

Scripture Lesson: Luke 24:13-35

Take turns reading the scripture lesson out loud as a family.

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.

¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Question Time!

Discuss the following questions when you are done with the activities.

- Why didn't the two men recognize Jesus?
- What were they talking about?
- When did they finally recognize Jesus?
- What was he doing that helped them to see him?
- How do you think they felt to see a friend they thought they would never see again?

Reflection Time:

(Read out loud) This is a pretty silly story, isn't it? How can Jesus' friends not recognize him when he is right in front of his face. If there was a friend you hadn't seen for a few days that you saw while at the grocery store, I'm certain you would have recognized them, even if you didn't see them at first.

But it's important for us to think about when was the moment Jesus was recognized by his friends – they recognized him in the blessing and serving of the bread. That is one way we can see God today, and how we can help other's see God. When we do something that blesses and serves one another, it helps us to see Jesus is with us. When we are blessed and helped by another, it helps us to see Jesus too.

So, let's help the world see Jesus, by blessing and helping one another.

ACTIVITY!

There is a word find attached to the end of this lesson.

Prayer:

Please pray this in unison or as a repeat-after-me prayer.

Loving God, thank you for being with us, beside us, and all around us. Thank you for guiding us and for helping us. Thank you for loving us always. In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN.

Name: _____

Luke 24: Road to Emmaus

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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

AMAZED
BLESSED
BROKE
EYES
HEART

JESUS
PROPHETS
RISEN
SAW
SERVED

SIGHT
WALK
WARM