EASTER WALK



HAPPY EASTER! JESUS IS ALIVE!

Easter is worth celebrating, not just on Easter Sunday but every day.

Over the next week, take some time with your family to walk through Easter week!

Complete each day's challenge, and mark it off your "Step Tracker."

Let's walk through
Easter week together
and into the life Jesus brings!



STEP TRACKER

COLOR A SET OF FOOTPRINTS FOR EACH DAY YOU COMPLETE AS A FAMILY!



As we begin our Walk Through Easter Week, here's an important question:

DID YOU KNOW THAT ON THE FIRST EASTER SUNDAY, JESUS WENT FOR A WALK?

It's true! And to start things off this week, we are going to read about it.

You can find the story in your Bible in Luke 24:13-35. Today, your challenge is to read this story together. To make it easy for you, we've printed it on the next pages.

When you've read the story with your family, color your first set of footsteps! We'll talk more about this walk tomorrow!



LUKE 24:13-35 (MRV)

That same day two of Jesus' followers were going to a village called Emmaus. It was about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked about those things, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them. But God kept them from recognizing him.

Jesus asked them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?"

They stood still, and their faces were sad. One of them was named Cleopas. He said to Jesus, "Are you the only person visiting Jerusalem who doesn't know? Don't you know about the things that have happened there in the last few days?"

"What things?" Jesus asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet. He was powerful in what he said and did in the sight of God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed Jesus over to be sentenced to death. They nailed him to a cross. But we had hoped that he was the one who was going to set Israel free. Also, it is the third day since all this happened. Some of our women amazed us too. Early this morning they went to the tomb. But they didn't find his body. So they came and told us what they had seen. They saw angels, who said Jesus was alive. Then some of our friends went to the tomb. They saw it was empty, just as the women had said. They didn't see Jesus' body there."

LUKE 24:13-35 (MIRY)

Jesus said to them, "How foolish you are! How long it takes you to believe all that the prophets said! Didn't the Messiah have to suffer these things and then receive his glory?" Jesus explained to them what was said about himself in all the Scriptures. He began with Moses and all the Prophets.

They approached the village where they were going. Jesus kept walking as if he were going farther. But they tried hard to keep him from leaving. They said, "Stay with us. It is nearly evening. The day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

He joined them at the table. Then he took bread and gave thanks. He broke it and began to give it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. But then he disappeared from their sight. They said to each other, "He explained to us what the Scriptures meant. Weren't we excited as he talked with us on the road?"

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the 11 disciples and those with them. They were all gathered together. They were saying, "It's true! The Lord has risen! He has appeared to Simon!" Then the two of them told what had happened to them on the way. They told how they had recognized Jesus when he broke the bread.

DAY 2

Yesterday, we read the story of Jesus walking with His followers on the first Easter Sunday.

THEY DIDN'T RECOGNIZE JESUS WHEN HE WALKED WITH THEM!

Sometimes, it's hard for us to see Jesus "walking" beside us too. We get so busy with life and fun that we don't realize He's right there with us.

Today's challenge is easy - go for a WALK as a family, and LOOK and LISTEN for ways God is speaking to you.

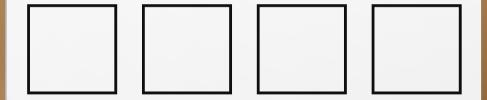
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WHAT DO YOU SEE? WALK

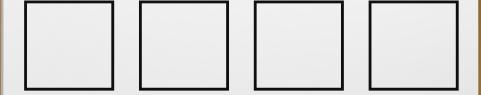
LOOK FOR GOD!

Where do you see God? What are some of the things He made? Write or draw them in the boxes below.



LISTEN FOR GOD!

We can hear God speaking to us through nature, through the people we love, and through our hearts. Where do you hear God? Write or draw them in the boxes.



TALK TO GOD & SAY "GOD, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO
SAY TO ME TODAY?"

DAY 3

As they walked, Jesus and the disciples shared the story of the first Easter.

THEY KNEW THAT JESUS HAD DIED AND NOW THE GRAVE WAS EMPTY!

It's important for us to share the Good News of Easter with the people around us. Jesus' disciples didn't understand all that had happened, so Jesus explained it to them! We can explain the Good News of Easter to others too.

