

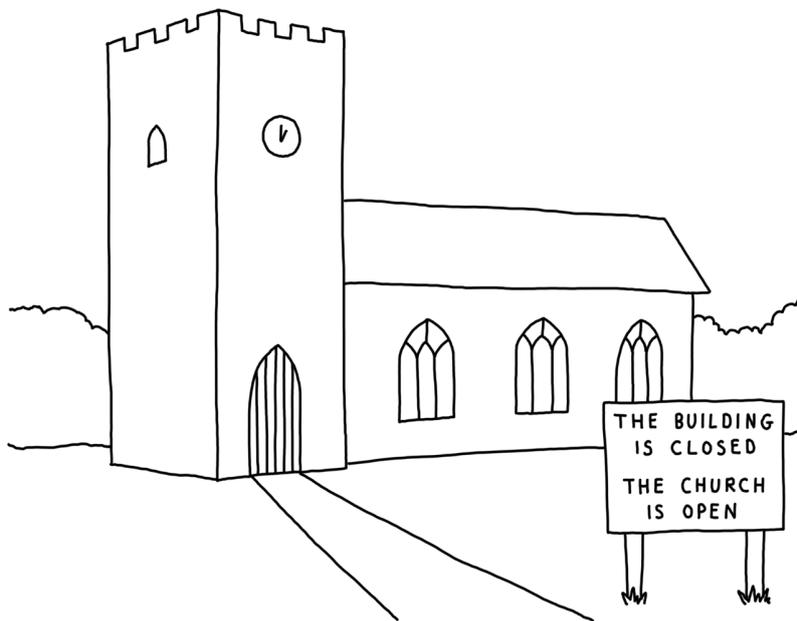


St Mary the Virgin, Davyhulme

Thank you for downloading our families' booklet and we really hope that this will be a useful resource to you over the coming weeks. Our church building might be closed but we are still very much open for worship and community, so while we are a dispersed congregation it would be good to keep in touch with you in as many ways as possible. Apologies there are so many words in this booklet – we will try to keep it brief in future!

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We hope to be able to produce a new booklet each week with some activities and resources for you to do at home and share with us – just as you usually do each week when you come into the church building. Most of all though, we hope you are all well and healthy and looking after each other in your homes.

'All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.'

Mother Julian of Norwich

Sunday, 29 March

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Today's Bible readings are: **Ezekiel 37. 1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8. 6-11**; and the **Gospel reading is John 11.1-45.**

You can read them from your own Bible at home, or you might find these links helpful. Because of the nature of some of the videos – it might be good to break up the readings and the activities on the following pages and do them gradually over the week.

The story of the dry bones (*Ezekiel 37*). This video has been especially recorded this week by St Alban's Diocese to help families worship at home during the Coronavirus lockdown. The story style is known as "Godly Play" and it is designed to be gentle and prayerful. There are questions to wonder over at the end of each Godly Play video.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tE3sk7GJIIdA&fbclid=IwAR3hn36KXz_NVpuIQkPZSsjrxiqTINDeDp7hmK5je0IKR7Hx1-53W6R11aw

