

# Jamie's Uncle Jim

Key Words: **Blind**

Key Verse: "Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight." *Luke 24:31*

Jamie had been named after his uncle Jim, and he was very proud of that. Jamie remembered him as someone tall with a very loud laugh. Jamie also remembered when they would find secret things like hidden birds' nests. Uncle Jim had gone away and Jamie never knew why, but he never stopped loving him.

One summer, Jamie vacationed with his friend, Mark, who loved bird watching. Jamie discovered a real love for birds. He learned how to spot birds on the seashore, in the pinewoods, and nesting in the trees. He could tell a bird simply by watching its flight or by listening to its song. He discovered the excitement of spotting rare birds. Jamie's interest in birds grew. He traveled all over the country, watching birds. He loved to meet new people and swap tales with them. One day, a new bird watcher appeared. He was older than Jamie, but he began to talk about birds. This stranger knew more than anyone Jamie had ever met. They spent the day together telling each other about birds they had seen. Jamie invited his new friend home for a meal, and he entertained the whole family with his passion for birds. Later, Jamie got up to go to bed. The stranger looked at him. "Don't you know me after all this time, Jamie?" he

asked. Jamie stared at him. Something tugged at his memory. "You're not — Uncle Jim?" A joyful laugh rang out. Despite the fact that he was older, Jamie ran to Uncle Jim and flung himself into his arms. "I knew there was something special about you," he exclaimed. "You're not quite how I remembered, but your laugh will never change! I never realized I got my love of birds from you. I loved you so much when I was tiny, and it's just the same now. Welcome home, Uncle Jim. I know you'll never leave again."

Jamie never did find out what had sent Uncle Jim away, but his Mom and Dad smiled much more now. Jamie knew that they'd never lose Uncle Jim again, for he had given himself to each of them and the love, knowledge, and laughter he had given was part of them forever.

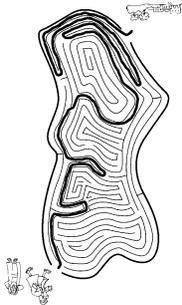
## Questions

**Why do you think Jamie's parents didn't tell Jamie that the "stranger" was his Uncle Jim?**

**Why did Jesus' friends not recognize him right away?**

# Gospel Grans

Today's Gospel Story  
is from  
**Luke 24:13-35**



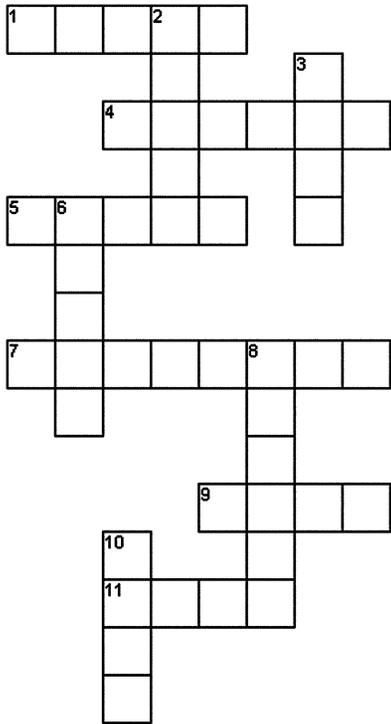
Maze

- Crossword Puzzle
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| 11. Eyes    | Across      |
| 9. Nazareth | Down        |
| 7. Prophets | 1. Bread    |
| 8. Emmaus   | 2. Alive    |
| 6. Heart    | 3. Body     |
| 5. Three    | 4. Vision   |
| 3. Prophets | 5. Three    |
| 2. Alive    | 6. Heart    |
| 1. Bread    | 7. Prophets |
|             | 8. Emmaus   |
|             | 9. Nazareth |
|             | 10. Deed    |
|             | 11. Eyes    |

## Answers

## Crossword Puzzle

Complete this crossword puzzle using the clues from today's Gospel story. Read the clues. Then fill in the squares below with the answers to the questions.



### Across

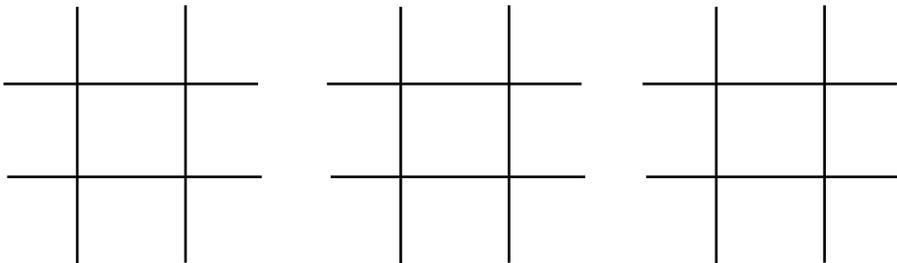
1. Jesus blessed and broke this
4. \_\_\_\_ of angels
5. How many days after the Crucifixion?
7. Believe what they declared
9. Jesus of \_\_\_\_
11. These were kept from recognizing Jesus

### Down

2. Jesus is \_\_\_\_
3. They did not find his \_\_\_\_ in the tomb
6. Slow of \_\_\_\_
8. Two of them were going here
10. Mighty in \_\_\_\_ and word

## Tic-Tac-Toe

Play with a friend.



## Maze

Today's Gospel story is about two disciples seeing Jesus after he was resurrected. Help guide the two disciples as they run back to town to tell the other followers that they've seen Jesus risen from the dead.

