



## Third Sunday of Easter April 26, 2020

### PRELUDE

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

arr. Diane Bish

Linda Vollweiler, organ

*(The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, and reflection.)*

### WELCOME

Damen Heitmann

### OPENING QUESTION

*When has God appeared to you?*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Greg Allen-Pickett

*Each bud of spring reminds us of God's faithfulness.*

***Every call of care brings with it God's love.***

*A grocery run for a neighbor reveals the compassion of God.*

***A gentle evening breeze discloses the sustenance of God.***

*Though our own paths cross less often,*

***We remain shrouded within the presence of God.***

### \*OPENING HYMN

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

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Canady Family, Song Leaders

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***We confess, O God, that we are infatuated with ourselves. And all this isolation hasn't helped. In Zoom meetings, we spend most of the time looking at ourselves. At the store, we worry if anyone else has touched our food. We worry about our shaggy hair and our exposed roots. We wonder when we'll be able to go about our own lives. We get so wrapped up and bundled in ourselves that we sometimes forget our neighbors who are living through the same thing. We lose track of our strangers who are living through worse. We even fail to notice when you show up and travel beside us. Forgive us, O God, and reveal your presence to us once more.***

### SILENT CONFESSION

*Question for contemplation: When have you failed to notice God's presence?*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Praise be to God, whose mercy knows no end.*

***Praise be to God, who lived among us and calls us God's own.***

*In the name of Jesus the Christ, we are forgiven and loved.*

***Amen. And again, amen.***

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE	“Glory Be to the Father” <i>Canady Family, Song Leaders</i>	581
*PEACE OF CHRIST	<i>(Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you.) The Peace of Christ be with you! And also with you!</i>	
SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH		
RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING SENIORS		
	<i>Allie Bauer, Lily Black, Mike Boeve, Grace Canady, Lyndie Eddleman, Cale Henderson Nina Meyer, Jayden Propp, Grace Redinger, and Carter Wenburg</i>	
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		
	<b><i>As your word is read and proclaimed, let us perceive it beyond hearing, understand it beyond knowing, and cherish it beyond loving. Amen.</i></b>	
1 <sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 25:31-46		
ANTHEM	"Bring Us Hope" <i>Canady Family; Linda Vollweiler, accompanist</i>	
2 <sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 24:13-35		
MESSAGE	“Keeping Up Appearances”	Damen Heitmann
*HYMN	“Open My Eyes, That I May See” <i>Canady Family, Song Leaders</i>	451
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		
	<b><i>I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.</i></b>	
A FEW MORE WORDS OF WISDOM		
OFFERING		
OFFERTORY	"God Will Find a Way" <i>Rev. Don Canady, Soloist; Linda Vollweiler, accompanist</i>	
*DOXOLOGY	“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” <i>Canady Family, Song Leaders</i>	606

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***We give to you, and to the betterment of others, our patience, our compassion, and our desire to live in right relationship. We give to this community and into your care a whole host of offerings. May they be used to meet the needs of the world. May they bring aid to the suffering, hope to the lost, and peace to all. Amen.***

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.***

**\*HYMN**

**"Day of Arising"  
(sung to tune of "Morning Has Broken")  
Canady Family, Song Leaders**

**Insert**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,  
The church is not a resting place, the church is a people.  
I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes, we're the church together!**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**"Trumpet Voluntary"  
Organist Linda Vollweiler**

**Manfredini/arr. Wolff**

***(The postlude serves as a musical blessing for worshipers as they transition out into the world.)***

***(\*Indicates the congregation shall stand as they are able.)***

**COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK &  
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!**

**"Stay at Home" Traditional Worship Service**

**Broadcast live**

**10:30 a.m. on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](https://www.facebook.com/fpchastings)**

**(Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.)**

**10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM**

## 247 Now the Green Blade Rises

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain;

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Although there were some traditional Easter carols, this hybrid one has been created by grafting a 20th-century English text onto a late 15th-century French tune. The allegory of the dying and rising grain as a parallel for Christ's Resurrection is probably based on John 12:24.

## Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff in B-flat major. The melody in the treble staff begins with a dotted quarter note on G4, followed by eighth notes on A4, Bb4, and C5, then a quarter rest, and continues with a descending line of quarter notes: Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, and C4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system continues the melody in the treble staff with a dotted half note on C4, followed by a quarter note on D4, then a half note on E4, and continues with a descending line of quarter notes: D4, C4, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, and E4. The bass staff continues with harmonic accompaniment.

