

## Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way

April 26, 2020

Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
1 Peter 1:17-23  
Luke 24:13-35



The Road to Emmaus

### Third Sunday of Easter

Good morning friends! It's been a good time to do puzzles lately since we have to stay at home a lot, hasn't it? I enjoy putting puzzles together with my family, especially the really big ones...but one thing I really don't like is when we are missing a piece! Usually, we find that our cat has stolen it and hidden it in her own toys. Has this ever happened to you?

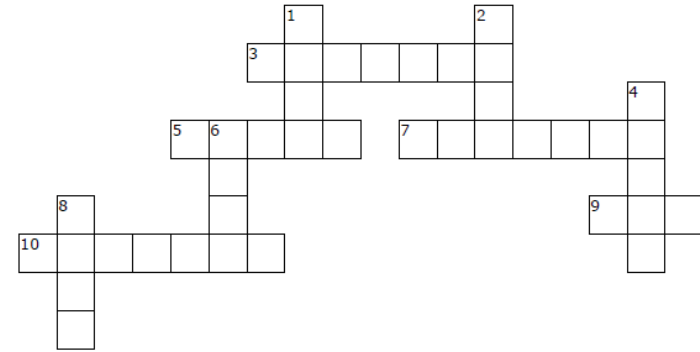
This reminds me of the Gospel story from Luke that we hear today. This story takes place on Easter. Jesus' friends are walking away from Jerusalem when they meet a stranger on the road. They start talking and they find out that the stranger has no idea about what just happened in Jerusalem. He doesn't know about Jesus, he doesn't know about Jesus or that he died and was buried so the two on the road tell the stranger all about it.

Here's the fun part of the story, the stranger was Jesus! He was walking with his friends and they didn't even know that it was him. They were so sad and worried that they couldn't see Jesus walking with them. Just like me with the puzzle piece, I get upset when a piece is missing that I don't even want to look for it, even though I probably know where it is. Jesus' friends didn't know that they were with Jesus until they sat down to eat. Jesus broke bread and poured wine, then they suddenly recognized him.

A missing puzzle piece is not really a big deal, is it? No, not really. But forgetting to look for Jesus? We do know something that those disciples didn't know, we know that Jesus is alive and among us, so we know that we should always be looking for Jesus, because he promises he'll always be with us.

Gracious God, thank you for your son Jesus who is with us always even though we may forget his promises. Help us to keep our eyes open so that we can show others where Jesus is working in our lives. Amen.

## Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

3. To put to death on a cross
5. The Old Testament man who received the Ten Commandments from God
7. A person who visits
9. A period of twenty four hours
10. Carrying on a conversation with someone

### DOWN

1. Not false
2. The organ which makes people able to see
4. A food made from flour and water, mixed together and baked
6. Not closed
8. To travel on foot

OPEN	MOSES	DAY	WALK	VISITOR
TRUE	BREAD	EYES	TALKING	CRUCIFY

**Activity:** Using two toilet paper rolls, some glue, a clothespin, and a long string, make a pair of binoculars. [feltmagnet.com/crafts/Earth-day-Crafts-Toilet-Paper-Roll-Binoculars-Craft-for-Kids](http://feltmagnet.com/crafts/Earth-day-Crafts-Toilet-Paper-Roll-Binoculars-Craft-for-Kids) This week, when you go on your walks, use your binoculars to find clues for where God is! (hints: look for new growth in flower beds, cloud formations, baby birds)

**Discussion Question:** Can you think of a time when you felt alone and sad and then remembered that Jesus was with you all along?

**Family Table Prayer for April:** God of Spring and all things new Thank you for the morning dew For streams and rivers and the earth, Water of new life, baptism, our rebirth. Amen

**April Memory Verse:** 2 Corinthians 5:17 Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new.



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