

ROAD TO EMMAUS

An interactive Easter adventure

Photo by Luis Quintero from Pexels



faith **in** kids

01



Strange things have been happening in Jerusalem. Jesus has been killed. You saw it happen.

You could hardly believe it when the Roman soldiers nailed Jesus, the man who healed sick people, to a cross. You watched him die.

It was awful...

Photo by Pixabay from Pexels

That was three days ago.

Since then, you've remained huddled with Jesus' followers in this house. There's been more than a little crying. Lots of talk in hushed voices. Everything has gone wrong. God's plan to save his people has failed.

Rate how Jesus' followers are feeling at this moment.



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10





But today something crazy happened. This morning the women burst through the door after visiting Jesus' tomb. 'The stone's gone!' they exclaimed. 'The tomb is empty. Jesus' body isn't there!'

Have the women gone mad? Are they telling the truth? And if so, what's happened to Jesus' body?

You're all still taking about this when Cleopas, one of Jesus' followers, rushes in. **'It's true!'** he says. **'Jesus is alive!'**

Everyone stares at him in stunned silence. 'What are you talking about?' someone finally says.





**JESUS IS
ALIVE!**



Cleopas' eyes shine with excitement. 'While we were walking to Emmaus a man appeared. He told us not to be surprised by everything that's happened.'

The prophets **told** us Jesus had to die! When we got to Emmaus, the man had supper with us and suddenly **our eyes were opened**... the man was **Jesus!** He's alive.'

WHAT?!!

Could Jesus really be alive? You need to get away. Think. You know what you'll do! You'll walk the road to Emmaus!

1. Warm up for the journey!

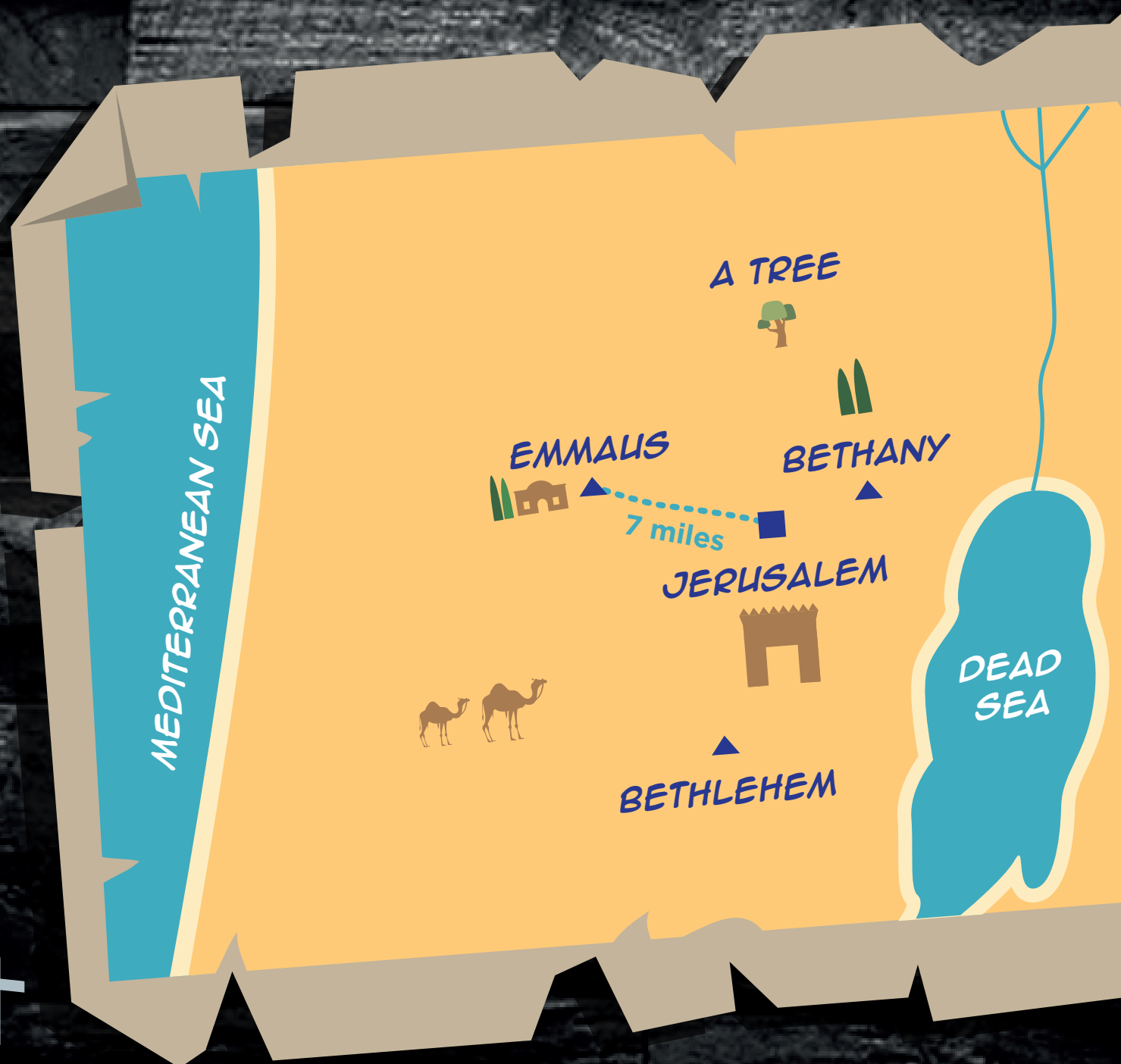
Everyone sit on the floor. Do:

