or before the game begins is also appropriate. You may desire to have an even longer hunt by also hiding Christ, or you can place Him on the cloud after all the hidden characters are found.

There are many ways to modify this game to fit your particular needs, however, it is important to remember this game will be played for the remainder of the Easter season. You will want the whole family to keep their interest, especially yours, since you are the one who will determine the success by your participation. With this in mind, please use the following activities to guide you or even to spark your own creative ideas.

Week 1:

Luke and Cle'opas on the way to Emma'us

On the same day Jesus rose from the dead, two disciples were on the way to a resort town called Emma'us. They were talking about the events of the last few days as well as the strange tale the women had brought back from the tomb where Jesus had been laid. As they talked, Jesus joined them, but they didn't recognize him. "What are you talking about?" Jesus asked. "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" answered Cle'opas (one of the two). "What things?" asked Jesus. Then the disciples told Jesus about all the events that had happened. "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe . . . wasn't it necessary that Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" With this he began to interpret for them all the Hebrew Scriptures from Moses to that present time about himself.

It was getting near evening when they approached the village. Jesus seemed to be going on so they asked him to stay with them and he agreed. They invited him to supper, and as they sat down to eat he took bread and blessed it. It was during the blessing they recognized him and then he disappeared before their eyes. "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" They got up and hurried back to Jerusalem to tell the other disciples what had happened.

Verse: Lk 24:13-33

Reflection: As Alfred Edersheim, MA Oxon, DD, Ph.D. remarks in The Life and Times of Jesus The Messiah, we are often like these poor travelers, unaware that Christ walks beside us, feeling sadness due to our ignorance and faithlessness. In our travels throughout our lives, we often need someone to knock us out of our melancholy and tell us to stand in faith, as Christ stated here. The facts we have are limited, but the truth is deeper. Too often we get tripped up on incomplete information and improper understanding. But like those two travelers on their way to Emma'us we need only turn to the one who travels beside us and seek his guidance in faith.

Sug. Activities: Two mazes can be found in the activity section. Tell the children that Emma'us was a resort town, a place of rest and this is why the two disciples went there that day. Also tell them they must meet someone if they want peace and rest just as these two did. By the end of the puzzle they should know who they must meet in life. We also have a crossword puzzle for older children. We chose scriptures from the Hebrew Scriptures that foretold Jesus first coming, most of which are familiar though not all. The answers can be derived without the use of a Bible. We did this because everyone's Bibles are a little different.

Song: "Are not our Hearts" by Carry Laundry and North American Liturgy Resources, 10802 n. 23rd Ave. Phoenix, Arizona 85029.

"Did not our hearts burn within us?" Lk. 24:13-33

Week 2

Christ Appears to Ten of the Remaining Disciples

On the evening of the first day, the disciples were together in the upper room with the door locked when Jesus came to them. "Peace be with you," he said. He then showed them his hands and side to show them he was real and not a ghost. The disciples were glad to see him. Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." After this he breathed on them saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Verse: Jn 20:19-23

Reflection: If the Holy Spirit descended on Pentecost, what happened here? Christ breathed on “them”, to receive the Holy Spirit. In a sense he was breathing life into the church. It is the actual birth of the church, and Pentecost is the commissioning or baptism. (*Note:* the right to forgive or retain sins is also granted to the church).

Another interesting note; although in the English language the two words sent and send have the same meaning, just differ in tense, this isn't true for Greek. In Greek the two words have very different meanings. Christ was *apostello* or sent forth as to service or with a commission. The disciples on the other hand were *tempo* or sent in the sense of being dispatched. In other words, Christ had the commission, we just bring the message.

Sug. Activities: There is a word search in the puzzle section. It describes qualities of Christ that we also should possess because Jesus has sent us on a mission and we need to realize we are representatives for Him. Therefore our words or actions should not be our own, but from the authority from which it came - Christ. For example, we know that the parents are ultimately responsible for the behavior of their child(ren). The lessons we give lead to two forms of discipline, one is parental and the other is self-discipline. The parental discipline would be as an example, “Do not jump on the bed!” Eventually we want our children to be self-disciplined to refrain from jumping, or if necessary to say to a sibling, “Mom said not to jump on the bed!” It is the relay of the original message that brings the point home, not the authority of the child speaking.

Song: "Sing a New Song" by Don Sacht

“As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.” John.20.21

Week 3

Christ Appears to Thomas and the Others

Thomas was not with the disciples when Christ came that first evening and he didn't believe them when they insisted that they saw Jesus. “Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hands in his side, I will not believe.” A week later Christ came again. “Peace be with you”, he said. Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing.” Then Thomas answered, “My Lord and My God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.”

Verse: Jn 20:24-29

Reflection: Thomas' words, “Unless . . . place my finger in the mark of the nails . . .” suggests that he did believe his friends had seen Christ, but only as a spirit or ghost. In our present age, we have heard many theories of different beliefs of this citing, however, it is important to know that the truth still remains - Christ was resurrected (not resuscitated) when He rose as flesh and blood, not as a ghost.

Truly, blessed are those who do not see, as Thomas has, and yet believes in the testimony for they shall have life with Him.

Sug. Activities: Today's story about Thomas deals with the issue of trust. Thomas' friends had told him Christ was alive, but despite the fact that his friends were generally trustworthy, Thomas found it impossible to believe them entirely. We generally are hard on Thomas' disbelief, but the following activity can show anyone participating that they also can have problems with trust:

You need at least two people, one to catch and one to fall back. The person who will fall stands with their hands folded against their body, their eyes closed and fully relaxed. When they are ready, they are to fall into the hands of the person who is to catch them. The person catching should be an adult and someone the falling person trusts. The person falling should never be pressured to fall if they don't want to. If you are afraid of someone taking too much time, set a time limit and if they don't fall by that time they have proven their lack of trust already. Even when they do fall, most people don't trust those whom they should. You'll see their lack of full trust by how they tighten up and not relax. Just as Thomas could not fully trust his friends, we too find it hard to trust.

Song: "We Walk by Faith" by Marry Hague, G.I.A. Publications Inc. @1984

“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believed.”John.20.28

Week 4

Jesus Appears to Eleven on a Mountain in Galilee

The disciples went to Galilee as Christ had directed them through the women who saw him that first day. While they were there Christ came. Some believed in Him but some doubted. He said, “All authority in heaven and on earth, has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them of observing all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.”

Verse: Mt. 28:16-20, 1 Cor.15.6

Reflection: Compare Dan.7.14 to better understand Christ's words here. It is interesting how some could doubt the risen Christ even though they had seen Him. The answer may be in the testimony of Saint Paul to the Corinthians, 1 Cor.15.6. Here Paul states that more than five hundred people saw him there. With such great numbers, it's more than likely not all saw him up close. But even if they had, some people will hold onto their own false beliefs even in the face of irrefutable facts.

The Christians of two centuries ago often approached the Rabbis and their students to ask questions. They often were turned away with inadequate replies which failed to satisfy the students. For example the Midrash Rabat tells of the following conversation:

R.Samlai (third century) was asked: How many Divinities participated in the creation of the universe? He answered, we should inquire from the ancient days as it is

written in Deuteronomy 4:32: “For ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth. . .” It is not written created in a plural Hebrew form, but in a singular form. He was asked further, why is it written *Bereshit bara elohim*? (Elohim is a plural form of God in Hebrew). He answered again, that *bara* (created) is a singular form.

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Notice how the Rabbi never answers why we have plural form of God, *Elohim*, with the singular creation *bara*. We often see what we are willing to accept and disregard the rest. All of us share in this guilt which clouds our sight of truth. May the Lord who cleared the vision of Luke and Cle’opas so long ago clear ours as well.

Sug. Activities: A Christogram can be found in the activity section. For younger children there is a word maze. It is full of truths but only one truth leads to the gatekeeper and eternal life.

Song: "The Spirit of God", by Lucien Deiss, text and music @ 1970,1973, W.L.P.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Matt.28.19

Week 5

Sea of Tiberias

Simon Peter, Thomas the Twin, Nathan’ a-el of Cana, the sons of Zeb’ edee and two others were by the Sea of Tiber’ri-as when Peter said that he was going fishing. They agreed to join him in his boat but caught nothing all night. Just as the dawn broke they saw a man on the shore. He was Jesus, but they didn’t recognize him. “Children,” he said, “Have you any fish?” They answered “No.” Then he told them to drop the net to the right side of the boat and they would find some. They did as he said and caught so many fish they could not haul them into the boat. That’s when the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” Hearing this, Peter jumped into the sea to go to Him while the others followed in the boat.

When they reached land they saw that Christ had made a fire. Jesus said, “Bring some fish of the fish that you have caught.” So Peter hauled the untorn net to shore. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” No one dared to ask who he was for they knew it was Jesus.

After they finished breakfast Jesus said to Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” Peter answered, “Yes Lord; You know that I love you.” Jesus said to him “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Christ said, “Tend my sheep.” Jesus said to him, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was sad because he said this three times. He said, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.” (“Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you girded yourself and walked where you would; but when you are old, you will stretch

out your hands and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish to go.” Then he said, “Follow me.”)

