

St Domini Savio Children Liturgy

Apr 26 - Sunday 2020 – Third Sunday of Easter - Cycle A

Welcome children to their worship space.

Say: Can anyone tell me what our focus is during this Easter season? Does anyone remember from last week? <building Jesus' church> Why do we need to think about building a church? Do we need hammers and nails? <no, we are creating a community> What we do here in the name of Jesus is create a FAITH COMMUNITY. Our church is a FAITH COMMUNITY – because we all believe in the same things. We are all different, just like Jesus' apostles were all different, but we believe in the same things.

Ask: What do you think of when you see bread? <eating!>

Explain: Bread is food, right? Bread fills us up. Even if we don't have anything else, bread makes a nutritious meal and satisfies our hunger. When we say the words 'breaking bread together', what does that mean? <eating together> Did Jesus give us a meal to share? <YES> What is it? <the Eucharist> He told us to come to Mass and to share the Eucharist. So for our FAITH COMMUNITY, we need the MASS and the EUCHARIST.

Introduce Gospel reading

Say: Today's Gospel reading comes from the book of **Luke (Luke 24:13-35)**. This reading tells us about two of Jesus' friends traveling on a road to a small town that was called Emmaus. They were talking to each other about everything that had happened. A stranger joins them and asks them to tell him what they are talking about. Pretend like you are walking along the road with these three people and listen for one special thing that you haven't heard before.

Have the reader begin : A reading from the Holy Gospel according to **Luke**.

Encourage kids to respond: "Glory to you Oh Lord" <teaching them to trace a cross on their foreheads, on their lips and on their hearts>

Road to Emmaus

Two of Jesus' disciples were going to the village of Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. As they were talking and thinking about what had happened, Jesus came near and started walking along beside them. But they did not know who he was.

Jesus asked them, "What were you talking about as you walked along?"

The two of them stood there looking sad and gloomy. Then the one named Cleopas asked Jesus, "Are you the only person from Jerusalem who didn't know what was happening there these last few days?" "What do you mean" Jesus said

They answered "Those things that happened to Jesus from Nazareth. By what he did and said he showed that he was a powerful prophet who pleased God and all the people. Then the chief priests and our leaders had him arrested and sentenced to die on a cross; we had hoped that he would be the one to set Israel free!

"But it has already been three days since all this happened. Some women in our group surprised us. They had gone to the tomb early in the morning, but did not find the body of Jesus. They came back saying that they had seen a vision of angels who told them that

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he is alive. Some men from our group went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said. But they didn't see Jesus either."

Then Jesus asked the two disciples, "Why can't you understand? How can you be so slow to believe all that the prophets said? Didn't you know that the Messiah would have to suffer before he was given his glory?"

Jesus then explained everything written about himself in the Scriptures, beginning with the Law of Moses and the Books of the Prophets.

When the two of them came near the village where they were going, Jesus seemed to be going farther. They begged him. "Stay with us! It's already late, and the sun is going down."

So Jesus went into the house to stay with them.

After Jesus sat down to eat, He took some bread. He blessed it and broke it. Then he gave it to them. At once they knew who he was, but he disappeared.

They said to each other, "When he talked with us along the road and explained the Scriptures to us, didn't it warm our hearts?" So they got right up and returned to Jerusalem.

The two disciples found the eleven apostles and the others gathered together. And they learned from the group that the Lord was really alive and had appeared to Peter. Then the disciples from Emmaus told what happened on the road and how they knew he was the Lord when he broke the bread.

Reader : The gospel of the Lord

Response : **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Ask: What one special new thing did you hear? <let the children respond> Who was the stranger who joined the two friends? <Jesus> Did they know who he was? <no>.

Explain: Why do you think that they didn't recognize Jesus at first? <let the children respond> First of all, they saw Jesus die. Even if he looked exactly the same, they KNEW he was dead – so their minds would not believe it was Jesus. Second, we know that he rose from the dead, just as we will one day, he had what Scripture calls a 'glorified body' – it was perfect and different – no sicknesses, no scratches or scars, no unhappiness of any kind. Maybe it really looks different to people. And third, can you think of a reason why Jesus might not want them to recognize him? <maybe he wanted to really hear what his friends were saying without him there, maybe he wanted his friends to know that they could learn about him from strangers, maybe he wanted his friends to know that he would always be with them, even when they didn't see him>

Explain: When did they figure it out? <when they ate together> When they all three sat down together and shared their bread, Jesus revealed himself to them. That tells us that we too can recognize Jesus with us when we gather and break bread. When we come to Mass to share the Scripture readings and the Eucharist, we experience Jesus with us. To build our FAITH COMMUNITY, we need to gather together regularly and talk about Jesus and share in the meal he left for us at the Last Supper.

Lesson learnt today: To show that we have learned about how we need to come to Mass with our friends and share in the Eucharist together.

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Gospels :

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5YXXIG_UyI4 – for adults

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YRGLLMaU3jw> – for kids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1dEPHweLdNU> – for kids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ucK3U3nnOj> – for kids

Craft Ideas :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VkfO8mdqBMI>

Movie recommendation :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WafgRWPOi38> – Christian Movie – In the Name of God

Free activities to do online :

<https://www.youtube.com/user/RapidFireArt> - for the artist in you

<https://online.nikonschool.com/> - shutter bug enthusiast

<https://www.tckpublishing.com/creative-writing-exercises> - get those creative writers juice flowing

<https://www.creativebug.com/free-arts-and-crafts-classes> - arts and crafts galore

<https://www.youtube.com/user/SewOverIt> - seamstress in the making?

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<https://stdominicsavio.caedm.ca/>

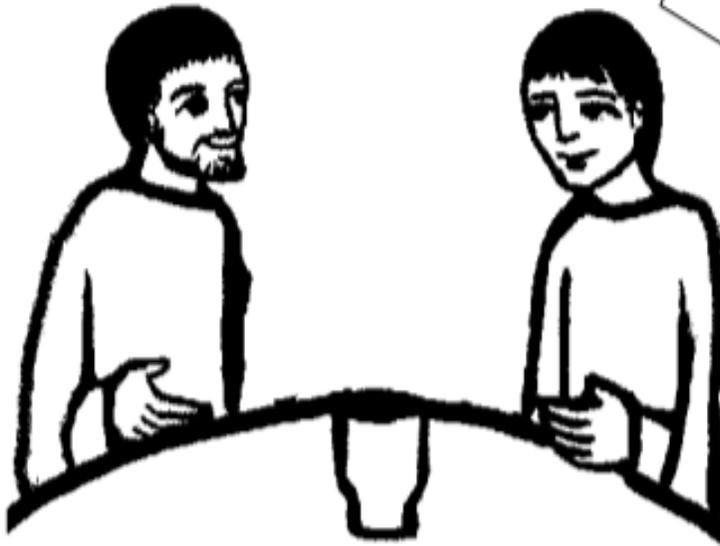
2 DISCIPLES MEET JESUS

On the way to Emmaus 2 disciples met Jesus.

But they did not recognize him.

They invited him home ...

Draw Jesus at
table with the 2
disciples.



THEY RECOGNIZED HIM

WHEN HE WAS

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