10 toe touches

5 arm stretches over your head.

10-star jumps.





You've never walked from your home city of Jerusalem to Emmaus before. How long will this journey take, you wonder? Maybe you should pack some provisions.

2. Look at the map. How many miles is it from Jerusalem to Emmaus? Now choose 2 things to take with you on your journey.



Shoes! Hat! Jacket!
What should you
wear? Your comfy
hoodie? Your hat to
block the sun? Your
favorite shoes?

**3. Put on one item
to wear during your
trip to Emmaus.**



Photo by MNZ from Pexels



And you're off! As you walk, you notice a palm branch on the ground. Wasn't it just last week when everyone welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with waving palm branches and shouts of hosana? Some people were even dancing in the street. So much has changed since then. You wish you could go back to that joyful day.

4. Find a partner and swing arm in arm. Shout Hosana!

A pebble on the road catches your eye. You think of the massive stone several strong men rolled into place to close off Jesus' tomb. You slip the pebble in your pocket and wonder who could have moved that stone! How did Jesus escape his grave? He was dead!

5. Go outside and find a pebble to take along on your journey.



Photo by Eva Elias from Pexels



You notice footprints on the path. Could they be **Jesus' footprints?** Where, exactly, did he join Cleopas and the other disciple? Two men were walking, and suddenly there were three.

6. Use rope, tape or cling wrap to tie your leg to a partner's leg for a three-legged race. See how long it takes you to cross the room, walk to the edge of the garden and back, or go to the kitchen and back.

Something shiny on the path catches your eye. ***It's a coin!*** You pick it up, remembering the horrible thing that Judas Iscariot did. He handed Jesus to chief priests to be crucified in exchange for **30 pieces of silver**. You shiver at the memory.

7. Find a coin. Have each person guess how long the coin will spin on its edge. Spin the coin and see whose guess is the closest.





Photo by Brett Jordan from Pexels



A sign in front of you reads
Emmaus: $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles ahead.
You're getting closer!

**8. How many miles
have you gone?**



Oh boy, your feet are getting tired. As you carry on, you think about how Jesus joined Cleopas and his friend as they walked, but they didn't recognize him until later. It was like their feet were working but their eyes were not!