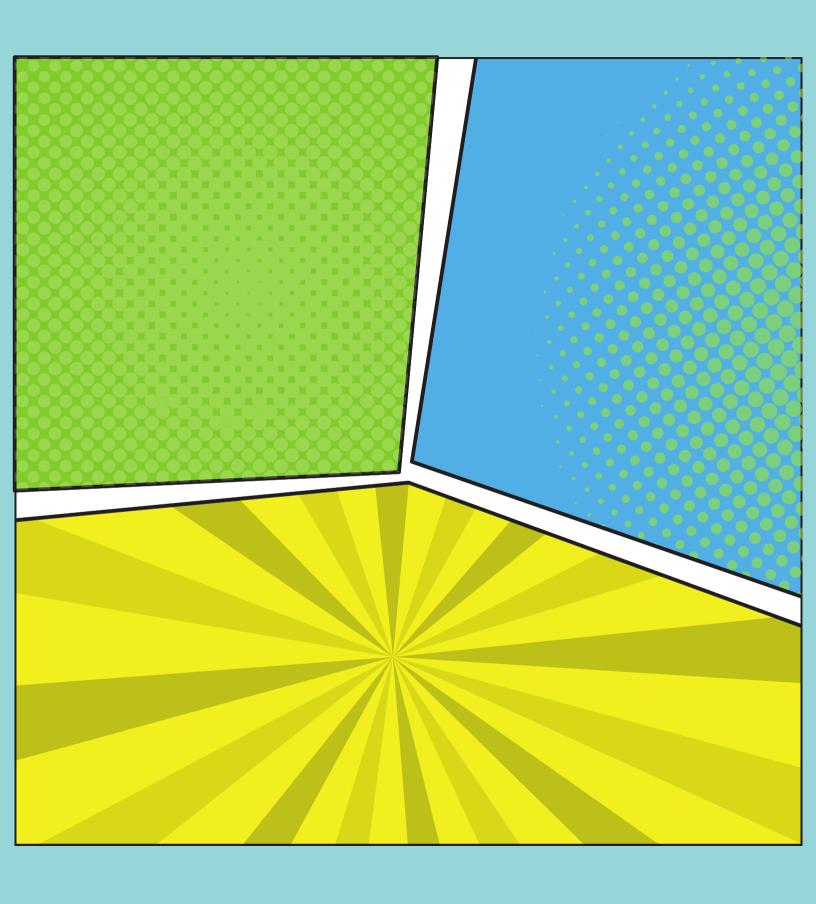
Use the space on the next page to write or draw the story of what happened on the first Easter.

Then, share it with someone!

Once you've done today's challenge, color your footprints!



THE EASTER STORY



As they finished their walk, Jesus' disciples invited Jesus to stay with them for dinner!

THEY SHOWED MINDRESS AND WELCOMED JESUS.

The good news of Easter should make us excited to show kindness! We should welcome Jesus but also the people around us who need help.

Jesus said - "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

Today, take the time to decorate the card on the next page, write a message inside, and share it with someone who's in need. Maybe you'd like to send along a baked good, a special treat, or something else too!

Brainstorm as a family, then do it! Once you're done, color your footprints!





While Jesus was at the table with His disciples, they realized who He was!

THEY WERE HAVING DINNER WITH JESUS!

Tonight, set aside some time as a family to have a special "dinner with Jesus!"

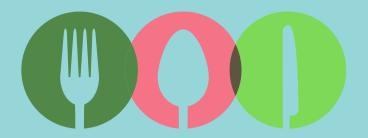
Here's what you have to do:

- 1) Eat your regular dinner!
- 2) Before you eat, invite Jesus to be with you through a prayer!
- 3) Talk about the questions on the next page together.

If you can't do dinner, you can do breakfast, lunch, or even a bedtime snack! Once you've done this, color your footprints.



DINNER WITH JESUS



QUESTIONS TO TALK ABOUT:

- 1. What would you like to eat if Jesus was at our table with us?
- 2. Would you act any differently if Jesus was sitting here?
- 3. How do you think Jesus' followers felt when they realized it was Jesus eating with them?
- 4. Do you think that Jesus can see us or hear us while we eat?
- 5. How should we act remembering that Jesus is always with us?
- 6. What things would you like to tell Jesus tonight?
- 7. Say a prayer together! Have everyone pray one sentence they'd like to tell Jesus.



These are great questions to use with your family anytime! Consider having dinner with Jesus once a week or once a month!

When the disciples realized who Jesus was, they were amazed.

THEY REALIZED HOW EXCITED THEY WERE WHEN JESUS TALKED TO THEM!

Spending time with Jesus should make us EXCITED too! Jesus is alive!

Today, spend some time CELEBRATING that Jesus is alive with your family. One of the best ways we can celebrate is by worshipping Jesus - with singing, dancing, and music.

Check out the playlist on the next page & have a blast worshipping Jesus!

Don't forget to color the footprints when you're done.



PRESS PLAY & WORSHIP



Hosanna Rock 1, 2, 3 It's a Happy Day by Yancy

O Happy Day Jesus, Friend of Sinners by Kids Worship

Ain't No Grave by Lifeway Worship

Because He Lives by Matt Maher

He Lives by Church of the City

His Love Has Won by AllStar Kids Club

This is Amazing Grace by Saddleback Kids Worship

Jesus is Alive Right Now by Kids on the Move

DAY 7

The disciples realized who Jesus was and told everyone the truth.

JESUS IS ALIVE!

How can you start telling people the Good News that Jesus is alive?

Choose one of these ideas:

- Decorate your driveway with sidewalk chalk and the message that "Jesus is Alive."
- Make a poster or flag to stick in your front window to proclaim the Good News!
- Draw a design on your window, glass door, or car window to tell people Jesus is alive!

The Good News of Easter is worth celebrating all the time. Color your final set of footprints! We've made it to the end of our journey!