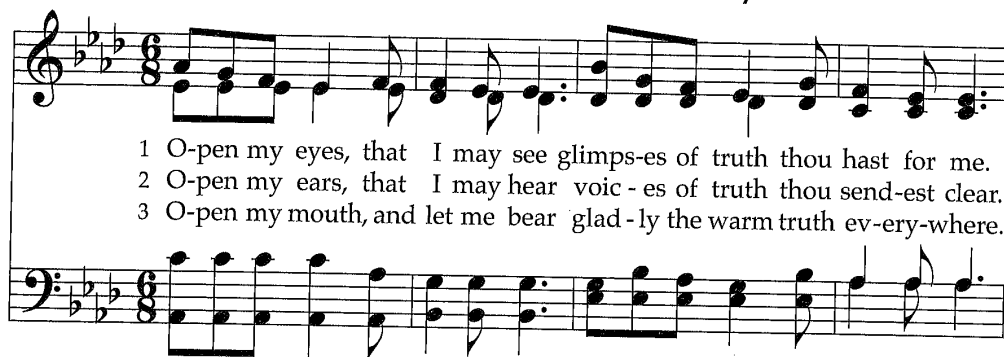
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The third system continues the melody in the treble staff with a dotted half note on E4, followed by a quarter note on F4, then a half note on G4, and continues with a descending line of quarter notes: F4, E4, D4, C4, Bb4, A4, and G4. The bass staff continues with harmonic accompaniment.

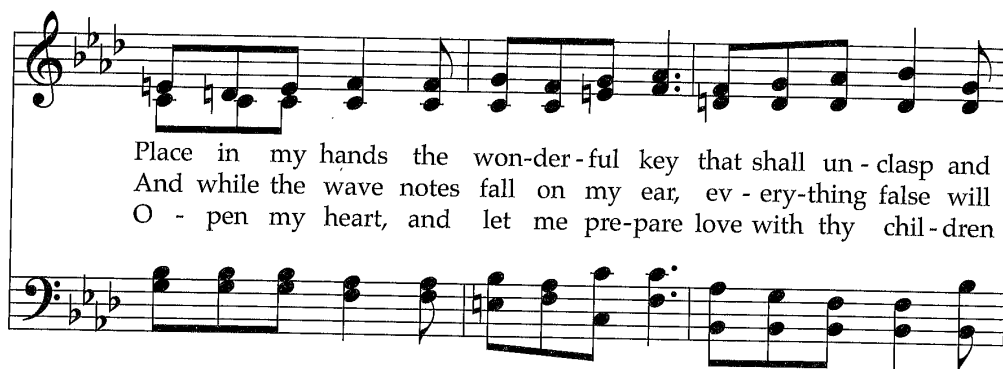
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The treble staff features a dotted half note on G4, followed by a quarter note on A4, then a half note on Bb4, and continues with a descending line of quarter notes: A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, and Bb4. The bass staff continues with harmonic accompaniment and ends with a final chord marked with an '8'.

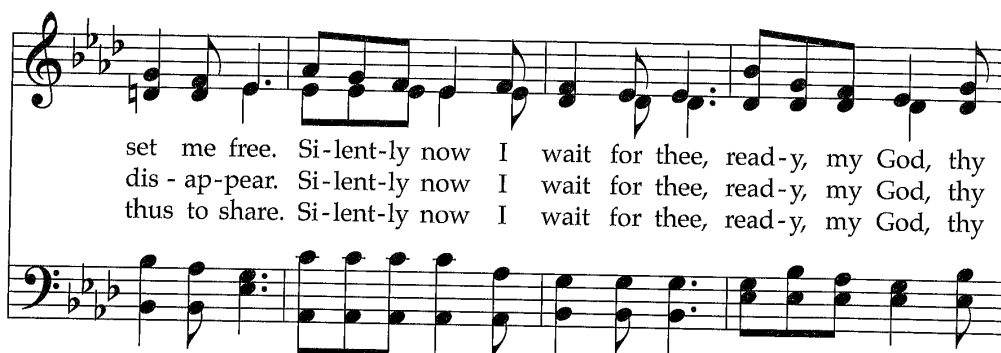
# Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.  
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.  
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un - clasp and  
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will  
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy  
 dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy  
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!  
 will to see. O - pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!  
 will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

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Praise God, from Whom  
All Blessings Flow  
Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise \*him, all crea-tures

here be - low; praise \*him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

\*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709  
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

## Day of Arising Morning Has Broken



1. Day of a - ris - ng, Christ on the road - way, un - known com -
2. When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing, blind - ed by
3. Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken. This is Christ's
4. Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the journey, bread of com -



pan - ion walks with his own. When they in - vite him, as fades the  
sad - ness, slow - ness of heart, yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a -  
pro - mise, this is Christ's sign; when the church gather - ers, when bread  
pas - sion, o - pen our eyes. Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts



first day, and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.  
wait - ing our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.  
Is broken, there Christ is with us, in bread and wine.  
Burn - ing, that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

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### *First Presbyterian Church of Hastings* *Sharing the love of Christ from the heart of Hastings since 1873*