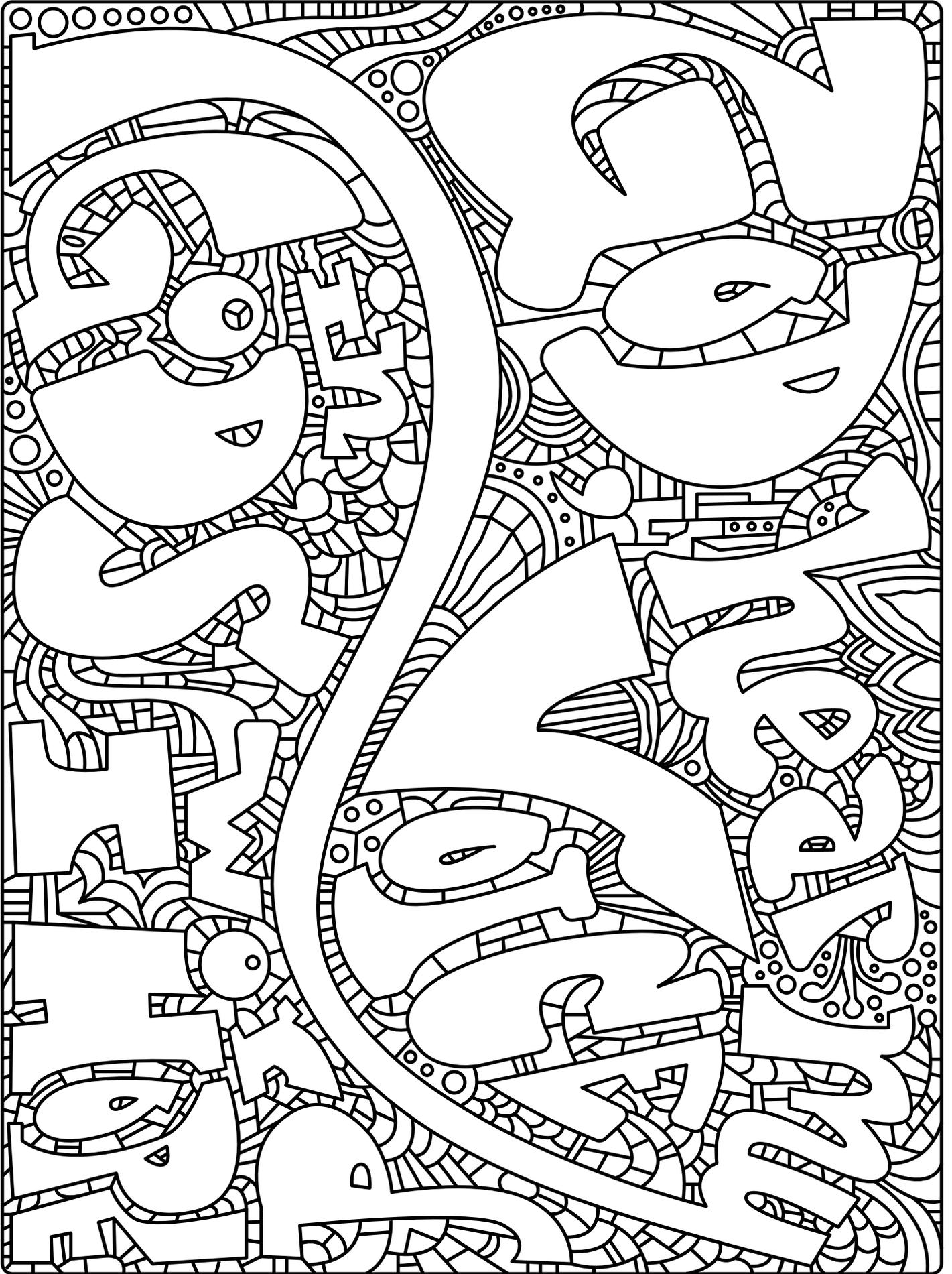
The Gospel reading for today is John 11. 1-45. In this reading Jesus raises his friend Lazarus from death. This is seen as a foretelling of His own resurrection from death on Easter Day.

Here is a link to a Godly Play video for today's gospel reading.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wz-ub3UlhYI&fbclid=IwAR0WbDfxU-RcpxPj9S-vWmGimg9x7IB2EuJr1yn24ND0BANDC3cqge6WxA8>

Alternatively, if you'd prefer a straight animated telling of the Gospel passage for today, have a look at this short story.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1FT04jjh3Q8&fbclid=IwAR0UFoZBYaaygEvzSpfVZbwVkhbt5XokEx9HR128Ah8sTzN-_ilHisaTR-o



FEELINGS ACTIVITY PAGE

Use this page to draw or write about what you're feeling. Whether you draw or write, both are ways to pray to God and share how you're feeling.