Verse: Jn. 21

Reflection: Most people already know that Christ asked Peter three times if he loved him because Peter denied him three times. But only a few know that Christ used different words for love in the three questions. In the first two questions he said *agape* or an unselfish love such as Paul speaks of in 1 Cor.13.4-7. But each time Peter answers, he answers *Phileo*, a love which is a tender feeling; the kind of love you usually find in love songs. The third time Christ uses *Phileo* love, like Peter originally thought.

Christ said twice to feed his sheep and once he said tend my sheep. So why the double emphasis? The double emphasis shows a greater importance. In the first emphasis (love), we know it is important to revere Christ, however, it's still more important to put that love into action. In the second instance, to feed is to nourish with the word of God to the sheep who know his voice (believers). To tend means to care for, discipline, and give material assistance to His lambs, or young believers. Therefore we need to stress the Word and do so in love (as in Cor.), yet not forget the needs of those whom we teach.

Sug. Activities: In the activity section, there is a large catch of fish that need to be sorted. Follow the directions to sort and you'll find a message for us all.

Song: "Lord When you Came" by Cesa'reo Gabarai'n, @1979, O.C.P.

“ He said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' ” John.21.15

Week 6

Ascension of our Lord

Jesus appeared to them for forty days and told them to stay in Jerusalem until the promise of the Holy Spirit came. When they were together Jesus appeared to them and they asked him if he was going to restore Israel. He said to them, “ It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Sama'ria and to the end of the earth.” And while they were looking at him Jesus was lifted up into a cloud, out of their sight. While they gazed up into the clouds two men in white robes appeared and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” Then they returned to the upper room.

Verse: Acts 1:1-14

Reflection: The disciples know the scriptures and they realize that their Messiah came, but now they

wanted the restoration of Israel. *Why?* To answer this question, we need to go back to the two popular interpretations of the Messiah. The first was that the suffering and the reigning Messiah were one in the same; the other was that there were two Messiahs- a suffering Messiah (called Messiah Ben Joseph by rabbinical tradition) and a conquering Messiah (Messiah Ben David by tradition). When Christ was about to leave before the apostles, they were seeking for Jesus to now reign and fulfill all of scripture, but we now know that it wasn't time to do so. We clearly know that Jesus will come again to conquer and reign, but notice the irony of the interpretation of the two Messiahs:

Joseph was the son of Israel (Jacob) that was rejected by his brothers and sold into the Gentile world (Egypt). He then became the most powerful man of Egypt, second only to Pharaoh (who was considered a god by the Egyptians). There were seven (perfect) years of plenty and then seven years of famine. During the years of famine, his brothers returned to Joseph, but yet did not recognize him. It was only after trials and the bringing of Benjamin did Joseph reveal himself to them and reunited the family. Now doesn't this sound like Jesus who already came, who suffered, died and was buried and on the third day rose. All this has been fulfilled except for revealing Himself to His brothers (Israel) which will lead to the Messiah prophecies under Messiah Ben David.

David is the king who conquered all nations that threatened Israel, during Saul's reign as well as his own. He was the supreme ruler who found favor with God and was promised that a descendant would come and reign forever without any end. This descendant we know as Jesus the Christ will conquer all enemies of Israel and He will reign over Israel and bring all true believers to himself and they shall be one.

As we can see, the rabbis with the two Messiah interpretations are not that far off, they just need to be led by love and understanding that it is Jesus who does both.

Note: The Israel of scripture is not a new Israel. Israel is the twelve tribes plus all those grafted into the nation through faith in the Messiah.

Sug. Activities: There are three activities given to emphasize Christ's Second Coming. The first is for the very young to color, the second is for the intermediate ages to color and cut out as a puzzle. The third is geared to challenge the more experienced "child".

Song: "We Remember" by Marty Haugen, G.I.A.

"This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Acts.1.11

Week 7

Judas Iscariot is Replaced

In those days Peter stood up before the disciples (about 120 persons) and said that the disciples had to replace Judas who betrayed Christ and died. He then quoted a Psalm that spoke of Judas saying that the Psalm said that another should take his place. They only looked at persons who had been with them from the beginning and who had also seen the resurrection. In the end they choose two men:

Joseph called Barsab'bas who was surnamed Justus, and Matthi'as. They then prayed to the Lord and said, "Lord, you who know the hearts of all men, show which one of these two thou hast chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside, to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them and the lot fell on Matthi'as; and he was enrolled with the eleven apostles.

Verse: Acts 1:15-17,21-26

Reflection: Casting lots is to throw small pieces of wood or stone into a cloth, shake it, and then draw one out. In this case there were two lots, one with Justus' name and the second Matthi'as. They sought the Lord in prayer earnestly seeking His way. The casting of the lots was to merely to make His way plain.

Does the casting of lots condone gambling? *Of course not!* Here the casting of lots is to make clear the Lord's will, not to win something. There is nothing wrong in finding ways for God to speak to us. We can speak to God through our prayers and actions, but we need to find the way to which we can understand God. This is vital if we truly desire to do according to God's will, not in labeling our will as God's. For any relationship to survive you need to communicate, but it needs to be from all sides. Finding the way to which God speaks to us is equally important. For the disciples this meant prayer and casting lots.

Sug. Activities: Your children can have a mock election to chose between two boxes with unknown contents. Put a picture of one of the two disciples, Justus or Matthi'as, on each box to give an impression of the election taking place. They should pray for wisdom before starting and what is not chosen you can give to charity. Place the winning disciple back with the other eleven on the board game and the children get to keep this box.

Song: "Here I am Lord", Daniel L. Schutte, text @1981, Daniel L. Schutte and new Dawn Music.

"Brethren, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David, concerning Judas who was guide to those who arrested Jesus." Acts.1.16

Week 8

Pentecost

When Pentecost came, the apostles were together when a great wind came upon them and filled the house. And there appeared on them tongues of fire, which rested on each one of them. Then they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in tongues (Jews from around the known world traveled to Jerusalem at this time because it was a holy time). When the multitude came together, they heard the apostles speaking in their own native language. This amazed them and filled them with wonder. "What does this mean?" they asked puzzled. Then some supposing they were drunk said, "They are full of new wine."

Then Peter lifted up his voice above the others and addressed the crowd, "Men of Israel, here these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs which God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know- this Jesus, delivered up

according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. But God raised him up, having loosed the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it . . . This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you see and hear . . . Let all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Now when they heard this they were very sad and they asked Peter and the apostles what they should do. Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Verse: Acts 2

Reflection: This multitude in Jerusalem was true believing Jews, they had come before the Lord for the second of the three pilgrimages according to the Law of Moses. It was Shavout, the day they celebrated the giving of the Torah. But what happened that day was greater than what had happened on Mount Sinai. On Mount Sinai God gave the Torah to Moses to be presented to all of Israel. Here on Pentecost, God gave us His Spirit, the Holy Spirit which holds the Law in our hearts, to be presented to all who will believe and call on His name.

When we confess our sins, repent from our wicked ways and become baptized in the name of the Lord, we are open to receive the Holy Spirit. It doesn't matter at what age you make all these steps, but it does matter on your sincerity and obedience to God. Once the Holy Spirit dwells in you, you should be a new person. A person who relies upon the Lord to do all things, with a relationship that is personal between you and the Lord. Too often we get caught up in the “personal” aspect and forget that we are part of a larger body. Simply put, being Holy Spirit filled isn't a ‘Get out of Church free card’. We need to have our personal time with God for direction and we also need to apply the teachings we receive as witnesses to the unbelieving as well as the blinded who claim to believe within our own churches.

Sug. Activities: You can place flames of fire above the heads of the disciples and make swirls of wind on white paper. Cut out the swirls and attach them to the top part of the game board. This is to show that the Holy Spirit came with wind and fire. You can also fill the basket with "hot" candy like fireballs and "windy" candy like peppermint. Lastly, you can attach a blue or white dove on the basket to represent the Holy Spirit and have him descend with the treats.