**Head of Church:** Jesus Christ

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

**Director of Children & Family**

**Ministries:** Stephanie Brader

**Organist and Music Coordinator:** Linda Vollweiler

**Calvin/Westminster Choir Director:** Linda Johnson

**Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors:** Tim and Teresa Canady

**Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director:** Dr. Susan Oliver

**Accompanists:** Mary Plock and Alice Throckmorton

**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

**Ministers:** Members of the Church

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Damen Heitmann

**Parish Associate:** Kili Wenburg

**Chancel Choir Director:** Dr. Robin Koozer

**Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster**

**Bells Director:** Dr. Byron Jensen

**Church Office Administrator:** Jean Matheny

**Facilities Manager:** Tony Calhoun

**Bookkeeper:** Deb Hamburger



**April 26, 2020**

**The radio broadcast** airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given by Les and JoAnn Seiler.

**Flowers** are given in loving memory of Ty Chapel by the Chapel family

**Today's service will be broadcast**

- live on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](http://www.facebook.com/fpchastings)  
(You don't need to have an account to watch.)
- on the radio during Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. on KICS 1550 AM.
- on Channel 181 Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
- at Good Samaritan Village, the service will be broadcast on Channel 3 on Sunday at 12:00 noon and on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

**A copy of any Sunday service** is available on DVD disc upon request at no charge. Contact Jean in the office at 402-462-5147 or [jean@fpchastings.org](mailto:jean@fpchastings.org).

**Looking for a way to give during our time of "Stay at Home" Church?** The



church counts on your giving to carry on its work. As you participate in "Stay at Home" Worship, please mail your donation in, drop by the church office during the week, sign up for electronic fund transfers, or give on-line at: <https://fpchastings.org/give-online/>

In the days and weeks to come, the church will continue to play a vital role in responding to this virus, just as we did with the flood relief efforts in Nebraska last year. Thank you for your continued support and provision in this time.

***FPC Prayers for:***

Jim & Mary Jeanne Cooke	Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's Mom)	Family of Judy Brown
Jim Duval	Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's Dad)	Alana DeBellis & family
Cheryl Ann Elfond	Kristine Cook (Katharine Davis' sister)	Family of Celia Ganow
Jane Horton	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Jeff Howard
Jim Hahne	Elaine Schumacher (Vicki Howard's Mom)	Irina Erickson's Mom
Everly Hogan	Jack Stinson (Julie Thomsen's Dad)	Gretchen Lainson
Janet Schawang	Family of Georga Ochsner	Jim Harrenstein
		Family of Ben Ore

***Please let us know if you would like to be added to, or removed from, the prayer list by calling the church office at 402-462-5147.***

***In Memory of***

- ♥ *Georga Ochsner* who passed away April 17, 2020. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be given to First Presbyterian Church. Cards and memorials may be sent to Livingston Butler Volland Funeral Home.
- ♥ *Judy Brown* who passed away April 18, 2020. A private family graveside service was held at Hanover Presbyterian Churchyard Cemetery, Glenvil, with Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett officiating. Memorials may be given to Nebraska Foundation for the Blind. Cards and memorials may be sent to Livingston Butler Volland Funeral Home.
- ♥ *Ben Ore* who passed away April 21, 2020. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the First Presbyterian Church.

### **This Week at FPC --- April 27 – May 1, 2020**

*Session has voted to suspend all in-person meetings through May 11 in order to comply with the State-Directed Health Measures. All boards and committees will continue to meet via conference call to be coordinated by the church staff representative.*

<b>Mon, Apr 27</b>		<b>“Monday Check-in” Communication</b> from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen Sent via email and social media
<b>Tues, Apr 28</b>	<b>10:30a-11:30a</b> <b>12:00p-1:00p</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b> via ZOOM Conferencing <b>Bible Study</b> via ZOOM Conferencing
<b>Wed, Apr 29</b>	<b>7:00a-8:00a</b> <b>9:30a-10:30p</b>	<b>Bible at Breakfast</b> via ZOOM Conferencing <b>Hastings College Chapel</b> <b>“Kids’ Corner” Communication</b> from Stephanie Brader Sent via email and social media
<b>Thurs, Apr 30</b> <b>Fri, May 1</b>	<b>7:00a-8:00a</b>	<b>Retreat in the Real World</b> via Zoom Conferencing <b>“Friday Feature” Communication</b> from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen Sent via email and social media
<b>Sat, May 2</b> <b>Sun, May 3</b>	<b>10:30a</b>	<b>“Stay at Home” Worship Service</b>

#### **CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS??**



The First Presbyterian Church  
and First United Methodist Church  
would love to receive your gently used  
winter coats for our coat drive that  
will be held in October.

Coats of all sizes are needed for  
Men, Women and Children.  
(Adult XL and XXL are in high need)



Donations accepted now through October at  
these Hastings locations:

First Presbyterian Church,  
First United Methodist Church, YMCA  
and Pershing Orthodontics.

Thank you in advance!!

*We are not ready to start  
collecting coats, but please  
save them for when we are!*



The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be Tuesday, May 26, 2020, from 12 noon – 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar now! To donate or volunteer your time, please call Erica Brooks, FPC Parish Nurse, at [402-469-9285](tel:402-469-9285) or sign up at

[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).