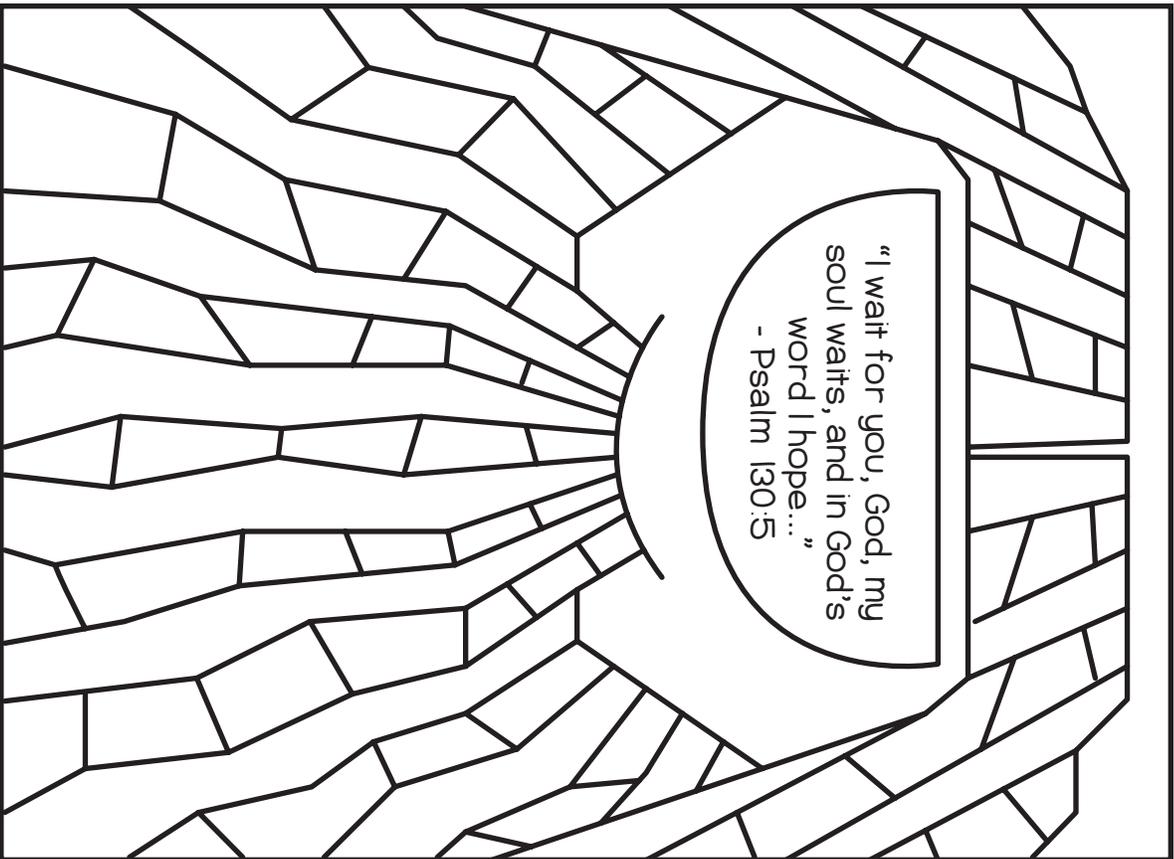


When we talk about compassion, we usually do so in terms of having compassion for someone other than ourselves. **But it is essential to have compassion for ourselves.** Especially now, when COVID-19 has entirely disrupted our daily life.

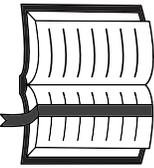
One act of compassion you can practice this week is naming your emotions. When we name our feelings, we become aware of how a situation is affecting us and how we can have compassion for ourselves and others. When we've caused hurt, we make the necessary repairs in our relationships.

Do an internet search for "feelings wheel" or "emotion wheel." Find one you like, and if you can, print it out and place it somewhere visible in your home.

Check in with yourself or your family/group a few times a day. Using the emotion wheel, ask, "what are you feeling right now," and identify the emotion on the wheel. Remember, there are no right or wrong feelings. It can also be an excellent time to remember no feeling is final.



"I wait for you, God, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope..."
- Psalm 130:5

