Discussion/Key Questions

What do you think Jesus wants us to learn from his appearance to the two disciples? In what ways is Jesus present among us today?

What were some of the amazing things Jesus did? How does this help us deepen our faith in Jesus?

What was the important promise Jesus made to his disciples and us? How might this influence the way we live our lives? How could you be a young apostle today?

What do you know about the Holy Trinity? What is helpful about gathering for Mass today? What are the connections between the Early church and Catholics gathering for Mass today?

Sources:

The Religious Education Directory Vine and Branches

Key Vocabulary

Emmaus
Holy Spirit
Pentecost
concluding rite
St Paul
discipleship

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Big Ideas

In this branch, pupils will look at how Mass today mirrors Mass celebrated by the first disciples. The first historical account of Mass is in St Paul's letter to the Corinthians. They will also connect with the words of Jesus at the end of Matthew's gospel and the words that the priest or deacon says at the end of Mass.

Pupils will also begin to explore the mystery of the Holy Trinity in more depth. Works of art and symbolism can support developing this sense of awe and wonder, and pupils will find symbols of the Trinity in many churches, for example, in stained glass, as well as signs and symbols of Father, Son, and Spirit.

Knowledge Lens Content

Hear

By the end of this unit of study, pupils will hear the following key texts:

- Road to Emmaus (Lk 24:13-35)
- The mission to the world (Matt 28:16-20)
- The group of apostles (Mary) (Acts 1:12-14)
- Early Church (Acts 2:42-47)
- Paul's Letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor 11:23-27)

Believe

By the end of this unit of study, students will know that the Church teaches that:

- The disciples recognised Jesus when he breaks the bread. At Mass, what we eat looks like bread, but it is Jesus who comes, the living God. The bread is the Body of Christ.
- There is only one God, who is three Persons. God is a community within himself: an eternal exchange of love between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We call this mystery the Trinity.
- Through Mary, the Holy Spirit guided the first disciples. She continues to guide our prayers.
- Mass was celebrated in the early Church.

Knowledge Lens Content

Celebrate

By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know:

- That the sign of the cross is the shortest summary of the Christian faith.
- That some prayers that reference the Trinity and the work of the Holy Spirit.
- That the celebration of Mass ends by reminding Christians of Jesus' instruction to make disciples of all nations

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By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know:

- That being a Christian means to share the gospel.
- That Christians today continue to follow the example of the apostles and early Church when they gather to say Mass.
- How the Emmaus story is represented in art (e.g., Caravaggio's Supper at Emmaus; Maximino Cerezo Barredo, Emmaus Triptych 2014; He Qi, The Road to Emmaus, Supper at Emmaus).
- That the mystery of the Trinity is represented symbolically, e.g., Trinity knot.