

EUCCHARIST - Family Activity Sheet 2 – We Listen

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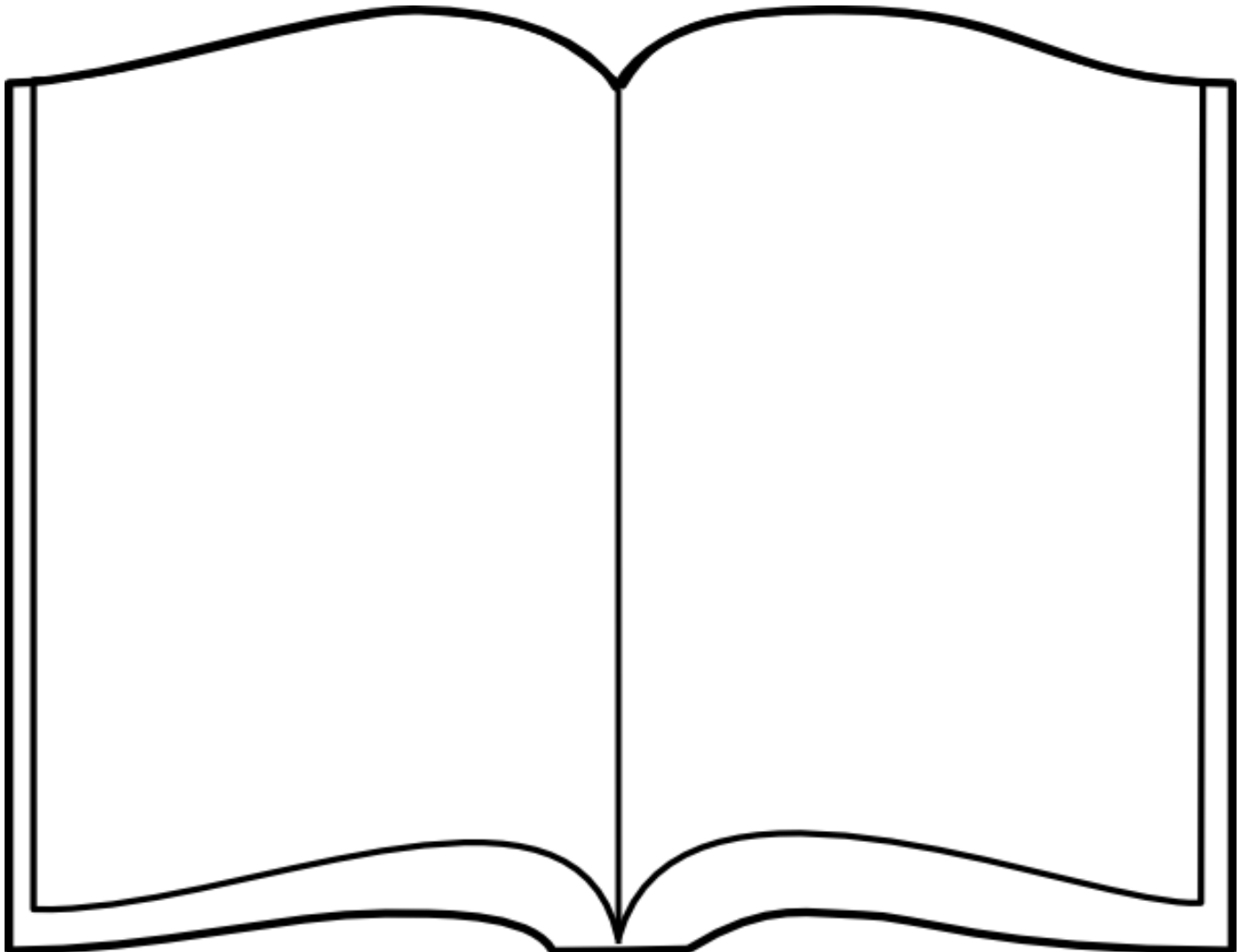
*Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice
is like a wise man who built his house on rock, Matthew 7:24*



Family stories tell us who we are. They keep our memories alive. They give us a sense of belonging. When we gather as God's family for Eucharist, we also share stories. They are found in the Bible. Listening to our faith stories helps us remember who we are as God's family. Jesus teaches us how to live as his followers in the Gospels. Through the Homily given by the Priest after the readings we learn how to interpret them.

Do you like stories? Do you know many stories about your family? When did your family (or your ancestors) come to Australia? Where did they come from? Are there some funny stories about your family? Any sad stories? Any hard-to-believe stories? At the meal-table, or some time when you are together as a family, ask Mum or Dad to share with you what they know about your family's story.

Draw a picture that represents your family's story on the first page of this book. On the second page, using the link, draw a picture of the day's Gospel reading. [Today's Reading Link](#) (If you can't use the link draw a bible story you remember) Write the Bible reference at the top of the page.