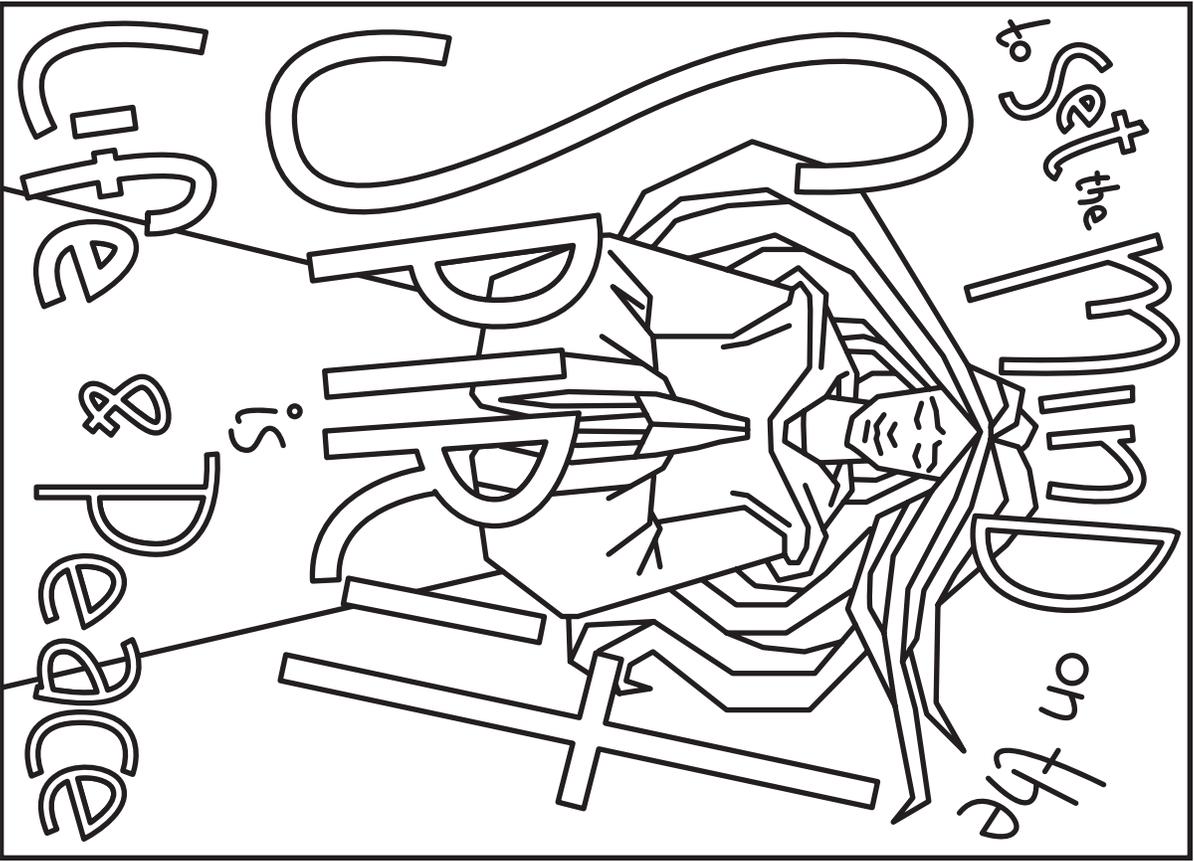


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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45.



