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| *HYMN 1* | *HYMN 1* |
| **Welcome 1***Max* | Welcome to Class 5’s service called ‘Meeting The Risen Jesus’. The theme for our service is about people overcoming their doubt. Our service is based around stories in the Bible that occurred after Jesus had risen from the dead. |
| **Welcome 2***Myah* | We were inspired by passages from the Bible that refer to the appearances that Jesus made to his disciples after he had risen from the dead. We will be reflecting on 4 different stories, all of which detail the impact that meeting Jesus had on people’s relationship with him. |
| **Introduction of Story 1 – Jesus meeting Mary Magdalene***Duncan* | The first story is about the meeting that Mary Magdalene had with Jesus outside his burial tomb. Mary was upset because she believed that Jesus was dead. Here is a reading from the Book of John, chapter 20 verses 11 to 18, about this event. |
| **Introduction of Story 2 – Jesus meeting Mary Magdalene***Bea* | Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” |
| **Introduction of Story 3 – Jesus meeting Mary Magdalene***Rebecca* | “They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” |
| **Reading from Story 1 – part 2***Lee* | Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”Jesus said to her, “Mary.”She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”). |
| **Reading from Story 1 – part 3***Destiny* | Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”Mary Mag-da-lene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her. |
| **Reflections on Story 1– part 1***Alexus* | This passage from the Bible made us think about Jesus calling Mary by her first name. Because Jesus spoke Mary’s name to her, she knew that it really was Jesus she was speaking to, and this reminded her of her connection with Jesus. |
| **Reflections on Story 1 – part 2***George* | In the same way that Jesus knew Mary by her name, he knows us by our name. And just like this fact reminded Mary of her connection with Jesus, the fact that Jesus knows our name can strengthen our own connection with Jesus and remind us that he is always with us. |
| **Reflective Prayer on Story 1** *Priya* | Please bow your head as we pray and reflect on this story:Our Father,As Jesus called Mary by name outside the tomb, we know that you speak our names, for you love us all, no matter who we are, what we do, or where we live. We know that your ever-lasting love can hold us together for all eternity. You are our Rabboni, (our teacher) and our glorifying Lord. Forever we will remember your sacrifice.Amen |
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| **Introduction of Story 2 – Thomas’ doubts***Daniel* | Our second story is about Jesus appearing before Thomas and dispelling his doubts. Thomas doubted Jesus had really been resurrected and the sight of Jesus finally made him believe that he had risen again. Jesus blessed those that had not doubted his resurrection.Here is a reading from the Book of John, chapter 20 verses 24 to 29, about this event. |
| **Reading from Story 2 – part 1***Gabbie* | Thomas was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” |
| **Reading from Story 2 – part 2***Hawa* | A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” |
| **Reflections on Story 2***Francisco* | This passage from the Book of John made us think about how Jesus can help us to believe in him. Like Thomas, many people experience doubt about Jesus’ existence and like Thomas our own doubt can be dispelled by Jesus. |
| **Reflective prayer on Story 2***Jordan*  | Please bow your head as we pray and reflect on this story:Dear Lord our God,At this time, please heed these words. I am sorry for my doubts just as Thomas doubted. Please help us when have doubts and help us to overcome them, like your son did with Thomas, so that we too can believe.AmenPlease stand for our next hymn. |
| *HYMN 2* | *HYMN 2* |
| **Introduction of Story 3 – Jesus appearing to the fishermen***Thomas* | Please be seated.Our third story is about Jesus appearing to the disciples as they fished on The Sea of Galilee. Whilst the disciples where fishing out at sea, Jesus appeared on the shore and helped them to catch a miraculous haul of fish.Here is a reading from the Book of John, chapter 21 verses 4 to 22, about this event. |
| **Reading from Story 3 – part 1***Ned* | Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, 'Friends, haven't you any fish?''No,' they answered.He said, 'Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.'When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. |
| **Reading from Story 3 – part 2***Willyn* | The disciples' fishing net emerged from the water so full of fish because of the miraculous power at work that they couldn't haul the net into the boat. Once Jesus performed this miracle, the disciples recognized that the person who had been calling out to them was Jesus, and they headed toward the shore to join him.  |
| **Reading from Story 3 – part 3***Jeffrey* | Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. |
| **Reflections on Story 3 – part 1***Sienna* | This passage from the Book of John made us think about how Jesus had given the disciples the confidence to go into deeper water to try and catch some fish, and how Jesus gives us the confidence to do things that we are afraid to try. |
| **Reflections on Story 3 – part 2***Pedro* | And just like the disciples were rewarded with a greater catch of fish, our confidence in Jesus’ love and compassion rewards us with greater confidence to attempt things that we are afraid to try. |
| **Reflective prayer on Story 3***Nana Yaa* | Please bow your head as we pray and reflect on this story:Dear God,We thank you for sending the perfect role model down to this solemn planet which we walk upon. Your love is one perfect beam of adoration and passion. Your kingdom is better than any one place or thing. Your skills are never ending and you are the one true lord. Send us confidence as you sent confidence to the fishermen on the Sea of Galilee so long ago. We praise you and hope you grant us everlasting confidence.Amen |
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| **Introduction of Story 4 – Jesus and the two on the road to Emmaus***Theo* | Our fourth and final story is about the meeting that Jesus had with two disciples who were sad and confused as they travelled on the way to Emmaus.Here is a reading from the Book of Luke, chapter 24 verses 13 to 35, about this event. |
| **Reading from Story 4 – part 1***Ruby* | Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. |
| **Reading from Story 4 – part 2***Sophie* | He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”They stood still, their faces downcast. “About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him.” |
| **Reading from Story 4 – part 3***Ella Mae* | When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” |
| **Reflections on Story 4***Allicia* | This passage from the Book of Luke made us think about how Jesus reassured the two when they were sad and confused about his crucifixion. In the same way that Jesus reassured the two as they travelled on their journey to Emmaus, he travels with us on whatever journeys we travel in life and he is always with us even in times of sadness and confusion. |
| **Reflective prayer on all the stories***Maddie***The Lord’s Prayer***Curtis* | Please bow your head as we reflect on the final story of today’s serviceOur Heavenly Father,May we ask for the love of your son, Jesus Christ, to help us through the long times of difficulty and hardship, and to wipe away the sadness of everyday life, like you did for the two on the way to Emmaus.AmenAnd now please join us in saying the Lord’s Prayer...Our Father... |
| **Prayer for Zimbabwe and final hymn***Fuad**HYMN 3* | We will now remember our friends in Zimbabwe. Please join us in saying our prayer for Zimbabwe. God bless Zimbabwe …Please stand for our final hymn.*HYMN 3* |