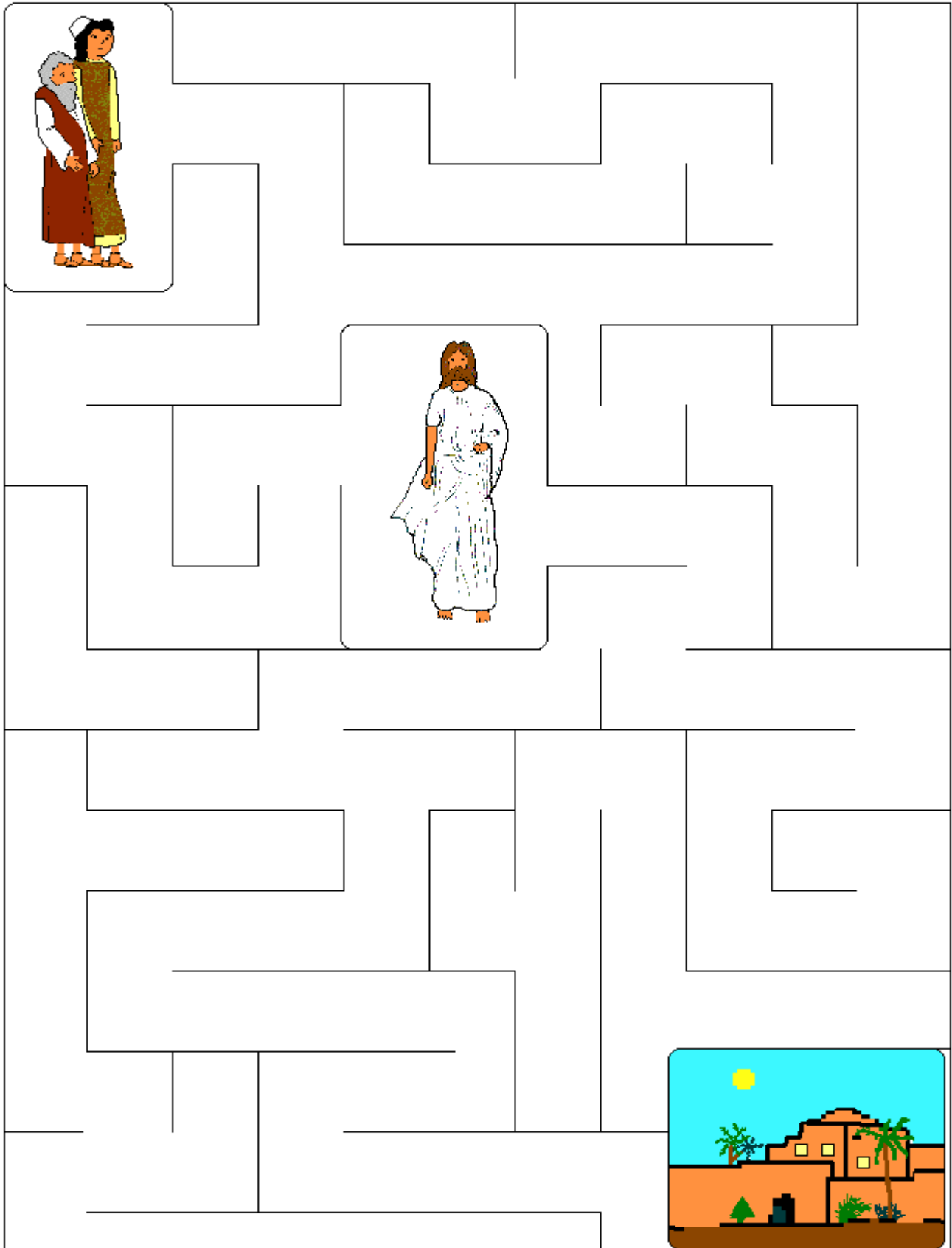
Pentecost ends the game and at sundown the game gets put away for another year. Even though Easter is over, you need not end all activities so abruptly because Pentecost didn't end activities of the early Christians, but rather started them going. One activity that we do in our own home is called the Kindness Campaign. Our children are asked to do one act of kindness per week. They can mow the lawn for an older person, deliver mail to a shut-in or take groceries to person's car at the local supermarket. We allow the children to lead the activities and they have come up with great ideas. Yes, these are things we should be doing whenever the opportunity arises, but once in a while we need practice on our basic principles.

Song: "All Creatures of Our God" based on Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226, text @ 1928, J. Curwen & Sons, L.T.D.

“Let all the houses of Israel know assuredly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Acts.2.36

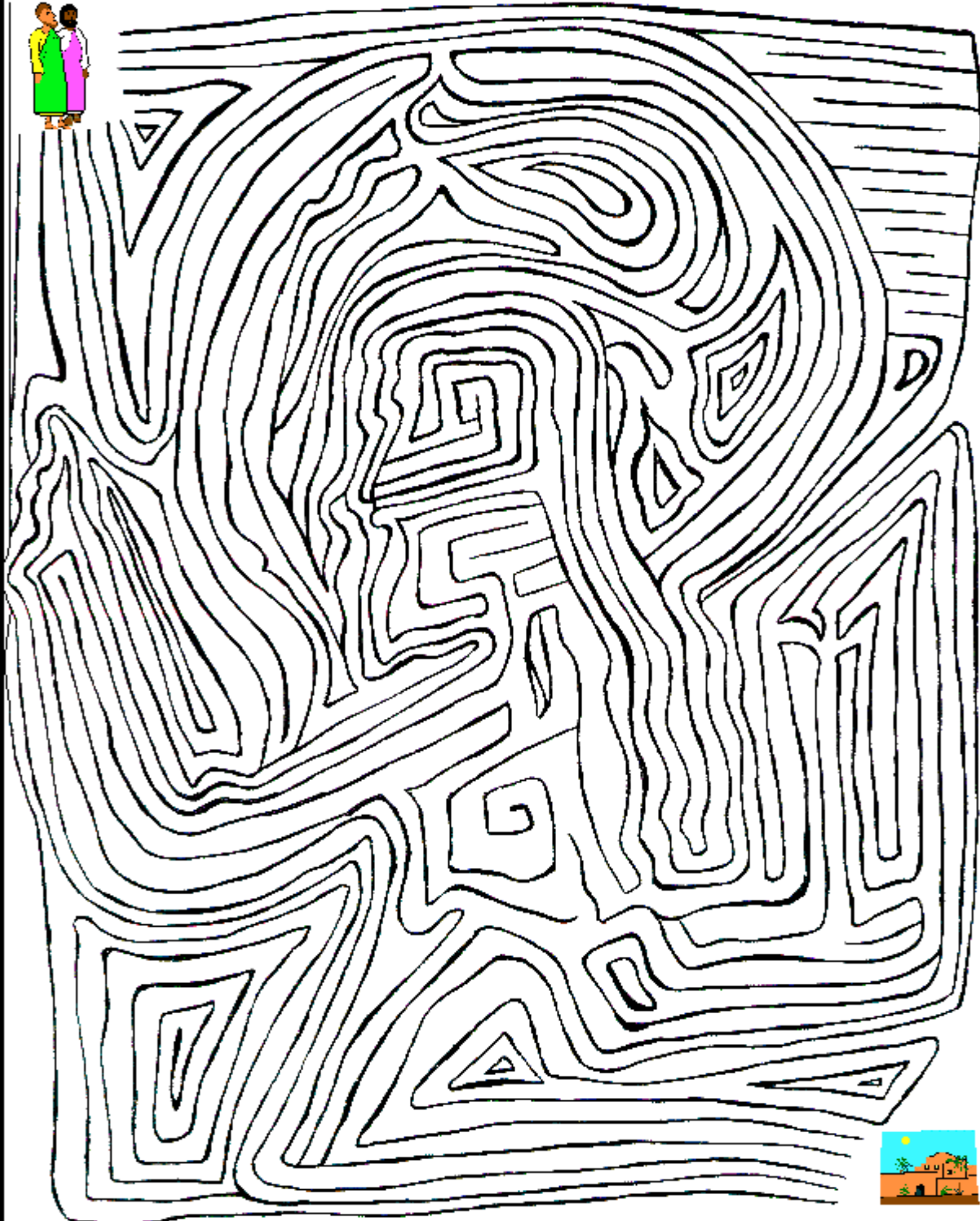
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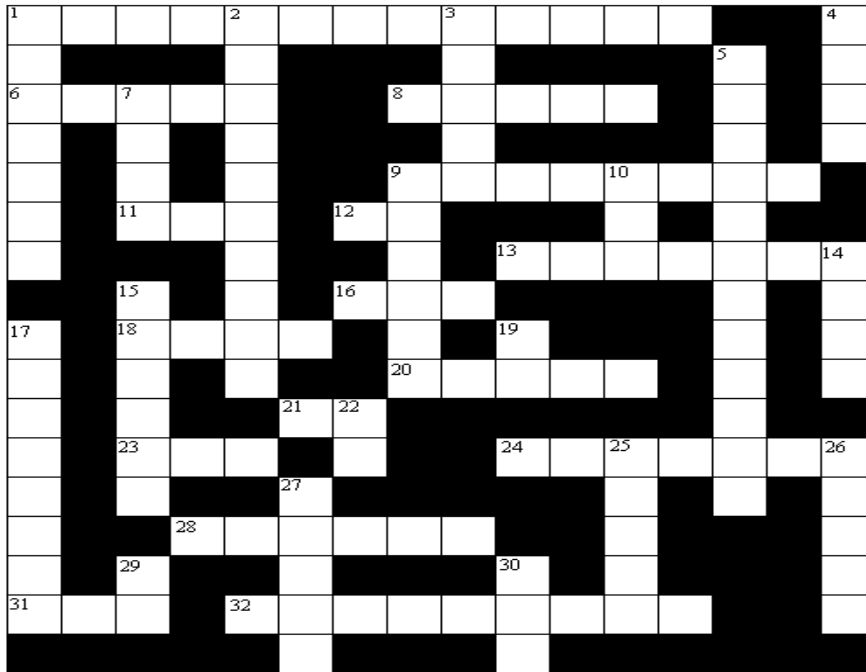
Week 1



Help the two apostles find Jesus and get to Emmaus.

Help the two Apostles get to Emmuas and see if you can figure out who they met on the way.





Crossword

When the two disciples met Jesus on the road, the scripture says: "And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself". Below are a collection of some passages from the Hebrew scriptures that Christ Jesus probably referred to when he spoke to the disciples.

Do not be concerned if you do not have the same interpretation as we used. All missing words can either be guessed uses the context or a synonym was included beside the quote.

