

Kids' Chronicle

Jesus appears to his disciples

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He appeared to us on the road to Emmaus," one disciple said to the others.

He was with us. It was Jesus. He spoke to us. Our hearts burned in our chests when he talked to us about the Scriptures. It was as if the words of the prophets had come to life."

The men were talking in Jerusalem about the miracle of seeing Jesus whole and unharmed after they had all watched him hang on a cross until he died. They had many questions, but no answers.

Then Jesus appeared among them and said, "My friends, peace be with you." The disciples jumped back in fright. They thought they were seeing a ghost.

Do not be afraid," Jesus said. "And why do you have so many questions? Do you think I am a ghost? Look at my hands. Can you see the holes made by the nails? Look at my feet. Do you see the marks there as well? I will hold out my hand. Touch me. You will see that I am not a ghost."

Lord, it is you," Thomas said. "This is the greatest of all your miracles," Peter said.

Then Jesus asked them, "Do you have anything to eat?" The disciples had some fish left over from their own supper. They gave it to Jesus, and he ate

Remember the things I told you

when I was with you," he said. "I had to complete everything that was written about me by Moses, David and the prophets."

"You told us many things, Lord," John said. "And there were many things we did not understand."

Jesus said, "It was foretold that the Messiah would suffer and that he would rise from the dead on the third day. After that, first in Jerusalem and then to the rest of the world, repentance and forgiveness will be preached in his name. And you will be witnesses of all that is to happen."

Jesus explained everything to his disciples, and their ears were opened so that they would be able to understand what he was telling them. When he was finished talking, Jesus raised his hands and blessed his friends. "May the strength of my Father and the power of the Holy Spirit that will come be with you always as you preach the Gospel to all parts of the earth. And you will never be alone."

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Luke 24

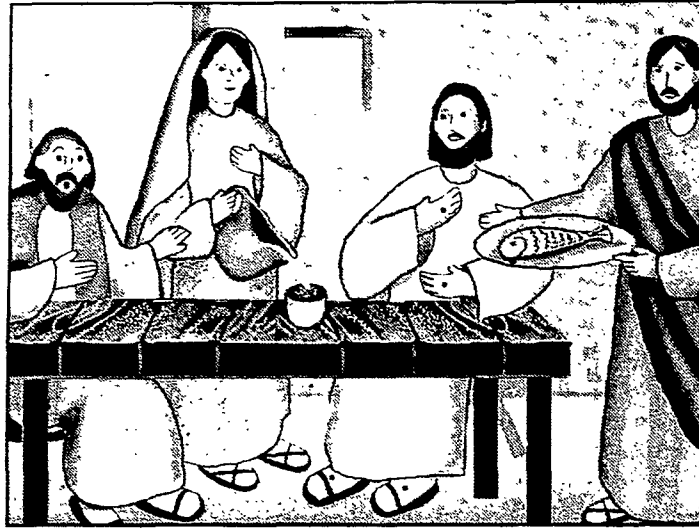


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Bible Accent

The number 12 shows up in several very important Bible stories. In the book of Genesis, Jacob called his 12 sons together to give them a farewell message. The families and descendants of Jacob's sons became known as the 12 tribes of Israel.

In the New Testament, Jesus chose 12 men to be his first disciples. Jesus was 12 years old when Joseph and Mary found him speaking in the temple. After Jesus had fed 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish, the leftovers filled 12 baskets.

In the Book of Revelation, John saw the new city of Jerusalem, and it had 12 gates guarded by 12 angels.

St. Peter Louis Mary Chanel

Peter Louis Mary Chanel expected to be a shepherd, following in the footsteps of his father. But the village priest was impressed by Peter's maturity and intelligence, so he asked if Peter would be allowed to attend the Latin school. Peter attended the school and after that went to the seminary, where he earned the admiration of both his teachers and his fellow students.

Peter had dreamed of becoming a missionary, and in 1836, Pope Gregory XVI sent him with several other missionaries to Oceania, islands in the Pacific. One of the native chiefs felt his authority was being challenged by the Christians, so he ordered his men to kill Peter. Many of the islanders remained faithful to God, and soon all of them had converted to Christianity.

We honor Peter on April 28.

Q&A

1. How did the disciples react when Jesus appeared to them?
2. What did Jesus say about the Messiah?

Bible Trivia

During Mass, there is one reading from the Old Testament, one from the New Testament, and one from the _____?

Send Answer to: Catholic Courier Bible Trivia, P.O. Box 24379, Rochester, NY 14624. Please include your name, address and school name. All entries must be received by May 4, 2000. The last trivia quiz had no winner. The question was, The church spreads the readings for Mass over three years, which are called years A, B and C. Which year are we in right now? The correct answer is B.

Puzzle

Using Luke 12 as a guide, circle the names of the men who were among Jesus' first disciples. Answers: on Page 14.

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Matthew	Amos	James	Timothy	Joseph

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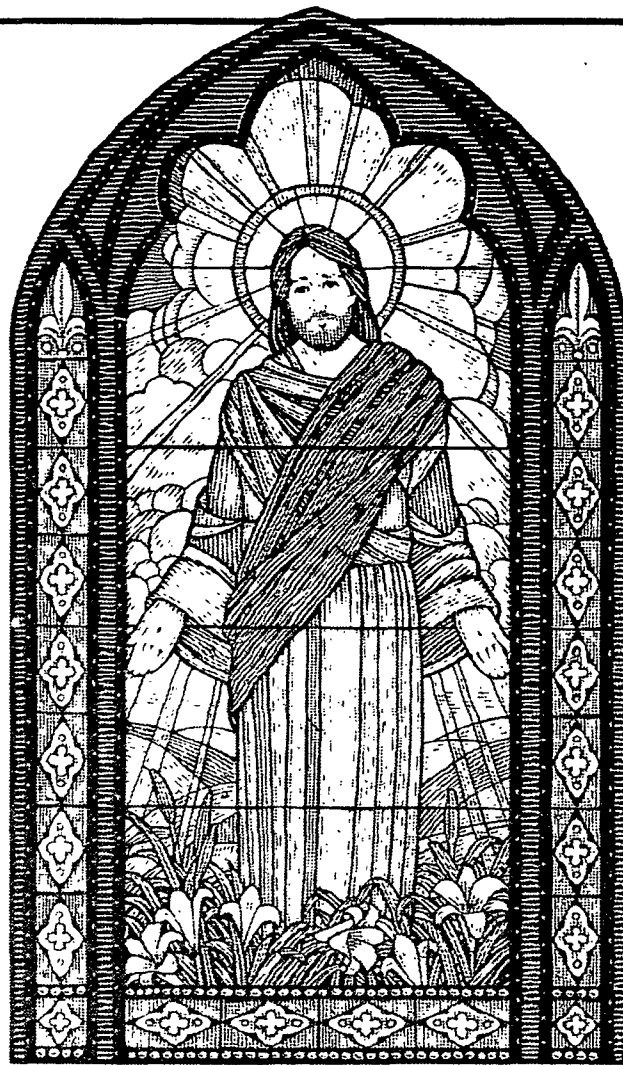
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