

Sunday 18th April 2021
Christ's Witnesses



Gather Together...

Take time together as a family, find a quiet space, perhaps play some music, light a candle and sit comfortably.

Make the Sign of the Cross

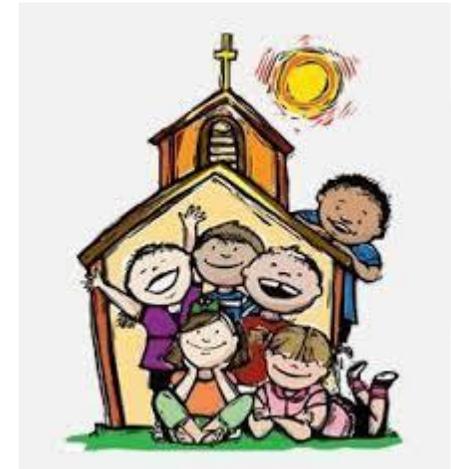
Listen Together...

Listen to this week's scripture, from the Gospel according to Luke...

The disciples who had met Jesus on the road to Emmaus were telling the others what had happened when suddenly Jesus appeared among them.

At first they were terrified because they thought that they had seen a ghost. Then Jesus said to them, 'Peace be with you', and seeing that they were still scared he added, 'Do not be afraid. Why do you doubt what you can see? Please, look at my wounds and see that I am not a ghost. Touch me and see that a ghost has no flesh or bones as I do.' They were overjoyed but still filled with disbelief. Then Jesus asked them for something to eat and they watched as he ate.

Jesus then began to explain the Scriptures to them so that, finally, they understood what the scripture had said about the Messiah suffering and rising after three days. Jesus said to them, 'You are my witnesses because you have seen all these things happen.'



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Respond Together...

- How do you think you would feel if you saw a ghost? The disciples showed that they were scared but Jesus calmed and reassured them by saying 'Peace be with you' and by telling them not to be afraid. He even showed them his wounds to convince them that he had really risen from the dead.
- Even after doing all that, did the disciples really believe what they were seeing? They were still so shocked and we can understand how they were struggling to believe what was in front of them.
- Jesus used a special word of 'witnesses' when he told them what they were. A witness is someone who hears and sees something. The disciples heard and saw everything that happened to Jesus with his death and resurrection.
- Can we be witnesses for Christ? We haven't seen things in the same way that the disciples did but we still believe in him. We can be a witness for Christ by living as he teaches us and following him every day.

Pray Together... Lord Jesus, send us your spirit to give us the strength to live as you taught us. Help us to bear witness to you by our actions and our words. Amen.