Across:

1. "And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our _____.' " Jer.23.6 (goodness)

6. "There shall come forth a shoot from _____, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Is.11.1 (David's dad)
8. "... they have pierced my hands and feet- I can _____ all my bones. ..." Ps.22.16-18 (number)
9. "I will tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to me, "You are my son, today I have _____ you." Ps.2.7 (procreated)
11. "He committed his cause to the LORD; let him deliver him, _____ him rescue him, for he delights in him!" Ps.22.8
12. "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken _____?" Ps.22.1
13. "And I will pour out on the house of David and inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of compassion and supplication, so that, when they look on him whom they have _____, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child," Zech.12.10 (run through)
16. "But he was wounded _____ our transgressions, he was bruised for iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed." Is.53.5
18. "... for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their _____ no more." Jer.31.34 (wrong-doing)
20. "In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will _____ securely." Jer.23.6 (reside)
21. "Seventy weeks of years are decreed concerning your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet and _____ anoint a most holy place." Dan.9.24
23. "I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brethren; and I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them _____ that I command him." Dt.18.18
24. "Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our _____; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. Is. 53. (affliction)
28. "Yet it was the will of the LORD to _____ him; he has put him to grief; when he makes himself an offering for sin," Is.53.10 (batter)

31. "For to us a child is born, to us a _____ is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Is.9.6

32. "And he will become a _____, and a stone of offense, and a rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Is.8.14 (a shrine)

Down

1. "_____ greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!." Zech.9.9 (give praise)

2. "All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of _____ shall worship before him." Ps.22.27 (the countries)

3. "The _____ which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. Ps.118.22-23

4. "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the _____ has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and opening of the prison to those who are bound;" Is.61.1

5. ". . . yet he bore the sin of many, and made _____ for the transgressors." Is.53.12 (acting as a go-between)

7. "Because he poured out his _____ to death, and was numbered with the transgressors" Is.53.12

9. "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. _____, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" Is.7.14 (see)

10. "And they made his grave with _____ wicked . . ." Is.53.9

14. ". . . like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is _____, so he opened not his mouth." Is.53.7 (silent)

15. "All we like sheep have gone _____; we have turned every one to his own way." Is.53.6 (to wander)

17. "In that day the root of Jesse shall stand as an ensign to the peoples; him shall the nations seek, and his dwellings shall be _____." Is.11.10 (splendid)

19. "Therefore I will divide him a portion with the great, and _____ shall divide the spoil with the strong." Is.53.12

22. "For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out _____ dry ground;" Is.53.2

25. "But you, O Bethlehem Eph'rathah who are little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be _____ in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days." Mic.5.2 (king)

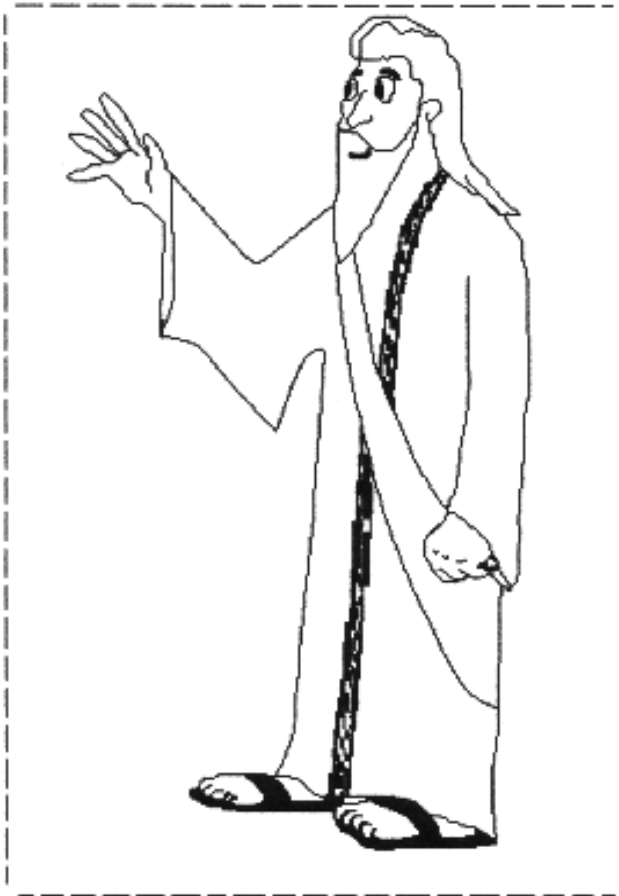
26. "Then the eyes of the blind _____ be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped." Is.35.5

27. "The scepter shall not depart from _____, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples." Gen.49.10 (one of the twelve tribes)

29. "Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on an ass, _____ a colt the foal of an ass." Zech.9.9

30. "I will _____ enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." Gen.3.15

To begin the children need to color both the upper room and the image of



Jesus. Then they or a parent must cut along the dotted lines on both pages unless you want a stiffer image. If you do, just have the child glue these pages to the back of a cereal box and then an adult can cut them out for them.

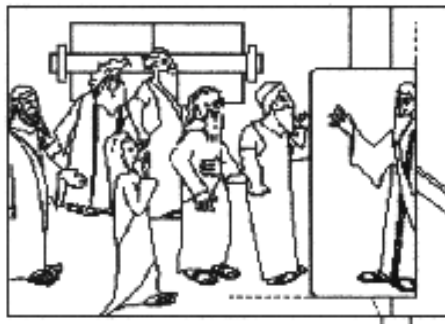
Now have the children glue the picture of Jesus to a popsicle stick and then wait for this to dry.

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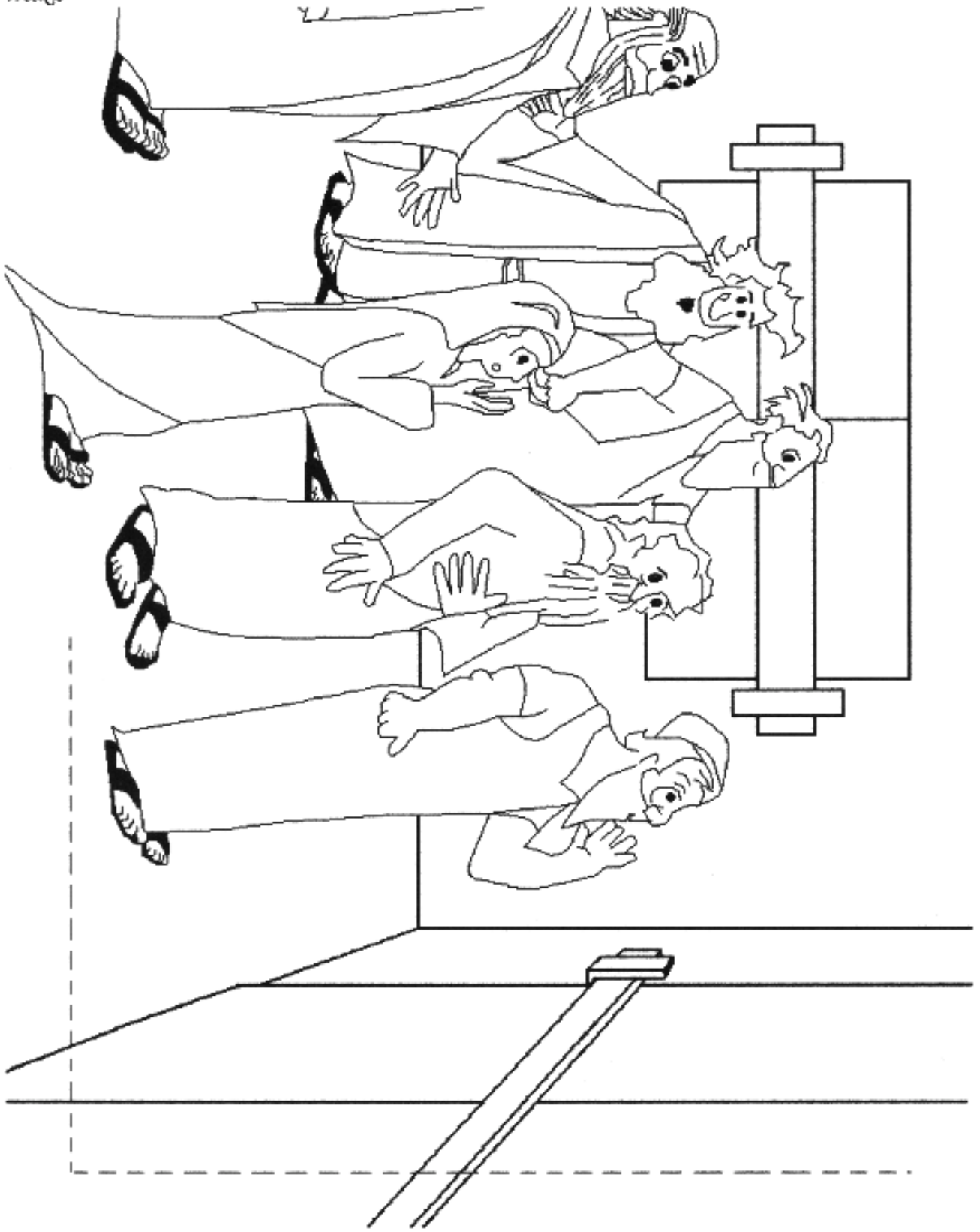


The children can now act out the story of Jesus appearing to the disciples by having Jesus walking through the door.

