

(Supper and After)**Chat with the Children**

- Riddles - what are they, work through the examples on the slides:
 - A person was born in 1940. Today is his 18th birthday. How is that possible? [Room 1940 in the hospital!](#)
 - You are running in a 400 metre race and you overtake the last person, what place are you now in? [Impossible](#)
 - You wear me every day but you never put me on. I will change colour if you leave me out too long. What am I? [Skin](#)
 - I can be dropped from the tallest of buildings and survive, but drop me from the smallest ship and I won't. What am I? [Piece of paper](#)
 - What has roots as nobody sees, is taller than trees. Up, up it goes, and yet never grows? [Mountain](#)
 - A box without hinges, key or lid, yet golden treasure inside is hid. [Egg](#)
- Riddles - hidden ways of speaking, often for fun, but sometimes to make people think and not just jump straight to the right answer
- Sometimes Jesus spoke in ways that didn't seem clear to those who listened at first
 - but as we listen carefully, and as God shows us himself, he becomes clear
- *God wants us to know him and understand him - will we listen carefully today?*

Introduction

- Exams - grief - joy?
- Labour - baby - grief - joy...

Jesus and the Cross

- Disciples - about to enter a tunnel of grief, already feeling the lapping waves of the coming trouble...
 - Jesus promise is that joy will follow
 - resurrection
 - relationship with the Father enacted through Jesus' death and resurrection
 - freedom to ask in his name

Pointer to wider pattern

- *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."* (v.33)
- Joy following grief is not just limited to the direct experience of the disciples facing Jesus' death and subsequent resurrection
 - its all our experience....
 - our lives will be marked not just by the general human experience of trouble and suffering, an experience common to non-Christians as well as Christians
 - but also by opposition, by trouble that comes because we seek to live for Jesus - in this world [you](#) will have trouble...
 - but the joy is greater than the trouble...
 - relationship with God through Jesus, prayers answered, knowledge of his love for us...

Conclusion

- Invitation to live in relationship, asking - even "big" asks! (v.24)

