

MAY 5 The Road to Emmaus

Luke 24:13-35

1. Find some bread and put it down in front of you (you'll need this later).
2. Jesus met two of his friends on the Road to Emmaus and asked them what had been happening. Why do you think he did this?
3. Jesus' friends only realised it was him when he broke the bread. Take some bread and imagine that you are at the table with Jesus. What would you say to him?

Dear God, As we enjoy this bread and our time together, please show yourself to us. (Have a short time of quiet, inviting God to speak to each of you. Share what you feel God might be saying and pray about it.) Thank you for meeting with us and speaking to us, Amen.

MAY 19 Light, Day & Night

Gen 1:1-8

1. If possible, sit somewhere dark. How do you feel when it's dark?
2. Before God said anything, the earth was empty and full of darkness. God said 'Let there be light!'. Why do you think God made light first?
3. 'It is good!', God said. What does it mean to have God's light in your life? Does it change anything?
4. Write a list of people and places where you would like to see God's light shine brighter.

Dear God, thank you for bringing light to our world. Thank you for Jesus, the light of the world. We ask that your Holy Spirit will help us to bring your light to others around us, and bring your light into the darkness. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MAY 12 Jesus Meets his Friends

Luke 24:36-49

1. Imagine being in the room just before Jesus arrived. How would you feel? Would you believe the story that the other friends were telling you?
2. Then, Jesus appears in the room! How do you feel now? What might you say or do?
3. In verse 49, Jesus promises to send something. What do you think it is? (Have a look in Acts 2 if you would like a clue!)

Dear God, Thank you for Jesus. Thank you that he met with so many of his friends before he went back to heaven. Thank you, too, for sending your Holy Spirit to help and guide us. Help us to always listen to you and the things you ask us to do. Amen

JUNE 2 Land, Sea & Plants

Gen 1:9-13

1. Find some paper and design an island. what would you have on it? What are the animals like? Are there trees?
2. What do these verses tell us about what God is like?
3. We know that God put us in charge of looking after His world. What can you do to help take care of the world that God has given us?

Dear God, thank you for our beautiful planet. Please help us to do a better job of caring for your world. We pray, too, that you would help those in organisations who are seeking to bring about positive change in our local environment. Amen

JUNE 9 Sun, Moon & Stars

Gen 1:14-19

1. Talk about how powerful God is and the parts of creation that amaze you, and why.
2. Scientists estimate that there are about 100 billion stars in the Milky Way galaxy alone! How does it feel knowing that the God who made all those stars is the same God who created, designed and loves you?
3. Create a poster to remind you of how powerful God is. You might want to write the words, 'God made the moon and stars, and I will worship Him!'

Dear God, thank you for your amazing power. Thank you for the beautiful night sky, lit by the moon and stars. Help us remember to worship you every time we look up at night. We pray that people will look at your wonderful creation and see you in it. Amen

JUNE 23 Bread & Water

Ex 16:1-17:7

1. What can you remember about God's people escaping from Egypt? You might want to act some of it out!
2. God's people started grumbling that they didn't have enough food to eat or water to drink. Can you think of times this week when you've grumbled?
3. God provided for them by sending manna and water. How do you think the people felt when they saw what God had done for them?
4. Can you think of ways that God has provided for you?

Dear God, Thank you for the ways that you provided for your people while they were in the desert. Thank you for the ways that you provide for us. Help us not to grumble and to always trust you. Amen.

JUNE 16 Animals & People

Gen 1:20-2:25

1. What is your favourite animal and why? (You might want to get some paper and draw a picture of it!)
2. Why do you think God created people in His own image? How does it make you feel?
3. God tells us that we are to rule over the animals that He created. What do you think that means?
4. Why do you think God rested after He finished creating the world? Can we learn something from this?

Dear God, please help us look after all the amazing animals in our world. Thank you for creating us in your image. We pray that when our friends and family see us, that they might also see Jesus. Help us to live our lives more like him. Amen.

JUNE 30 Laws of Life

Ex 20:1-17

1. We've just learned about the Ten Commandments, the rules that God gave his people through Moses. Can you think of any rules that you have to follow (at home or at school)?
2. In Matthew 22:36-40 we read about a man asking Jesus which Commandment is most important. Jesus said that all the commandments could be summed up in two new commandments: to love God and to love others.
3. Think about things you can do to show God that you love Him. Think, too, about how you can show love to others.

Dear God, Thank you for the rules that you gave your people, rules that helped them love you and others. Thank you for Jesus who loved people so well, help us to be more like him. In your name, Amen

ABOUT THIS RESOURCE

The idea for *Faith at Home* came out of a passion to see children and young people become fully devoted followers of Christ and to see them living their lives in response to all that God has done for them. Our goal and vision is to see this happen, so let's make more time to help our children grow in their faith.

Faith has to be more than just once a week at church. Sundays are a really important part of helping children in their faith, but what about the other 6 days of the week?!

The topics and verses that we're looking at in this resource are the same as those from our Sunday morning children's groups and Pathfinders. We hope and pray that the faith of everyone in your home will grow as you spend time discussing the Bible and life with your children.

How to get the most from *Faith at Home*:

1. Find a time of the week where everyone in your family can sit down together for 10 minutes. This might be during tea time, just before bed, or first thing on Saturday morning. Whenever it is, make sure you can all sit down together.
2. Have someone read the Bible verses aloud.
3. Have someone read through each of the points and questions and discuss them together.
4. Have a time of prayer at the end. There's a prayer written for you which you might like to finish up with.

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