

## **Sunday, April 27, 2025**

### **Second Sunday of Easter**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

After the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples and offered them the gift of his peace. At the same time he sent them out into the world to preach the Gospel and to share this peace with others.

#### **Gospel**

##### **A read from the St. John.**

The disciples were gathered in one room when suddenly Jesus appeared among them. Seeing their fear, he said to them, "Peace be with you," and he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. The disciples were overjoyed to see Jesus again and to know that he was alive. Then Jesus said to them, "I give you my peace, and as my father sent me, so I am sending you."

Breathing gently on them he said, "Be filled with the Holy Spirit, and know that whoever you forgive, will be forgiven by me."

##### **The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

#### **Reflection:**

When Jesus appeared in the room with his disciples what gift did he share with them?

How would you describe what 'peace' means?

After sharing the gift of peace, what did Jesus tell his disciples to do?

In what special way does Jesus share the gift of his peace with us?

Peace is something our world needs and longs for today.

How can we be people of peace?

# GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

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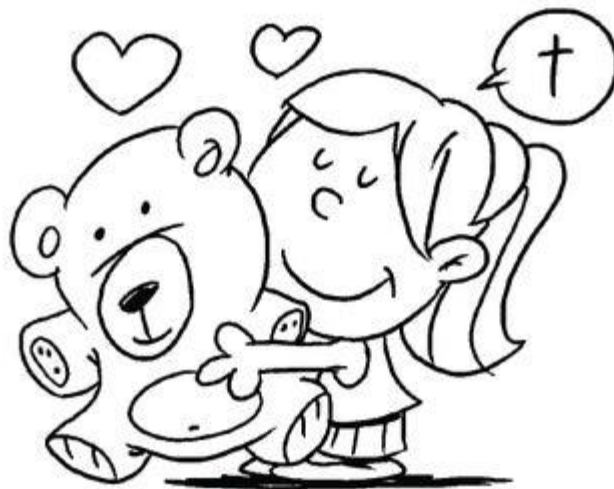


## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



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## GOSPEL

Jesus, the best friend of the apostles, had just been killed for his teachings. The apostles were afraid the soldiers would come and kill them, too. They were so frightened that they locked all the windows and the doors in the upper room where they had the Last Supper. They huddled together in fear. When Jesus appeared right in the middle of them, they were amazed. He said, "Do not be afraid. I am with you."



## PRAYER

Lord, come to me when I am afraid.



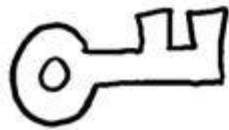
## DRAW

Draw Jesus in the middle of the apostles with the doors and windows locked.

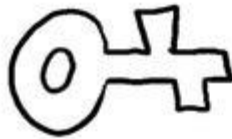


## PUZZLE

Find the matching shadow.



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## MISSION

When I am afraid, I will ask Jesus to come and help me.



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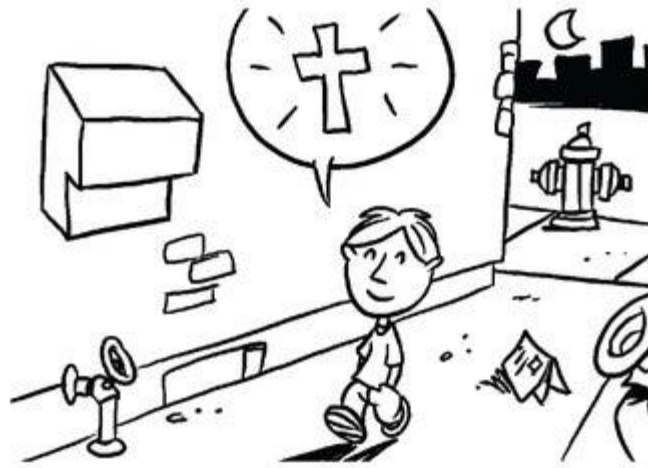


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## GOSPEL

After Jesus died on the cross, the disciples were afraid people would want to hurt them, too. They stayed together in a room and locked the door. Then Jesus came to his friends, to show them he was really alive again. Jesus changed their fear into gladness. Have you ever been so afraid that you just wanted to hide? Remember that Jesus is with you when you are afraid, too.

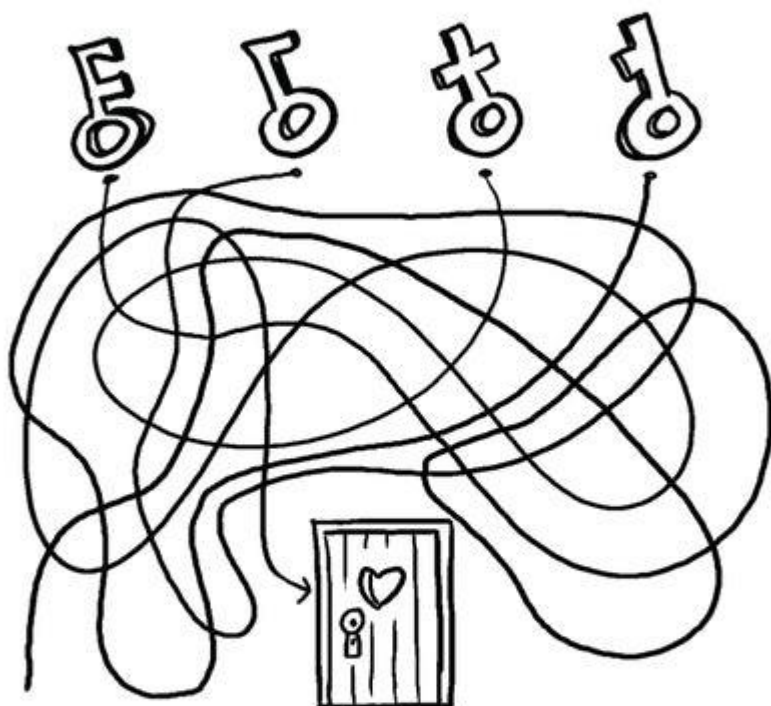


## PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for being with me when I am afraid.

## PUZZLE

Which key can unlock the Door?



## MISSION

I will talk to God whenever I am afraid.



## **Intercession**

**As sisters and brothers in one loving family, together let us pray to our heavenly Father:**

We pray for the church and all her people, may we share the peace of Christ by our example of acceptance, understanding and forgiveness.

**Lord, hear our prayer...**

We pray for peacemakers in our world; may we support their brave efforts to heal injustice and reconcile differences.

**Lord, hear our prayer...**

We pray for those who are filled with doubt and uncertainty; may they find faith in Christ and be filled with his gift of peace.

**Lord, hear our prayer...**

We pray for families and homes wounded by violence or anger; may their troubled lives be touched by Christ's healing peace.

**Lord, hear our prayer...**

Knowing that our heavenly Father is listening, in the silence of our hearts let us share our own unspoken prayer with him.

**Loving God,  
We ask this in Jesus' name.  
Amen**