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Third Saturday of the Month  
Annex Building  
Lincoln and 7th St. Hastings

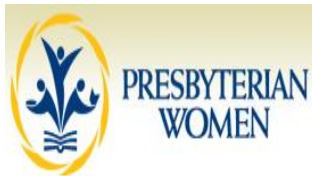
A mobile pantry is a traveling food pantry that delivers food to families in need through a one day distribution. Our goal is to provide food where there is a high need, but resources are limited. The mobile food pantry is available to all free of charge. The institutions providing the food are equal opportunity providers.

Those interested in receiving food should

May 16, 2020		
A, B	May park and get number starting	9:45 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting	10:00 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting	10:15 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting	10:30 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting	10:45 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting	11:00 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting	11:15 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting	11:30 AM

bring boxes or bags. Those interested in volunteering with the event should simply show up on the date of the next distribution and check in at the volunteer sign-in table.

Volunteer shifts are 9:30-12:00 and 12:00-2:00. Plastic bags can be brought to the church office and donated to the cause.



## Presbyterian Women supports Healthy Beginnings with a special Mother's Day offering, Sunday, May 10.

Healthy Beginnings is a Mary Lanning Healthcare program established to help families at high risk, especially those struggling with financial shortages, homelessness, addiction issues, abuse and neglect, domestic violence and health issues. Home visits are offered weekly for families prenatally and until the last child is three years of age.

Nurses are important to the program as they can educate for improved healthcare in the home and encourage families to establish a medical provider, limiting the use of Emergency Room for situations that would be better suited for a doctor office.

Please keep in your prayers the hospital team members who work with Healthy Beginnings and the families they support.

Please make your donation checks out to Presbyterian Women and mail them to the church. A table will be set up in the Memorial Room when we are able to once again meet at the church.



## 2020 VBS Volunteers Needed First Presbyterian Church--Hastings, NE

We are preparing for two amazing Vacation Bible School offerings again this year—our Traditional VBS and our Special-Needs VBS.

We are using Cokesbury's Knight of North Castle VBS. North Castle is hidden in a frozen land. The King's valiant Knights are on a quest in search of the King's Armor. But the armor isn't what they think it is.

Knights of North Castle VBS invites children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power.

They'll explore Old and New Testament stories and discover different pieces of protective armor—the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation—at work in the lives of familiar Bible characters, and they will explore how that armor works in their own lives as they follow and serve God.

**Our Traditional VBS will be held \*\***

**Monday, June 1- Thursday, June 4, from 9:00am-12:00pm**

**Our Special-Needs VBS will be held \*\***

**Monday, June 1 – Wednesday, June 3, from 1:00pm-3:00pm**

It is our prayer that God has VBS in His plan for your life! We know Jesus will work through YOU at VBS. Would you prayerfully consider serving in VBS? Please register SOON as a volunteer at <https://fpchastings.org/children/>. Please contact Stephanie at [stephanie@fpchastings.org](mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org) or 402-462-5147 with any questions or if you'd like a printed registration form.

***\*\*Please Note - the Session will be meeting on May 4 to review the situation and when it makes sense to resume in-person church activities. They will also look at anything already on the schedule that may need to be moved, including VBS dates.***



### ***KID'S CORNER (also located on Facebook)***

Dear FPC Family:

Each Wednesday, I will be recording a short bible story and share a link to some fun activities that all correspond with the scripture lesson for the following Sunday. I'll be calling this "Kid's Corner." You can click on the links below to watch the video and to connect with some fun puzzles and crafts. The video and materials are geared mostly toward children, but I

hope that some adults will enjoy them also. Please share with your friends, kids, and grandkids.

Here is this week's Kid's Corner information. Enjoy and share with a friend.

Link to the Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/42xvLJlbm6o>

Link to the activities: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ZibqHGT2NdA4WRCl-FiLbuqk9M\\_DzaVS?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ZibqHGT2NdA4WRCl-FiLbuqk9M_DzaVS?usp=sharing)

I look forward to continuing to connect with families through "Kid's Corner" and to continue our faith formation outside of our routine programs like Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live. Have a blessed week!