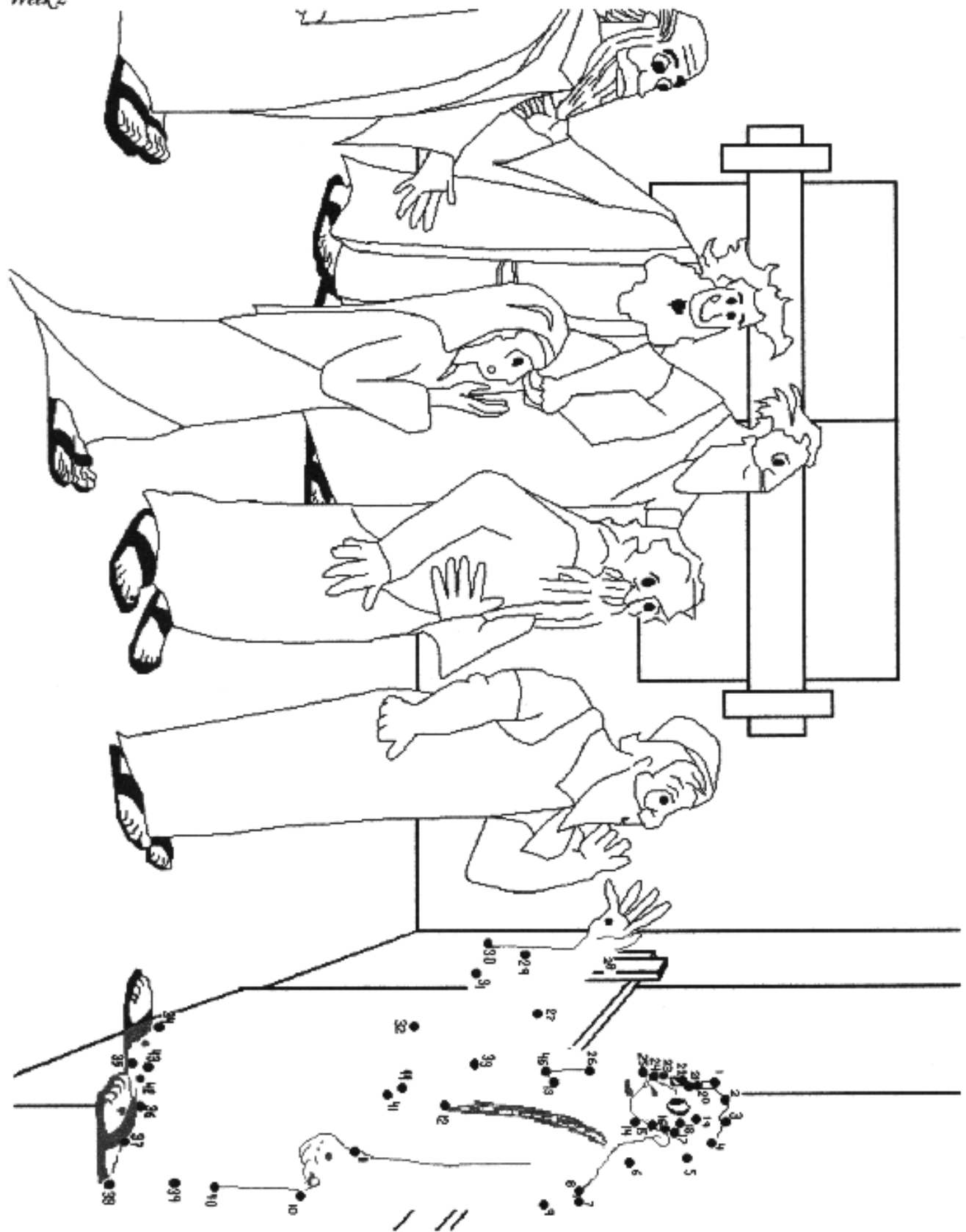
(Remember to explain to them that Jesus was not a ghost but flesh and blood. He sat down to eat with them and this is something a ghost could not do.)



Week 2



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Christ (is) patient, kind, content, merciful, charitable, modest,
polite, amiable, forgiving, righteous, faithful (and) enduring

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How to play: Read the sentence above. The list is all words not in parenthesis "()". Circle each letter of each word you find and cross it off the list. The letters in the puzzle can be used more than once so don't black them out. The words are in all directions- vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backward. When you find all the words of the list, the remaining letters spell out a passage from the Bible you should recognize. Good Luck!

Week 4

Christogram: Below is a cryptogram. A cryptogram is a message written in a code in which each letter is replaced by a different letter everywhere in the message; for example K could be replaced by F. No letter stands for itself or for more than one letter, so if you figure out a letter, write it down for all the letters in the message code. Here is an example:

MISSISSIPPI

ATFFTFFTZZT

Look for common words and certain letter patterns: the words THE, AND, A, I, and IS are frequently found as well as common endings such as S, ES and ING .

**K FGWYGNMS GW KBQVBS OTV KYYSNXW YTCGWX KBF OTV ZVMMVOW
TGW SAKHNMS.**

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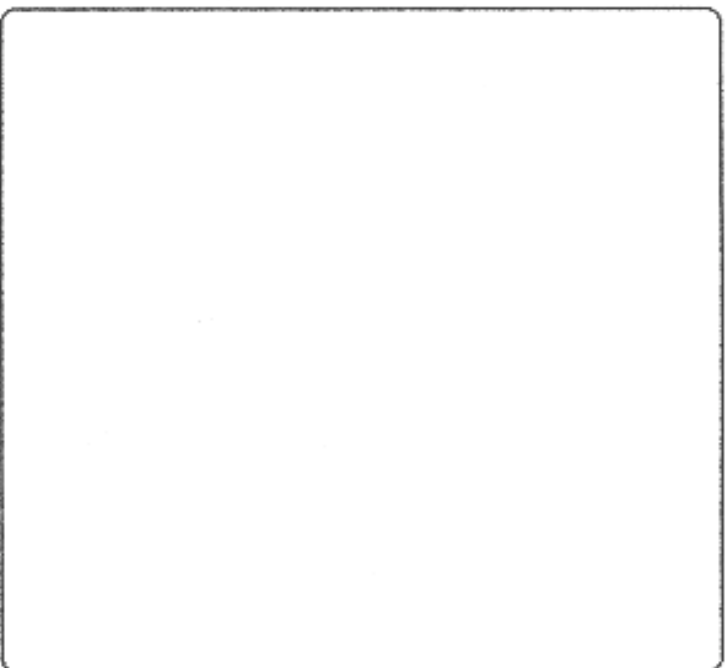
There are many paths that hold truth but only one leads us to the good shepherd.
 Help this sheep find his way through the maze of words to the true path to the shepherd's gate.
 Write the message below.

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answer _____

The Story of Billy Bo Buck



by C. Foegen

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Directions:
Here's a little story book for your little one(s).
Just arrange the papers according to the
page numbers and staple them together.
Now your child can make their own pictures
to go with the story of Billy Bo Buck.

There once was a goat named Billy Bo Buck
who went into his stall and there he got stuck.
Not snagged by anything found in his stall,
but rather by a thought, that was all.
Then Bart the Buck asked why he was there
so his thoughts with Bart, Billy did share.

"I was out in the field grazing on my own
when the sun felt so warm that I came right on home.
The barn is so cool and so nice for a stay
that I have been here for most of the day."

When Jesus came to Mount Galilee,
Five hundred saw him and gazed on with glee.
Then there were waving of hands in praise
knowing that Jesus, from the dead, did raise.

But some like Billy did not believe their eyes,
they walked away and then were shaken by lies.
So you see, there were Barts and Deeres in that day,
too

If your faith is weak, you know what they'll do.

Let us all hold fast to the truth from above
and remember to share His Word in love.

But what Farmer Ben saw was one stubborn old goat,
with a bleat bleat bleat rolling out of his throat.
And so loud and offensive was his stubborn bleat,
that Farmer Ben thought he'd make better meat!
And I must say this now, rather brave,
but old Billy would be heading for his grave
if it weren't for Ben being a true humanitarian,
not only that- he was also a vegetarian.

So Billy Buck was sold for two kids, one was a doe.
And what became of him, we really don't know.

Oh! Billy was in the barn because the sun was too hot
but after he was in there he plumb forgot.
It was Bart and Deere that planted the tease
that Billy was very silly to even believe.
(As time lingered on, Billy too would agree).

Now Bart was mischievous and thought up a trick.
And said with a straight face that Billy looked sick.

"The sun was so hot that it burned your skin
and both of your ears do look rather thin.
Stay where it's safe, maybe a day or two,
and then go out. That is just what I'd do."

Deere the Doe then joined in on the game,

telling Billy another lie much the same.

"Say Billy, you know the pasture down by the creek.
Well the sun burned it up, just this past week.
And the orchards been sizzled, the apples all cooked
so it's best you stay here in your little nook."

So Billy stayed in his stall by the door and there he thought and thought some more.

Two days later he was standing about kicking hay, when Kiefer the Kid asked poor Billy to play.

"Play?" shrieked Billy as if Kiefer were mad.

