

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>  
May

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of  
Easter

# RE Home Learning



## Sunday Gospel (John 14:1-12)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.'

'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

## Reflection

Have a think about this question: Have you ever been lost? Perhaps you lost your mummy or daddy in a supermarket or whilst out shopping in town. You might not have immediately even known you were lost. It might have taken a little time to realise that you couldn't see your parents but when you did, how did you feel? If you haven't been lost, have a think about how it might feel. You might have felt scared and worried. You might have wanted to know the correct path—the way—to find your mummy or daddy and, when you did, you might have felt extremely happy, overjoyed and relieved to have found them.

Jesus said, "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me". Notice how Jesus does not want us to be "troubled." But how do we become content or not troubled? Well, we believe in God; believe in Jesus. Jesus is the true direction; he is the correct path to take; he offers us life. Jesus said, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'. Jesus told Thomas (a disciple) this to demonstrate that it is impossible to be 'found' unless you go through Jesus. The *only* way to get to God is through His son, Jesus. We become 'found' when we trust our lives to Him. If we trust in Jesus, then we can have eternal life.

Earlier we thought about how we felt when we found our mummy or daddy after being lost - extremely happy, overjoyed and relieved. But the truth is, they found you! Jesus had said, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him," (John 6:44). When we are lost, our parents *choose* to find us. Your parents love you and they care about you. They showed themselves to you. Likewise, God loves us. God loved us so much that he sent his Son down to earth. God chose to send Jesus to save and find us.

## Prayer

Dear God,

I receive you in to my life. I want to become a child of yours. I believe in your name. I believe in your Son. Make me a messenger of your word, guide my life and be with me along the way. I love you and want to serve you.

Amen.

# Reflection Tasks

## Nursery and Reception

Make your own traffic light. Red is STOP and listen to God. Amber is SLOW and make time for God. Green is GO and God's way every day.

Hang this up in your room and this will help you to make sure you take time each day to talk to God and help you find God in your life.



## Key Stage 1

Make your own Kite! Plan your design and then make a kite to remind you that following in Jesus' footsteps and making time for Him is our way to find God, our father. You could even attach a prayer to it like in one of the examples below or words to remind how you will find your way to God.



## Key Stage 2

Pick your favourite line of scripture from the Gospel reading above and then create an artistic image or reflection on it. This is sometimes known as Bible Journaling. It is a creative way to express and document what you are learning from reading scripture and how God is working in your life.

