What's Happening in Sunday School?

There are two important themes in today's readings. The first pertains to the importance of the Christian community in fellowship – the developing of the Body of Christ. The second pertains to Jesus being known in the breaking of the bread. These themes are intertwined as two ways of seeing the Body of Christ – as the Church and as the sacrament. The readings each speak about the community of believers. They emphasize the importance of being called to and maintaining that fellowship that makes us the Body of Christ. Examples are given of good fellowship, like giving everything for the benefit of the community, meeting frequently, and breaking bread together. Breaking bread together is the defining feature of the community. The Body of Christ (the Church) is centered on the Body of Christ (the sacrament). In the Gospel, the "Walk to Emmaus" story is told. Here there are a few of Christ's disciples walking along a road. They run into Jesus, but don't recognize him. It isn't until he gives thanks and breaks the bread that they finally see who he is. This passage doesn't just illustrate Jesus' actions in this Eucharistic vignette, but helps us to understand that we are truly to recognize or perceive him in the breaking of the bread. This is a beautiful reminder of how we are to think of the Eucharist as the true body and blood of Christ. We, too, are called to recognize him in the breaking of the bread.

Digging Deeper

- One of the disciples on the road is named. What is his name?
- Where were they headed?
- What caused the disciples to recognize Jesus?

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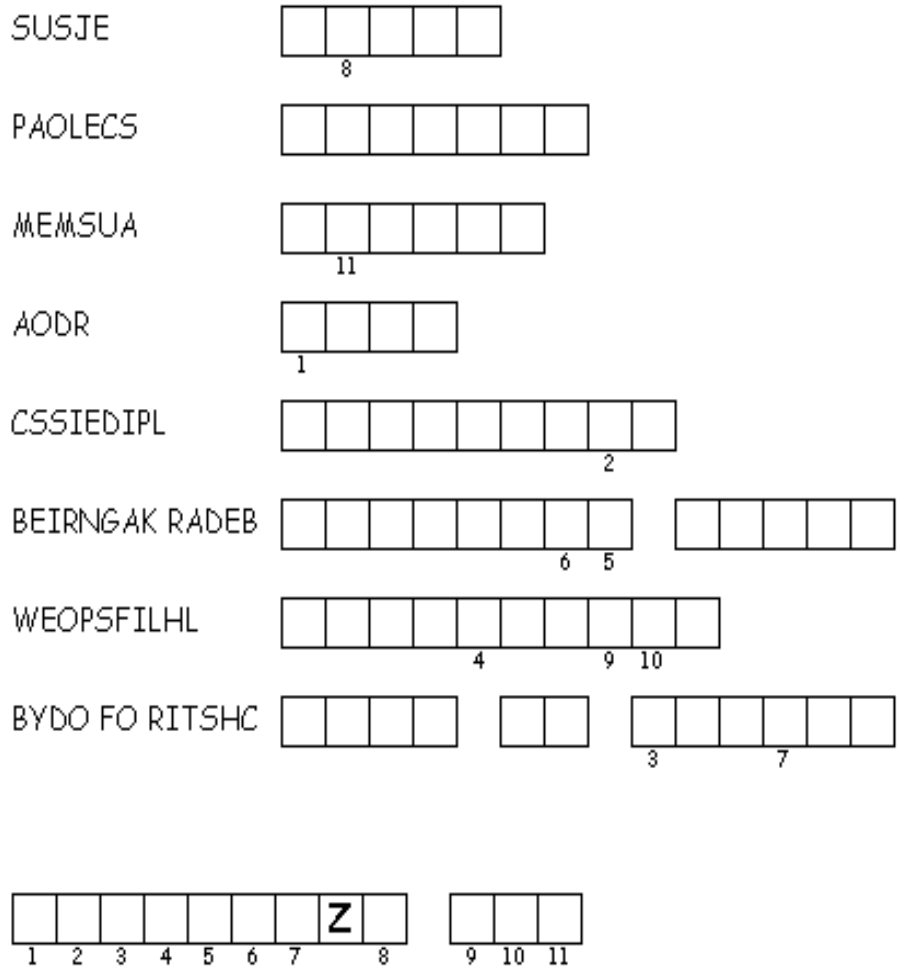

Unscramble each of the clue words.
Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number.

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