"The flares will soon get you and you'll feel oh so bad. You'd best stay inside where it's safe, my lad." Kiefer just ignored him, and boy was he glad.

Now doing his rounds, Farmer Ben saw Billy munching on hay and he remembered he'd seen him there for more than a day.

So he tied a rope round his neck and said, "You'll go out a grazing or else you'll be dead. You need fresh air and you need exercise, without these two things you're in demise."

And he pulled him firmly to drag him out, but Billy just sat down and had a big pout.


"The sun will start spinning," Ol' poor Billy cried, " 'till it strikes our poor earth and then we'll all die. I saw it was spinning the day I came in, and I am safer right here in my bin."

Little Shepherd, help to clothe my sheep.

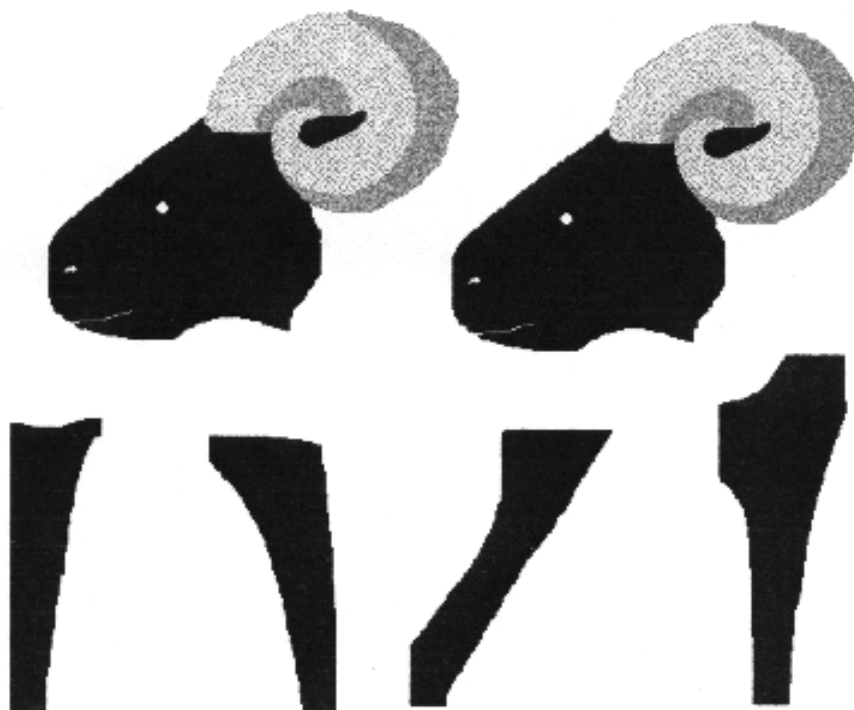


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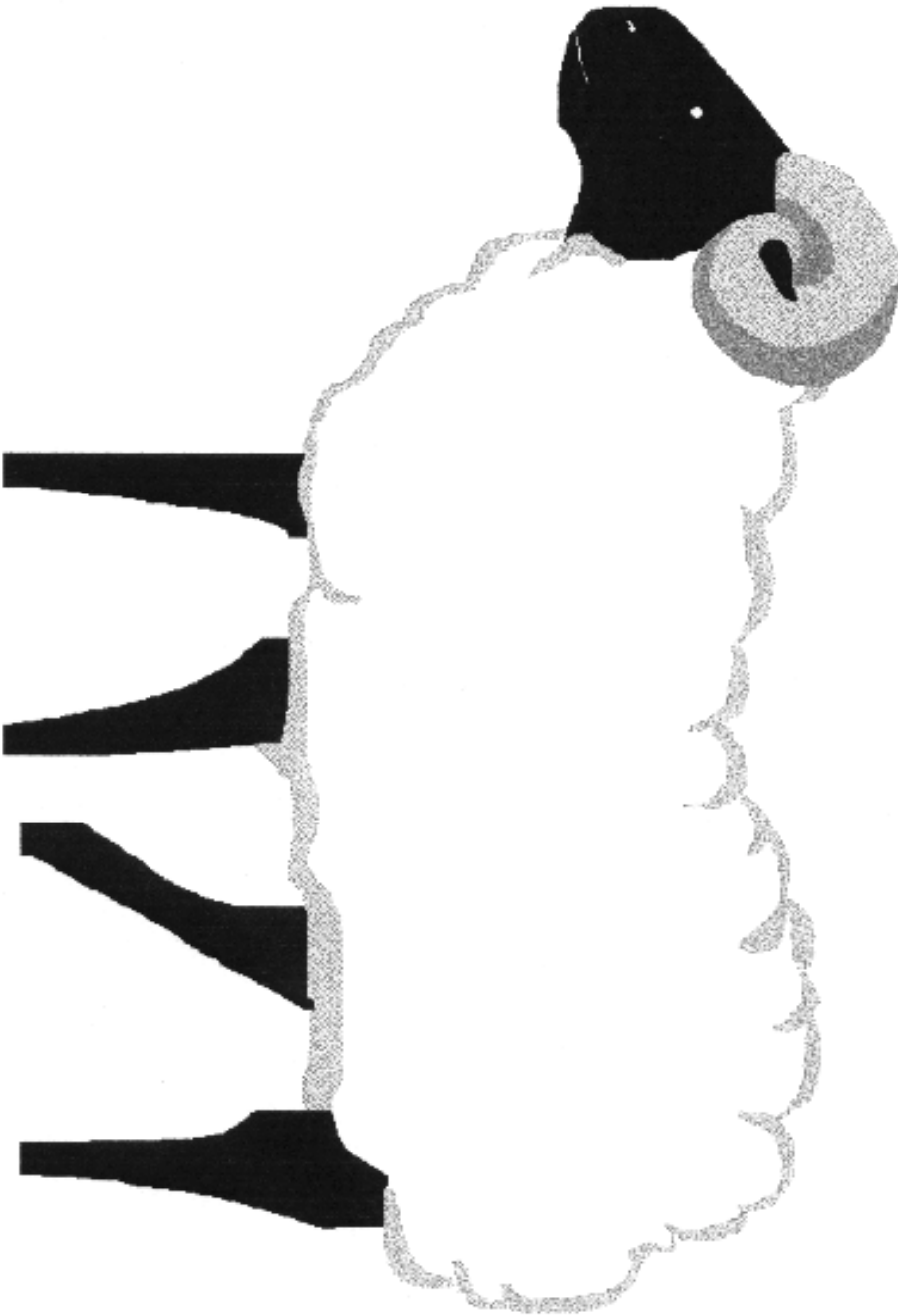
For younger children just skip to step 5 and the very small can color the sheep a coat.

1. Cut eight small squares out of of corrugated cardboard to this size  or smaller. Have your Mom and Dad help you .
2. Now paste or glue the six pieces of cardboard to your sheep in the places shown.
3. Now cut out all the heads and all four legs. Try to stay as close as possible to the outside lines. Don't be afraid to ask for help from Mom or Dad here if you need it.
4. Now glue the cutout head onto the cardboard piece on the head, then paste two more pieces of cardboard on this new head. Let dry a little and glue on the second head. Lastly glue on each of the four legs and let this dry before continuing on.