9. Have someone sit down with a blindfold on. Place an object on the floor in front of them and see if they can guess what it is only by feeling it with their bare feet.



You've made it! You've reached Emmaus!

You spot a woman struggling to carry a bucket of water toward a tavern. 'Excuse me,' you say, 'did Cleopas' eat here last night?' She eyes you suspiciously. 'Who wants to know?' You gently take the bucket from her and carry it over the threshold.

10. Pause and do something kind: Give someone a shoulder rub, a compliment, or a big hug. Tell a family member why you're thankful for them.



You set the bucket inside.

The woman lowers her voice. 'Cleopas **was** here with two others. I served **three** men supper, but only two came out! **What happened to the third man?** Cleopas and his friend ran out shouting 'It's true, he's alive!'

'Who is alive?' you ask. 'Who were they talking about?'



She grabs your hand. 'I'll show you where they ate. Follow me.'

11. Choose the youngest person to be the leader. Set a timer for 60 seconds and follow the leader wherever they go and copy whatever they do.



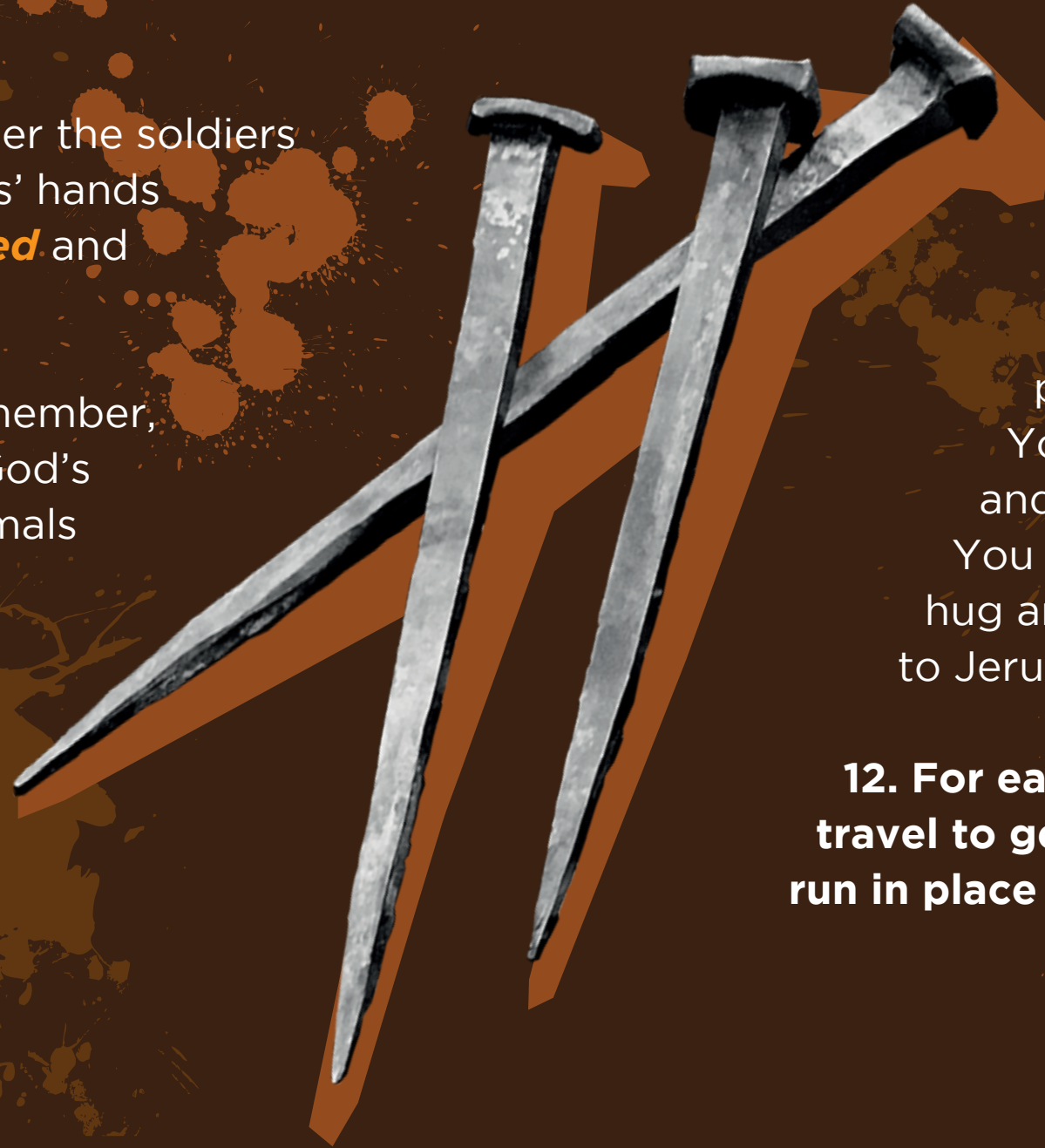
You follow the woman to a room with a table. 'This is where they ate and talked,' she says. Bits of bread are still scattered on the table next to a scroll. You take a step closer and read the words from the prophet **Isaiah** out loud:

