

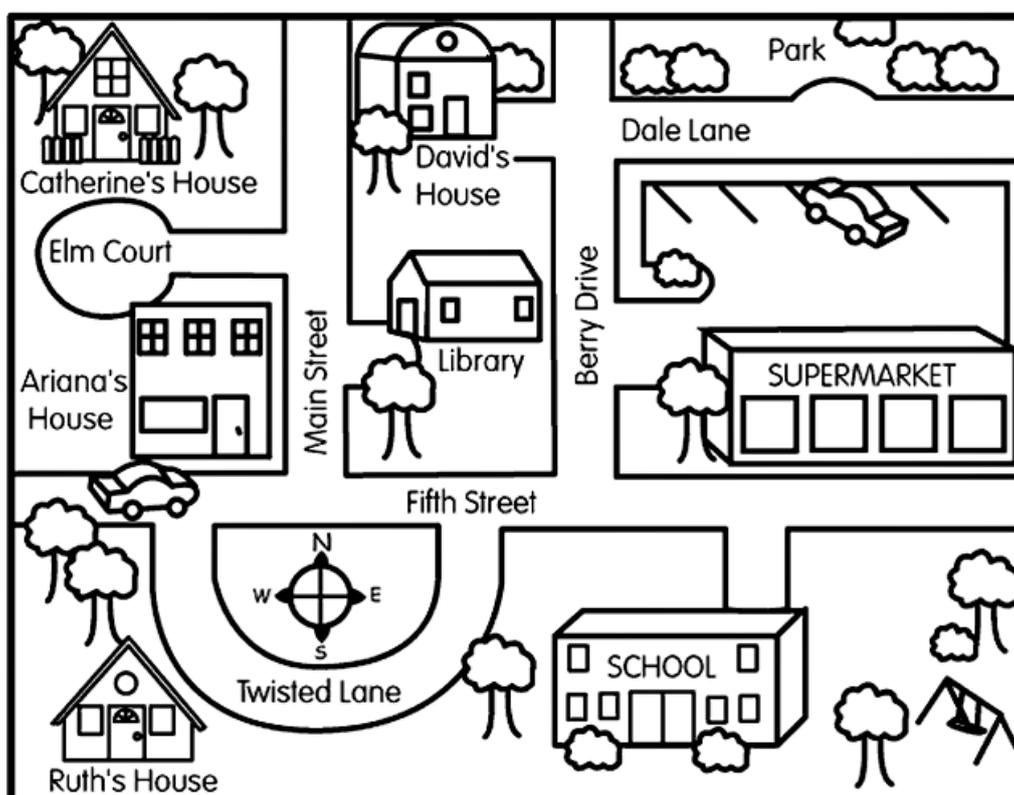
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES FOR EASTER 5

SUNDAY 10th MAY 2020

Getting Started

How good are you at map reading? Have a look at the map below and see if you can follow the directions to find out where you are.

1. Catherine leaves her house and walks east on Elm Court. She makes a right and heads south on Main Street. When she reaches Fifth Street she turns east. At Berry Drive Catherine walks north. She walks past the supermarket car park and makes a left turn onto Dale Lane. Where is Catherine?
2. Leave the park and head west along Dale Lane. At Berry Drive turn south until you come to Fifth Street. From here turn west before taking the first left. Whose house are you at?
3. Can you work out how David would get to the Library?



This week's story continues the theme we started last week, the 'I am' sayings of Jesus. In the story Jesus and his disciples have shared their last supper together on the night before he died. When Judas (the disciple who betrays Jesus) had left, Jesus gives the disciples some famous words of comfort and a new hope that he is the way to God for everyone. Let's read the story below.

The Story



Jesus said to his disciples, 'I will be going away soon, but don't worry, because I am going to prepare a place for you in my Father's house, which has many rooms. When the time is right, I will return and take you there, so that we can all be together.' Wanting to know where this place would be, Thomas asked, 'How will we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. I will show you the way to God the Father.' But Philip wanted Jesus to show them the Father. Jesus sighed. 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still don't recognise me?' Jesus continued, 'Believe in the Father and believe also in me, because I am in the Father and

the Father is in me. If you can't do that, then look at the things I have done and you will know what God the Father is like. If you believe in me, you will be able to do even greater things than I have done. All you have to do is to ask in my name and I will do it for you.'

