

April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter Family Activity

Introduction

The Gospel this Sunday takes us back Easter Sunday where we will follow two of Jesus' disciples as they leave Jerusalem and go to Emmaus. They are sad and disappointed that Jesus has not come as the messiah that they had expected or hoped for but instead was betrayed, sentenced in a false trial and put to death by the Chief Priests and the Romans. Jesus has been dead for three days now and although they have heard from the women that he is alive they remain skeptical. Maybe they are leaving because they are afraid of what might happen, maybe they just want to have some time to think it all through. Whatever the case is Jesus meets them on the way and talks to them he opens the Scriptures to them but they do not recognize him. Finally as he is saying that he plans to go on farther they persuade him to stay with them and recognize him in the breaking of the bread. In the first reading St. Peter gives witness that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises to Abraham and to David. In both the Gospel and the First Reading we see both Jesus and Peter using the scriptures to teach about the coming of the kingdom of God through the passion death, and resurrection of Jesus. As we walk with Jesus in our lives let us always strive to make the coming of His kingdom ever closer in our hearts. The disciples of Jesus came closer to Jesus through walking with Him and hearing Him open the scriptures to them. The following activity is a way that you can make your own family Emmaus walk while stopping to read some of the prophecies of Jesus from scripture together.



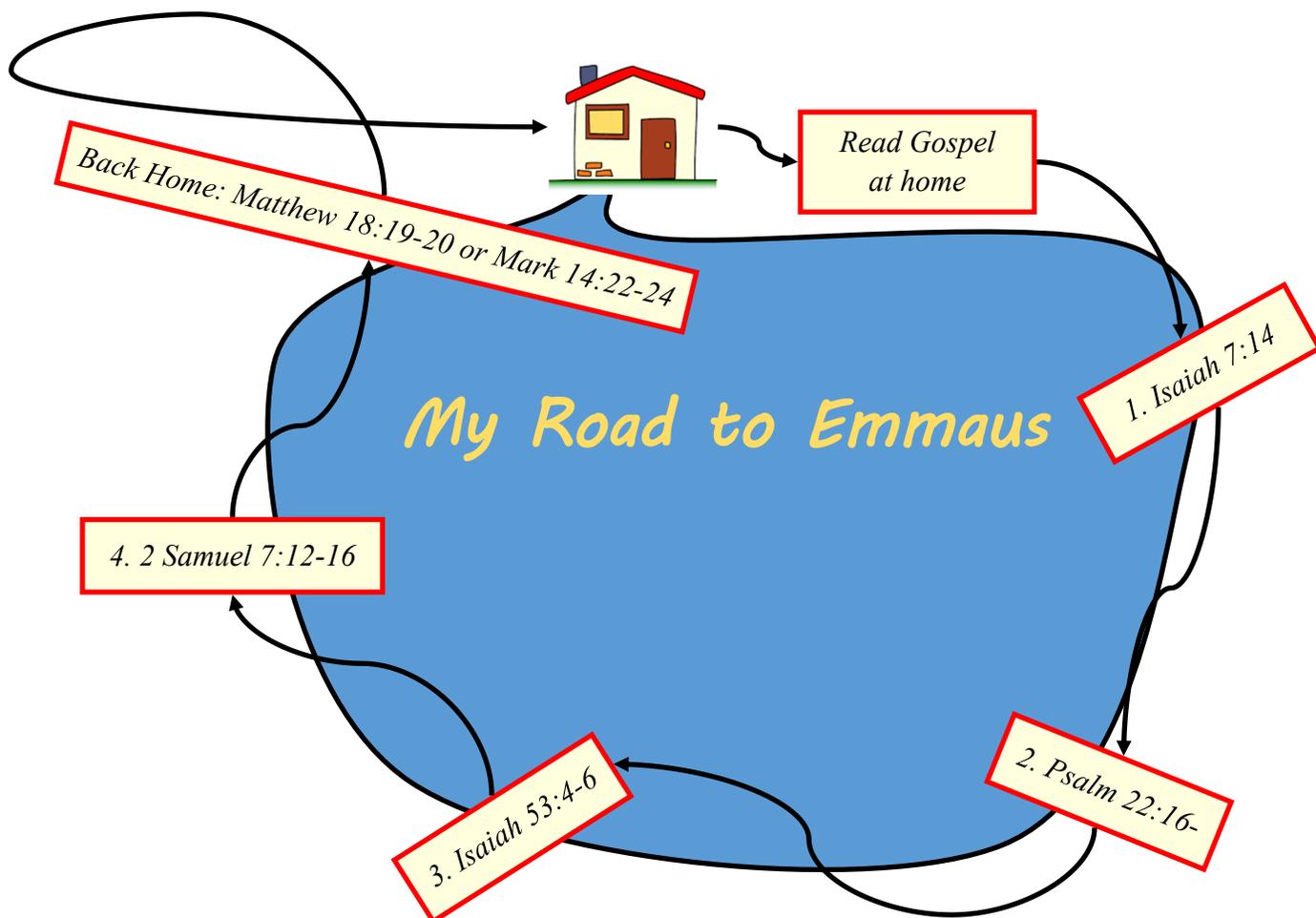
Materials needed

1. Gospel reading [HERE](#)
2. Bible
3. A good place to take a walk with 4 good stopping points to read to your children or the four corners of your block as long as it is safe and you are not unsafely exposed to other people.
4. A meal to eat at the end of your walk
5. (Optional) Short YouTube video for younger children of the Road to Emmaus [HERE](#)
6. (Optional) Older children may get a lot from this dramatization of the Gospel [HERE](#)



Method and Activity

- A. **Begin with prayer** lead by one of the parents. (**Thank** God for your family, for his love and for this time together. **Praise** Him for his goodness and His grace. **Ask** Him for anything that you need. *End with sign of the Cross.*)
- B. **Read the Gospel together** and explain that you will be going for your own walk to Emmaus (if safely able to) and that you will listen to Jesus' words in scripture just as his disciples did on that first Easter morning.
- C. **Walk together as a family** and stop and read aloud to your child the following scriptures
 1. *Isaiah 7:14*— The virgin shall have a son and shall name him Emmanuel.
 2. *Psalm 22:16-19*— God's servant will be accused by evil doers , he will suffer and his clothes will be divided.
 3. *Isaiah 53:4-6*— The messiah will suffer and not speak out against his persecutors.
 4. *2 Samuel 7:12-16*— God will establish the house of David forever.
- D. **Back home**, read one of the following verses *Matthew 18:19-20 or Mark 14:22-24*
- E. Pray together the Our Father and enjoy the meal in each other's company. Remember that Jesus is present where two or three are gathered and He is Risen!







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