5. Finally paste cotton all over the sheep's body to make it nice and warm.



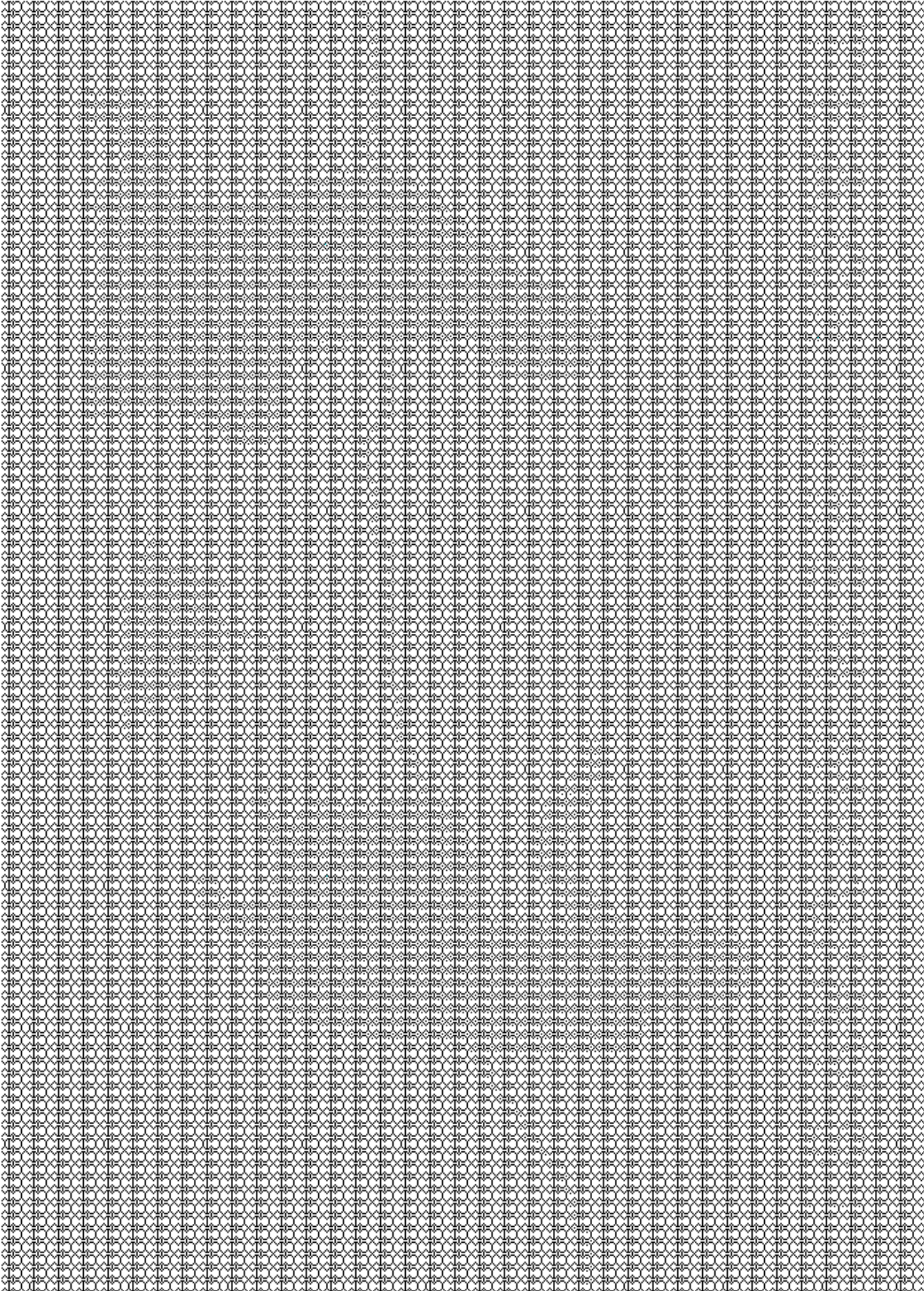
Week 5



Little Shepherd, help to clothe my sheep.

Our poor little sheep have lost their fleece, can you help them get warm again?

Peter and the disciples dragged the overflowing net up onto the beach full of different sized fish. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have caught." So they sorted out the fish and only removed the ones that could see. Help Peter and his friends remove the seeing fish from the catch and you will reveal the meaning behind Jesus' words to Peter.



Week 5

GOOD STEWARDS

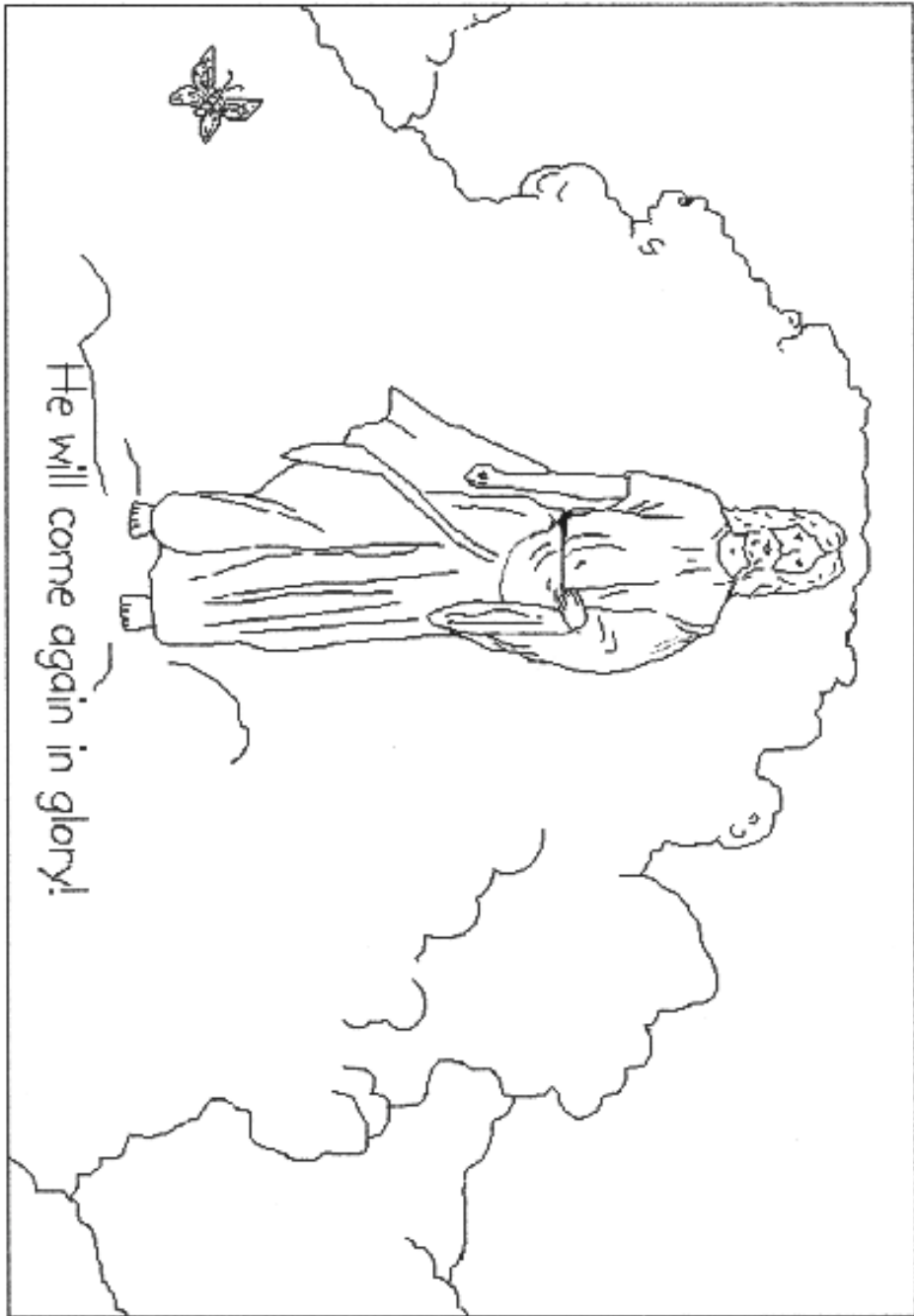
The Disciples were in Jerusalem when they were being led by the Holy Spirit to go out and preach the Good News. During their journey, they came across people that needed some assistance. From the clues below determine where each disciple is going, who they met along the way, the deed performed and the location of that deed. (Some hints are found on the bottom of the page).

1. The disciple, who was not among the the original twelve, came across a male while on his way to Corinth.
2. One of the brothers, not the one going to Shechem, bought a toy for Sara at Solomon's Gate.
3. The one going to Samaria carried groceries for David.
4. John was at the Pool of Siloam when he came across the woman who was a widow.
5. The disciple called Simon was at the Theater.

	CITY				PERSON				DEED				LOCATION			
	Samaria	Corinth	Shechem	Capernaum	Ruth	Sara	Daniel	David	Bought Toy	Carried Groceries	Comforted Widow	Fixed Wagon	Plaza	Pool of Siloam	Solomon's Gate	Theater
Peter																
Paul																
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DISCIPLE	CITY	PERSON	DEED	LOCATION
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James				
John				

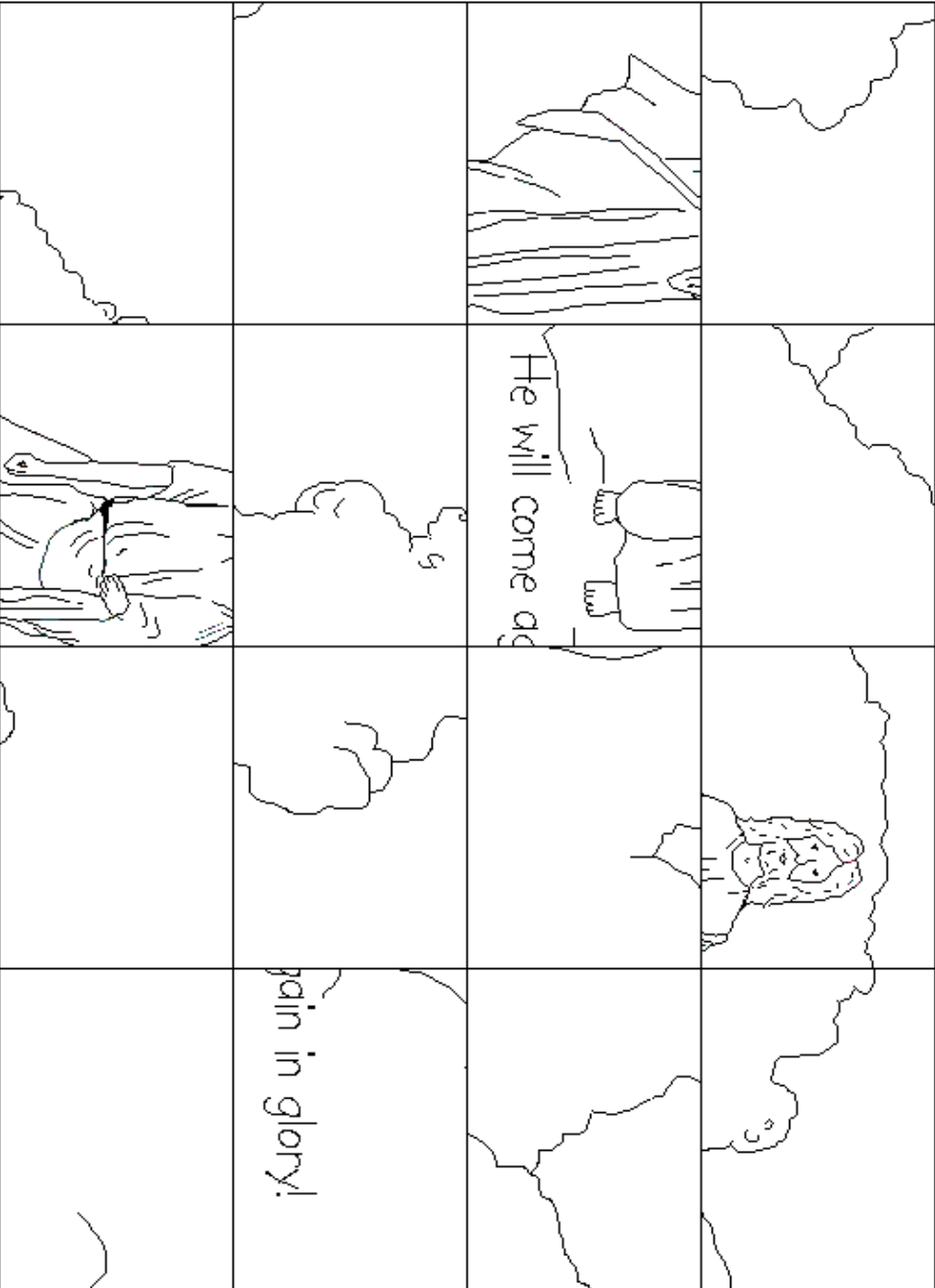
HINT (1) Paul is not from the original Twelve (2) James and John are brothers (5) Peter is called Simon Peter