Your Servant in Christ,

Stephanie Brader, Director of Education for Children & Youth

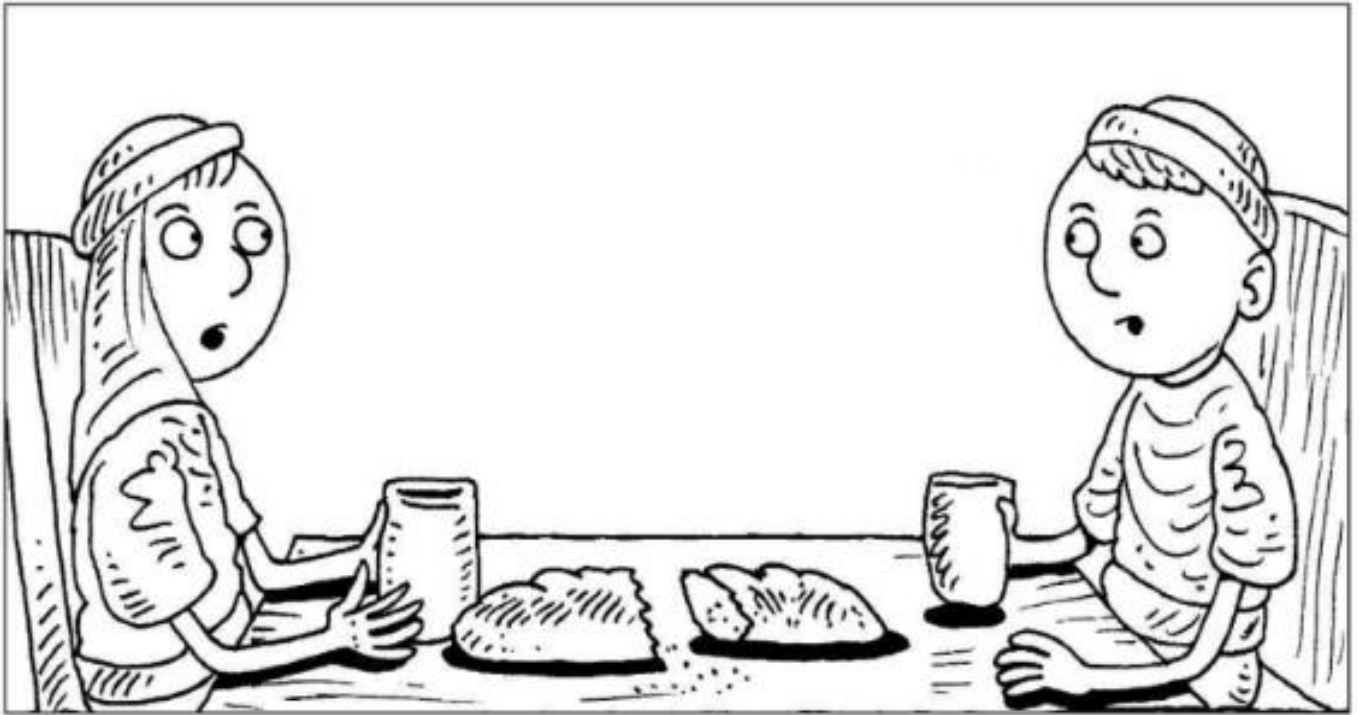


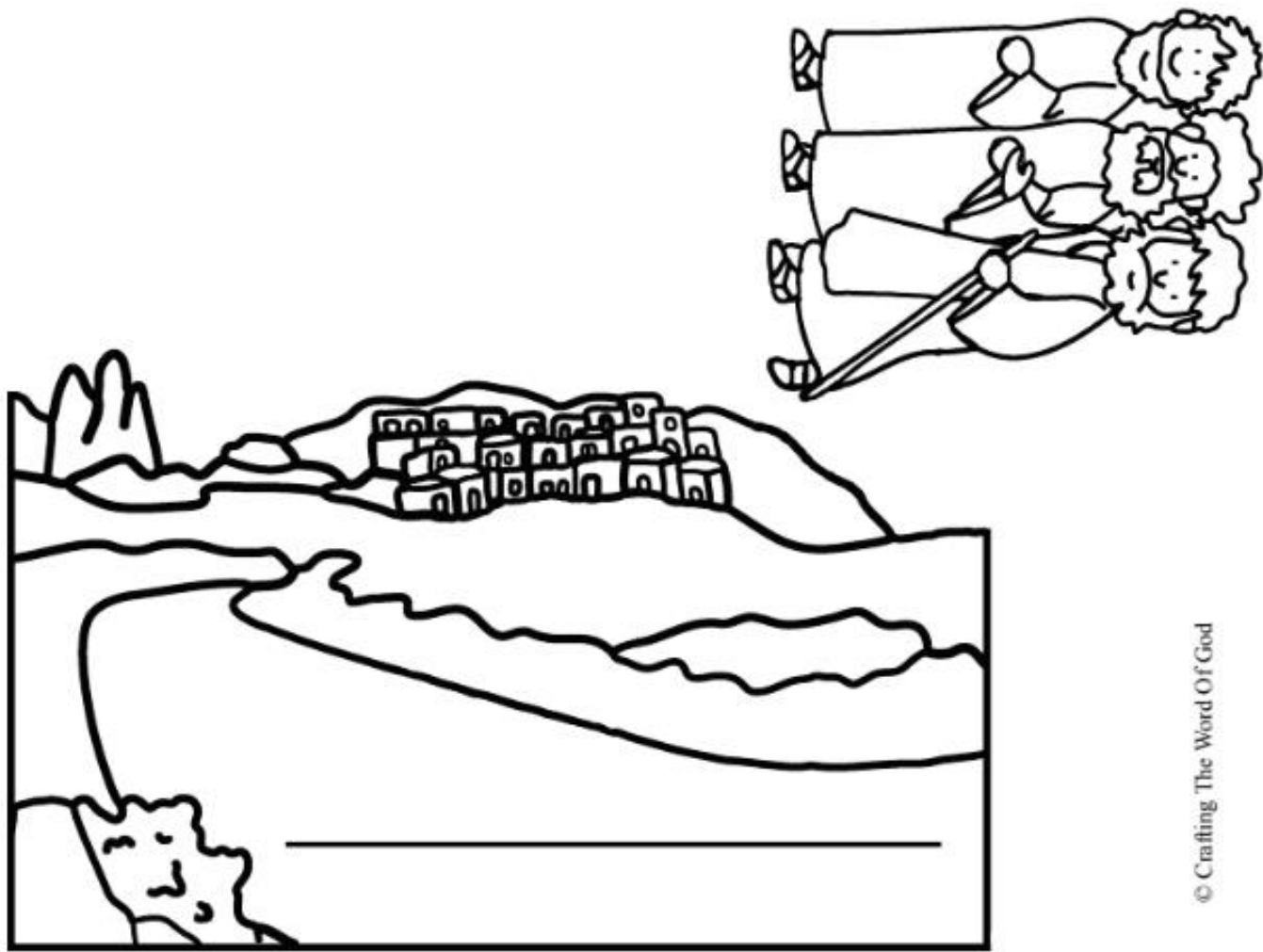
# The Road to Emmaus

Luke 24: 13-35











# Heartburn

Jesus appeared to his followers after his resurrection. Sometimes he surprised them! To see what some of his followers said after one of these surprise visits, figure out this question. Put the words in the right order. Some letters are filled in already to help you.

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WORD BANK:

**US BURNING NOT OUR  
WITHIN WERE HEARTS**

# Heartburn Solution

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**O U R      H E A R T S**

**B U R N I N G**

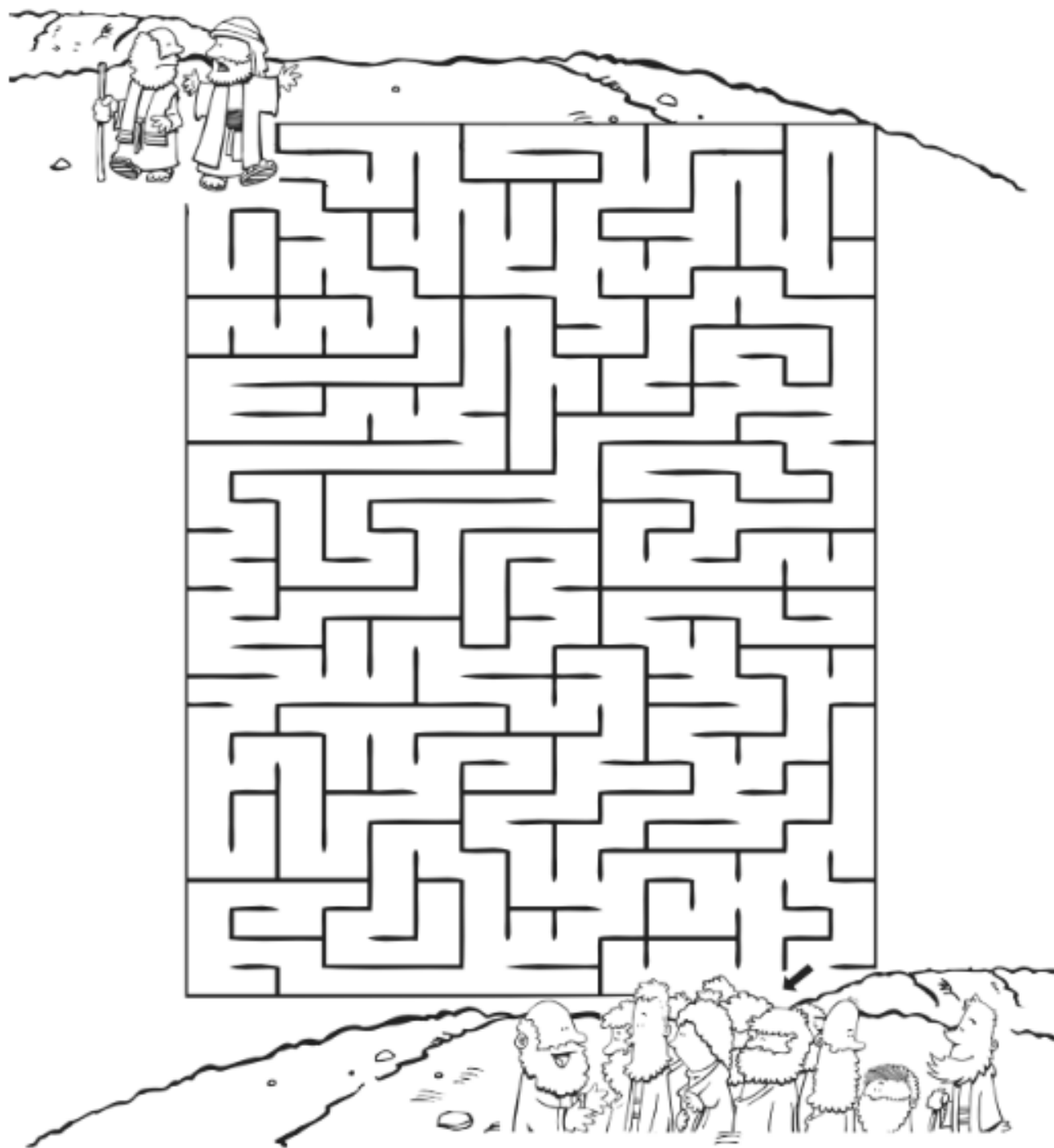