Road to Emmaus

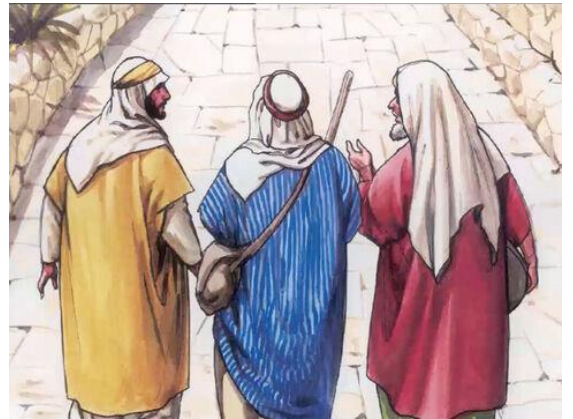
Luke 24:13-35 (NRSV – [Bible Gateway](#))

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.



To watch a clip of the bible story: [CLICK HERE](#)

When did the disciples finally recognize Jesus? _____

Which part of the story is the Liturgy of the Word, or story telling part? _____

When are we reminded of the Last Supper? _____

Who helps you understand the scriptures? _____

How can going to church help you experience God's love in times of trouble? _____



Liturgy of the Word

During the Liturgy of the Word we have the chance to **LISTEN** and **RESPOND**. When we listen to the readings at Mass, Jesus is present with us. God speaks to us through the Word.

In the **First Reading** we listen first to the messages of God's people, and the great story of God's love for us from the **Old Testament**.

The **Second Reading** is from the New Testament. It is about the disciples of Jesus and their messages for us.

At the end the reader says:

The Word of the Lord.

We answer: Thanks be to God

We respond to this reading by praying the

Responsorial Psalm together.



A reading from the **Gospel**, is then welcomed by standing and singing / saying **ALLELUIA!** (except during Lent)

We stand during this reading, to help us listen well to Jesus' words.

The priest says: A reading from the holy Gospel according to _____

We answer: **Glory to you, O Lord**

At the end of this reading, the priest says: The Gospel of the Lord.

We answer: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

As we pray 'Glory to you, O Lord' before the Gospel we make a cross + on our forehead -

May God be in my mind + (on our lips) - **May I speak of God with my lips +** (over our heart) - **May God be always in my heart.**

The reason for making a cross during this period of the Mass is to highlight the importance of the Word of God we are about to hear.

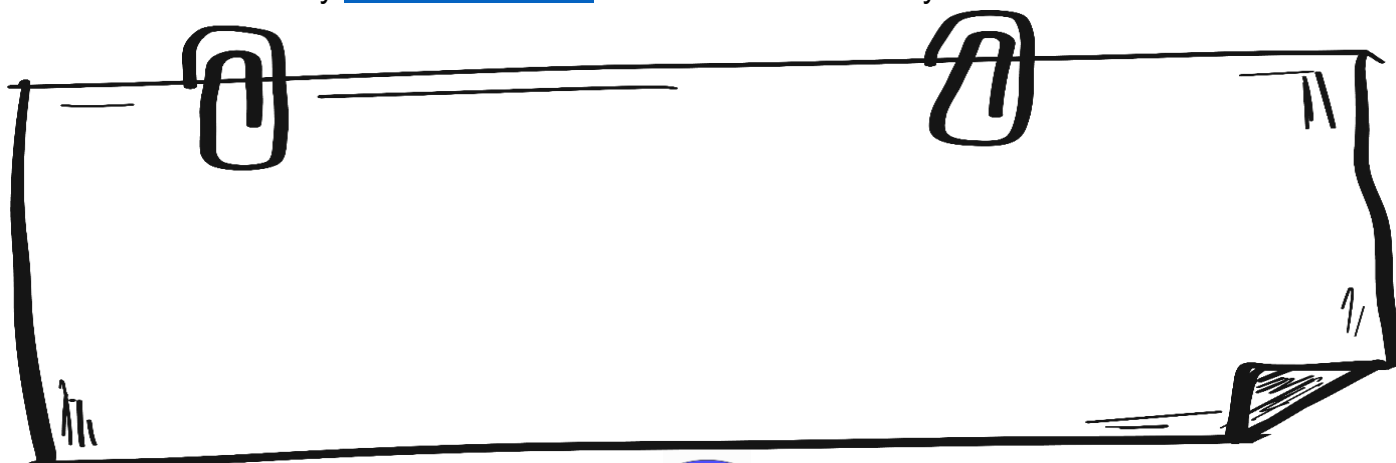
'For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart' Hebrews 4:12

So next time you're at Mass and the Gospel is about to be proclaimed, pray that 'The Word of God be ever in my mind, proclaimed by my lips, and enter my heart leading me to deeper communion with you, Jesus.'



We also listen to songs throughout the mass. Raise Up Your Voice is by local artist, Gen Bryant.

Take a listen by [CLICKING HERE](#) and write how it made you feel in the frame below



Prayer of the Faithful

After the Readings, we listen to the priest help us understand God's message to us. We call this the **homily**.

Next we remember we are all God's children, so we now pray for the needs of people all over the world in the Prayer of the Faithful.

** We pray for **Christian communities everywhere** and those who lead them.....

** We pray for **our own country**.....

** We pray for **people in special need**

** We pray for **ourselves** that we will grow in faith and love.....

** We pray for **those who have died**

Make up your own Prayer of the Faithful. Start with the groups named above. Include some people in need that you have heard about on the news. Include some people in the parish and people in your family. When you have written your prayers and are ready to pray them together, light a candle.

♥ God our Father we pray for _____

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