This can be a coloring page or a guide to help younger children do the puzzle.

Puzzle Picture

Cut out the squares and put together the puzzle. Paste it on a piece of paper and color.



Graph-it Art This is an easy way to draw, and drawing is the only way to get the answer. All you need to do is carefully draw each square in the numbered grid seen below. For example F2 is to be drawn in the box where column F intersects with row 2 (as shown). Work as carefully as you can to draw the best picture. Also look for the quote which will help you understand what Jesus wants us to always remember. Write the quote in the space provided below.

Christ tells us: _____.

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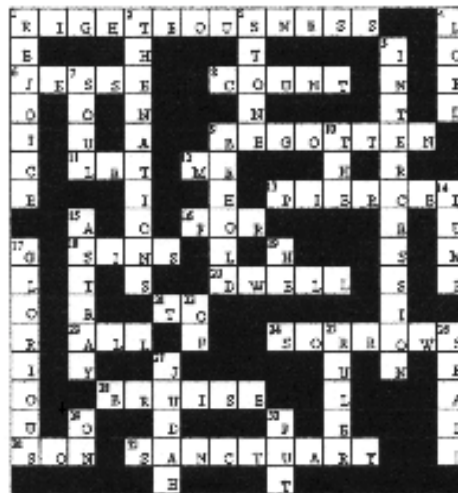
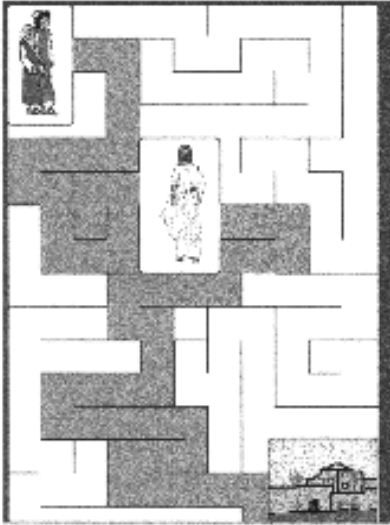
Characters:

Jesus, John, Matthew, Thomas, Peter, a disciple, Thaddaeus, Simon, a disciple, James, Andrew and James, Salome, Philip, Bartholomew, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Jesus, Mary the mother of James, and the Angels.





Week 1



Week 2

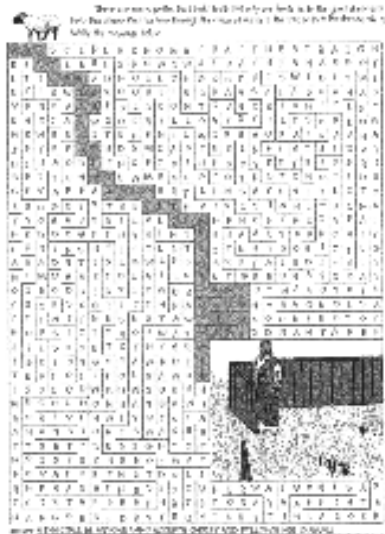
The answer to the Word Search: " Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you.'"

The answers to the Unscramble are: TRUSTWORTHY; FAITHFUL; LOVING; PATIENT; MERCIFUL; RIGHTEOUS; PEACEFUL.

The answer to the phrase is: The Lord's MERCY IS EVERLASTING!

Week 4

The solution to the Christogram is: A disciple is anyone who accepts Christ and who follows his example.

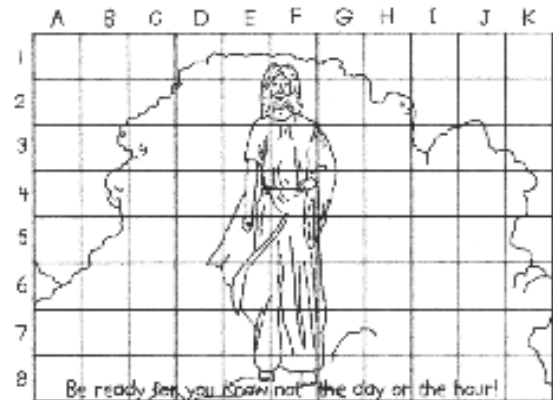
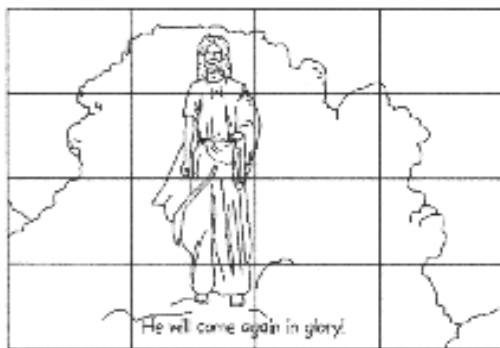


Week 5



DISCIPLE	CITY	PERSON	DEED	LOCATION
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Paul	Corinth	Daniel	Fixed Wagon	Plaza
James	Capernaum	Sara	Bought Toy	Solomon's Gate
John	Shechem	Ruth	Comfort Widow	Pool of Siloam

Week 6



Christ tells us: *Be ready for you know not the day or the hour.*

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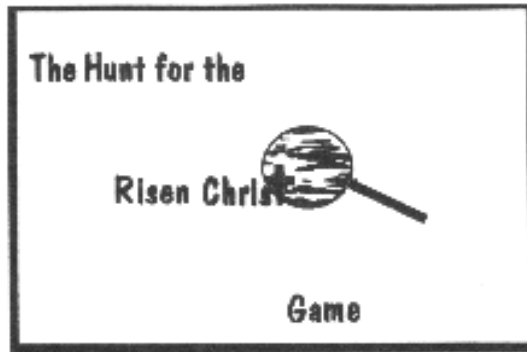
We use the Scripture notation as in the example below:

2 Kg.10.16-17

The book is the second book of Kings, as denoted by the number 2. It is taken from the 10th chapter, and the verses are 16 and 17.

Below are the names of the books of the Bible with their corresponding abbreviations.

Acts	The Acts	Jude	Jude
Am.	Amos	1 Kg.	1 Kings
1 Chr.	1 Chronicles	2 Kg.	2 Kings
2 Chr.	2 Chronicles	Lam.	Lamentations
Col.	Colossians	Lev.	Leviticus
1 Cor.	1 Corinthians	Lk.	Luke
2 Cor.	2 Corinthians	Mal.	Malachi
Dan	Daniel	Mic.	Micah
Dt.	Deuteronomy	Mk.	Mark
Ec.	Ecclesiastes	Mt.	Matthew
Eph.	Ephesians	Nah.	Nahum
Est.	Esther	Neh.	Nehemiah
Ex.	Exodus	Num.	Numbers
Ezek.	Ezekiel	Ob.	Obadiah
Ezra	Ezra	1 Pet	1 Peter
Gal.	Galatians	2 Pet	2 Peter
Gen.	Genesis	Phil	Philippians
Hab.	Habakkuk	Philem.	Philemon
Hag.	Haggai	Pr.	Proverbs
Heb.	Hebrews	Ps.	Psalms
Hos.	Hosea	Rev.	Revelations
Is.	Isaiah	Rom.	Romans
Jas.	James	Ru.	Ruth
Jer.	Jeremiah	1 Sam.	1 Samuel
Jg.	Judge	2 Sam.	2 Samuel
Jl	Joel	S. of S.	Song of Solomon
Jn.	John	1 Th.	1 Thessalonians
1 Jn	1 John	2 Th	2 Thessalonians



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