*He was **pierced** for our transgressions,
he was **crushed** for our iniquities;
the **punishment** that brought us peace
was on him,
and **by his wounds we are healed.***



You wince as you remember the soldiers hammering nails into Jesus' hands and feet. 'Jesus was **pierced** and **wounded**.'

For as long as you can remember, your family has followed God's law and has sacrificed animals so your sins would be forgiven. But **Jesus gave himself**. He was the sacrifice. It all clicks.



'Jesus died to take our punishment!' you exclaim. You've got to get back and tell the others! You give the woman a quick hug and take off running back to Jerusalem.

12. For each mile you need to travel to get back to Jerusalem, run in place for 10 seconds.





Back in Jerusalem, you burst through the door of the house where the disciples are staying, ready to share the good news. But it looks like everyone is already celebrating. You take in all the smiling faces and... **wait**. Could it be? **Yes, it's Jesus!** He's here and he's smiling right at you! Jesus motions you over and you run to him. He opens his arms and gives you a big hug. Everything is right. God has accomplished his plan to save his people!

Rate how Jesus' followers are feeling at this moment.



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Cleopas knew a lot about the bible, yet he didn't realize Jesus was right beside him. **How crazy!** Maybe you, too, know lots of bible stories but aren't sure what they have to do with you. Or maybe you don't know any bible stories. Either way, **God wants you to know him**, not only about him. He wants you to be your **friend** and **save you from your sin**.

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.
John 17:3



But how? How can we know Jesus? Let's think about our journey to Emmaus. What did we do to find out more about Jesus? On the journey did we: *(shout yes or no)*

- **Ask** questions?
- **Talk** to believers in Jesus?
- **Read** the bible?
- **Listen** to others explain the bible?



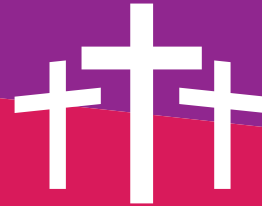


We can do the same things to discover Jesus!
We can read the bible. The bible tells us who God is and what he's like. We can be with others who follow Jesus. That's why we go to church, to sing, learn, and encourage and one another. And we can pray (talk to God) and ask him to help us. Like Cleopas, we need to see who Jesus is – **the risen Saviour who loves us!**

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. Ephesians 2:4-5

Read the exciting road to Emmaus story! Luke 24: 13 - 35
Read about when Jesus tells his disciples he will be killed and rise again! Mark 9:30-32





**Faith in Kids exists to see confident parents
and thriving churches working together to
raise children who trust in Jesus eternally.**

www.faithinkids.org

© 2022 Faith in Kids

faith  **kids**