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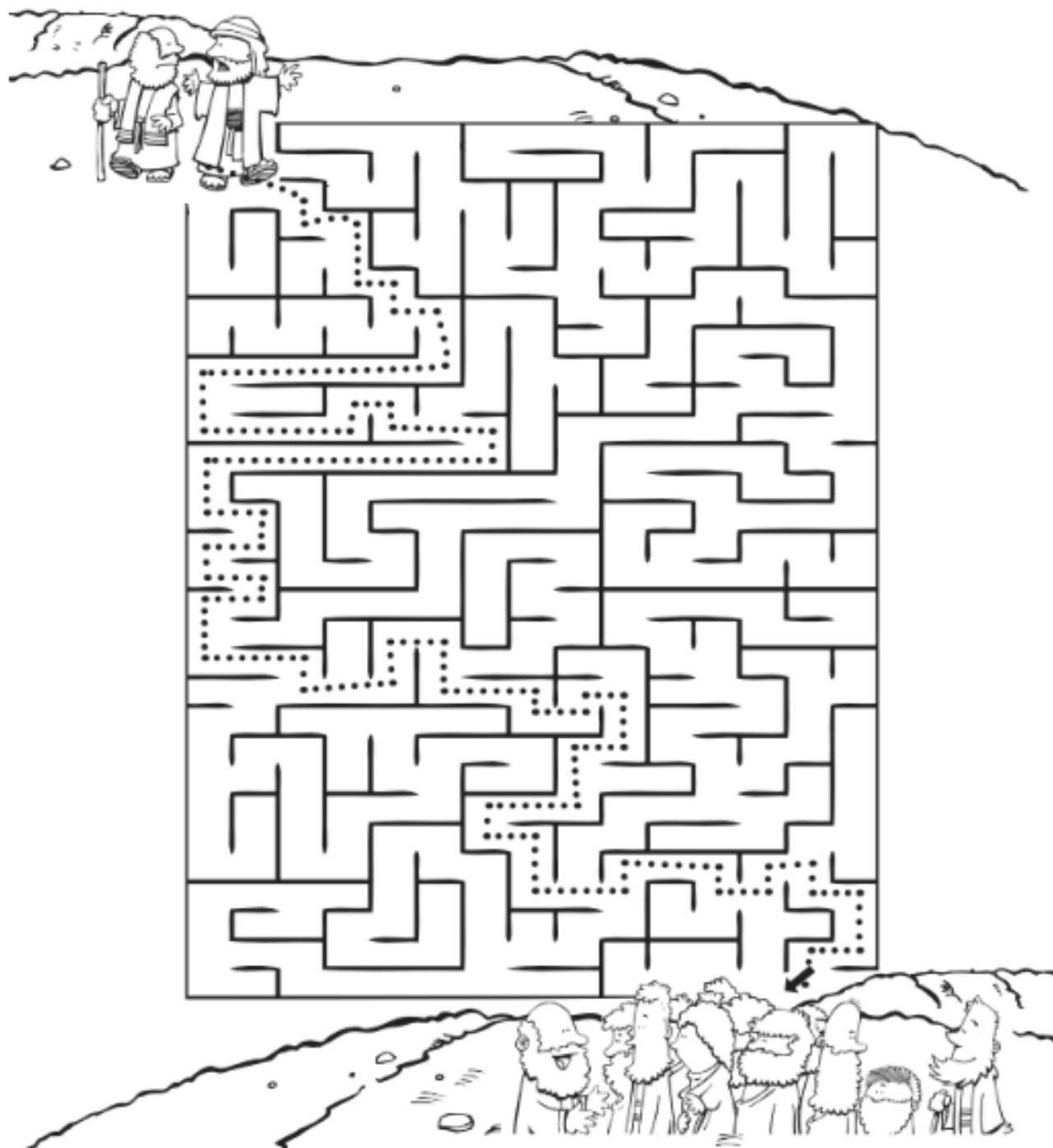
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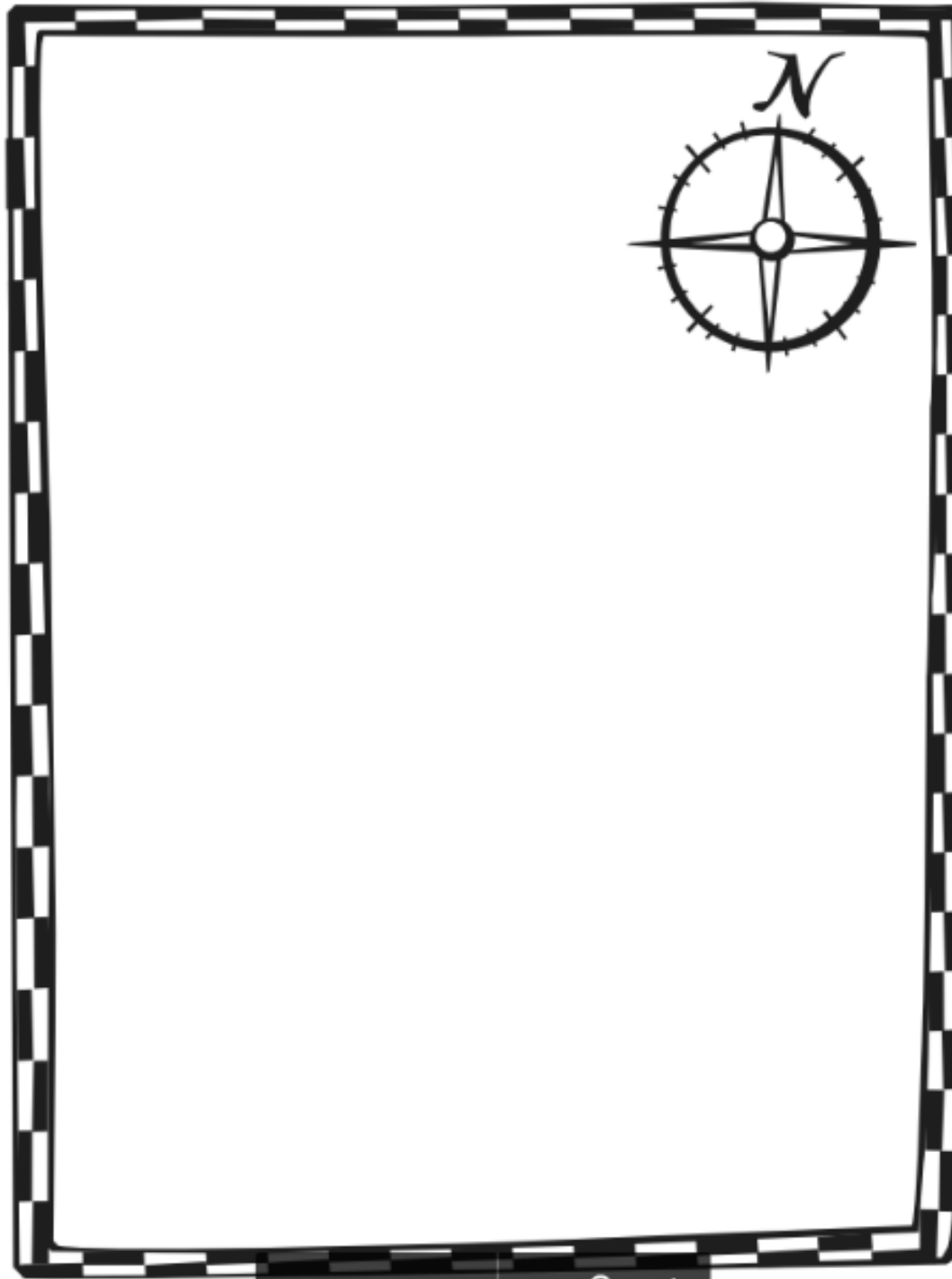
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# On the Road(map)