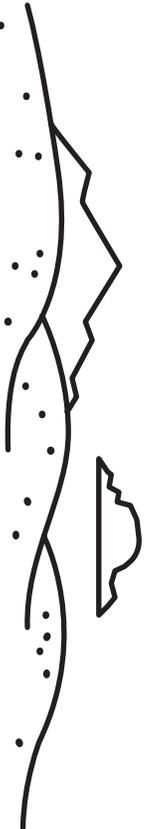
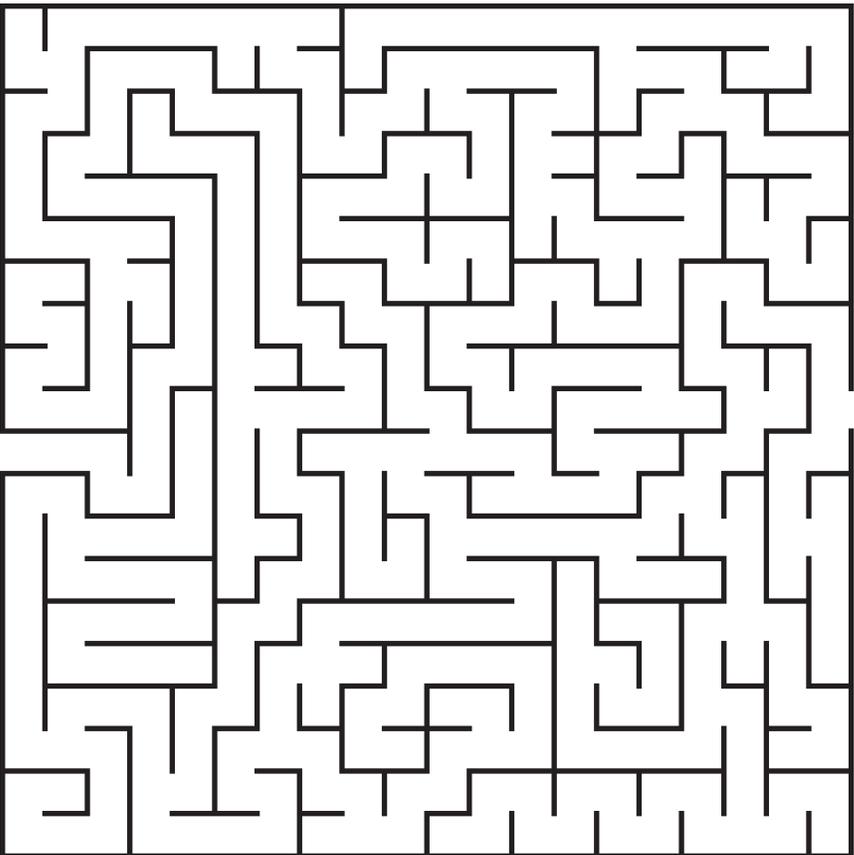
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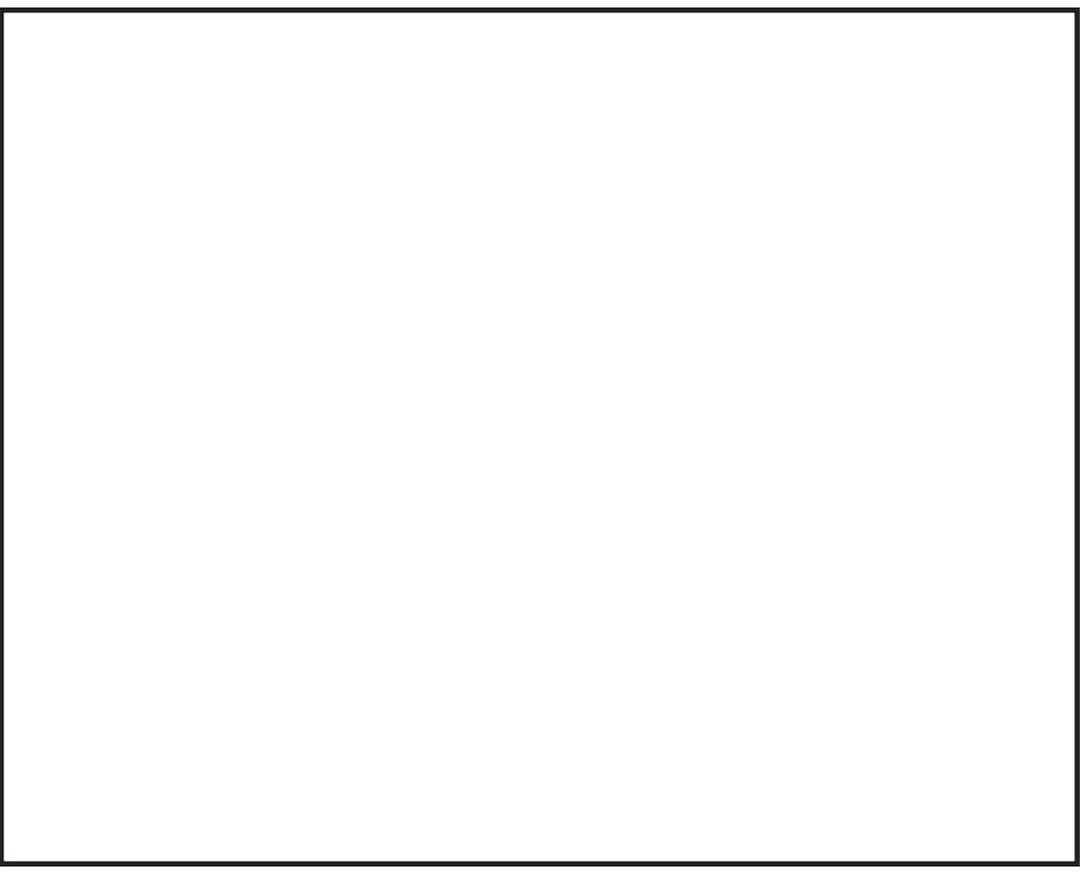
SOLVE (the) MAZE

The prophet Ezekiel was sent by God to prophesy in many places, including a valley of dry bones. Help Ezekiel find his way.



DRAW IT

John 11 shares the amazing story of Jesus bringing one of his friends, Lazarus, back to life. Lazarus had died and was in a tomb, and Jesus called him to come out of the tomb. Imagine you are watching this miracle happen. Draw what you see.



Some resources you might find useful

iSingPop

iSingPop visit schools teaching all about or loving God using some really catchy songs. They have a brand new YouTube channel and will be broadcasting something new every weekday: song and dance – let us know if you learn a favourite song or dance!

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd7DPjgn_5vaWlInFR05JSw

Rhema Theatre

Since 2001, Rhema Theatre Company have been performing in primary schools throughout the UK. They are offering their Easter production free with videos and activities.

<https://www.talesfromtherhemiraclebook.co.uk>

Diddy Disciples

Find resources for younger children on

<https://www.facebook.com/diddydisciples/>

Together at Home

Another Facebook ideas page sharing Christian activities to do at home with children.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/613930636117980/>

Games

Guardians of Ancora from The Scripture Union is an excellent free download game telling stories from Jesus' life.

<https://guardiansofancora.com/>