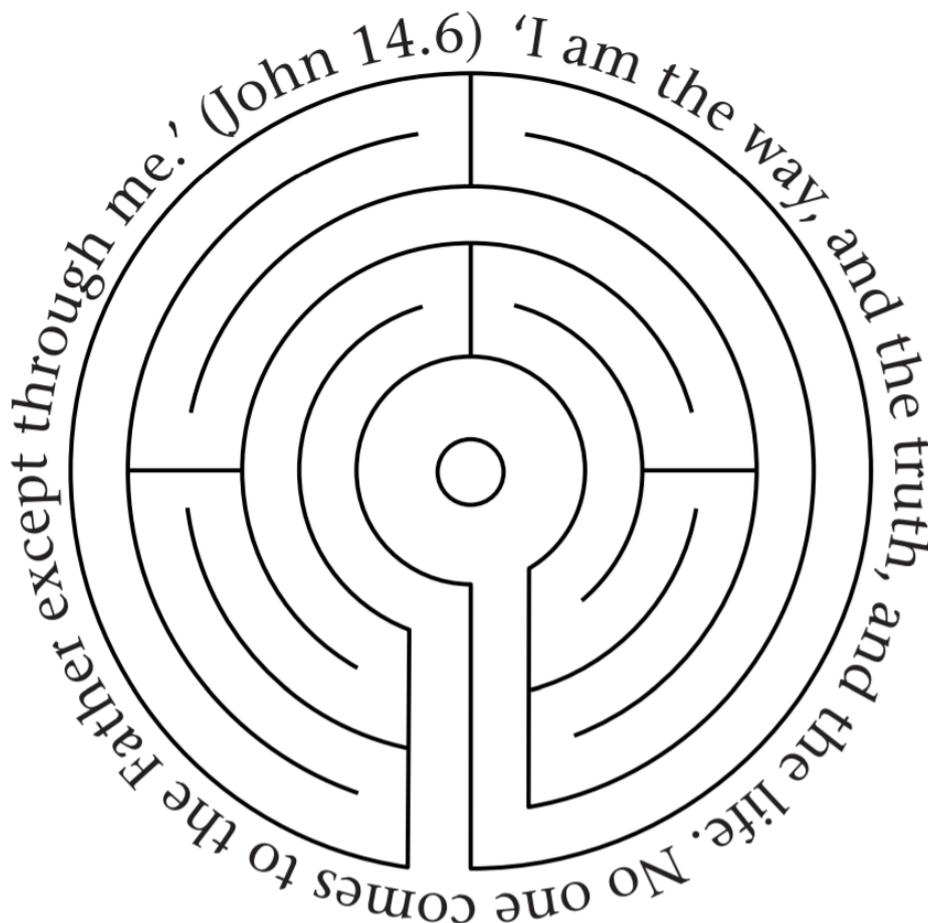
Thinking about it

In the story Jesus tells the disciples that there is room for everyone in God's house and that soon he would be returning to God to live there and prepare a place for them. The disciples didn't understand what Jesus is talking about. Thomas wonders how they are going to get to the place where Jesus is going, he was probably looking for the map! But Jesus tells them that HE is the way.

Jesus is like our map in life. When we wonder what to do or say we can look at what Jesus did and said. Should we be nice to people? Should we help people? Should we tell people about how much God loves them? We can find out more about what Jesus would have done by reading the Bible stories and saying our prayers. Jesus also says that if we don't understand something or get confused we should stop and ask someone for help, we need each other to help us to remember the way to love and follow Jesus.

Activity

Do you know what a labyrinth is? It's different to a maze, which has lots of paths and dead ends to confuse us and trap us into going the wrong way.



A labyrinth has one path that leads to the centre and back out again. There is one way in and one way out and you can't get lost.

Labyrinths are about the journey and not just getting to the middle, they can be calming and slow you down while you wind your way through the path.

Can you use your finger to find your way to the centre of this labyrinth, when you get to the middle, say a prayer thanking God for your family.

Use your finger to come back out. On the way back, stop and prayer for the world and all the people who are suffering at the moment.

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Song

Check out this song which reminds us that Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life',

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qKPaV8tO4ow&feature=youtu.be>

Prayer

Dear God, thank you that Jesus is the Way to You, the Truth about You and the Life we have because of Your love and forgiveness. Amen