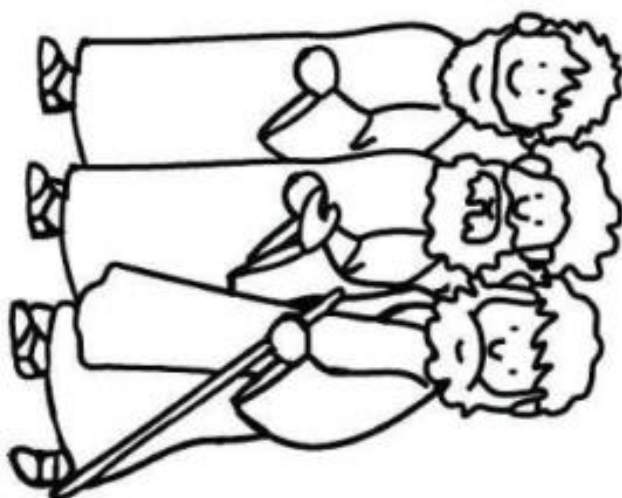
Luke 24:13 says that the village of Emmaus was about 7 miles (11 km) from Jerusalem. If you walked on a road from your house for seven miles, who do you think you would see? What could you do? Where could you go? Draw a 7-mile map in the space below and add buildings, streets, parks, and any natural landmarks like streams, rivers, and hills.



## Road to Emmaus Craft

### Instructions

1. Print the template on card stock.
2. Color and cut out both pieces.
3. Glue the three figures onto a large popsicle stick.
4. Cut on the solid line on the larger piece creating a slit.



TEMPLATE

