

When finished with activities, return all necessary items to bag and place in the hallway for pick-up.

Program B-2

Road to Emmaus

Luke 24:13-35

Easter Series: Lesson #4

Bible Verse: The Lord has risen. Luke 24:34

Past Verses: Jesus is alive. Matt. 28:7
The children shouted "Hosanna!" Matt. 21:15
Jesus blessed the children. Mark 10:16

Bible Story for children:

Prop ideas: Disguise yourself (veil or mask)
Disguise a doll or toy
Dim the room lights (rooms w/o windows turn on bathroom and sink light, or bring a small lamp)

SAMPLE STORY

It was the end of the day and was getting dark. Two of Jesus' friends were on their way to a small town named Emmaus. They were very sad because Jesus had died. As they were walking a man began to walk with them. He asked what they were talking about.

"We were talking about Jesus," they answered. "Haven't you heard about what has happened in Jerusalem? Jesus died three days ago. Some women are saying he is not dead, but that he is alive! We don't understand what is going on."

The man walked quietly beside the two friends. He listened to everything they told him. Then he told them some wonderful things. "Long ago God promised to send a Savior into the world. God said that that Savior would die and that he would live again."

When they reached the town of Emmaus, the man wanted to keep going further down the road. The friends urged him to stay with them. "The day is over. It is dark. Please stay with us." So the man did.

They all went to the table to eat bread. The man took the bread, gave thanks to God, broke the bread and gave it to them. Immediately their eyes were opened and they recognized the man. IT WAS JESUS! But

then, Jesus was gone. The two friends were so amazed. They had seen Jesus alive.

The men were so excited; they ran all the way back to Jerusalem to tell the others. "It's true!" they said. "Jesus IS alive. *The Lord has risen.* * We walked with him. He told us wonderful things!" The two friends told everyone what Jesus had said. Everyone was happy that Jesus is alive.

* Bible verse: Luke 24:34

FYI

First Session Classes will be:

Coloring "Two Friends See Jesus" Page

Having a Snack: Bread & Butter

Who Is My Friend Game?

DINNER COLORING PAGE

Materials: Coloring page
 Paper plates
 Bible verse stickers
 Crayons (In room)
 Scissors (In room)
 Glue sticks (In room)

Do: Give each child a coloring page.
 Spread the crayons out for everyone to use.
 After coloring the page, help cut out the food.
 Let children glue to a paper plate.
 Add Bible verse stickers.

Talk about: Jesus' friends wanted him to stay the night with them and to have supper with them. We know they had bread, but they may have had other food as well. What do you like to have for supper?

TEACHER EXTRA: NON-EDIBLE PLAY CLAY

Make recipe ahead of time.

Help them mold clay into food shapes and glue onto their paper plates. Cover with foil. Include a copy of the recipe for parents to make at home with their children.

Combine: 2 1/2 cups of flour
1/2 cup salt
1 3/4 cups of boiling water
2 teaspoons of vegetable oil
Turn out onto a flat surface and knead.
Store in an airtight container.

JERUSALEM TO EMMAUS MUSICAL CHAIRS

Materials: Chairs (1 less than the number of children playing)
Music CD (In room)

Do:

- Make one line of chairs from one side of the room to the other.
- Alternate the way the chairs face. Space them far apart if you have few children so that there is a long way from 'Jerusalem' to 'Emmaus'.
- Have the children walk slowly on one side of the chairs (Jerusalem to Emmaus)
- Have them go quickly on the other side (Emmaus back to Jerusalem)
- Tell them to keep moving as the music plays.
- Find a chair when the music stops.
- Let the one without a chair be the music stopper
- Remove one chair this round only! (Unless you join the game)
- The next child without a chair becomes the music stopper and the previous music stopper rejoins the game.

Talk about: The two friends **walked** from Jerusalem to Emmaus. It was about seven miles from Jerusalem to Emmaus. The Bible tells us that the two friends **RAN** all the way back to Jerusalem...that's a long run. They were excited to tell everyone that they had seen Jesus.

BLOCKS AND CARS

Materials: Blocks (In room)
Masking Tape (In room)
Cars

Do: Have the children build a large city for Jerusalem.
Have the children build a smaller village for Emmaus on the other side of the room.

Use masking tape to make a road from one to the other. Make it winding and even add rocks and boulders along the way. Let the children 'drive' cars between the two.

Talk about: Today we travel with cars, planes and trains. In our Bible story today, how did the people travel? (Walking, running) How else did people travel back then? (Row boats, sail boats, horse, camel, etc.)

TEACHER EXTRA:

Add lakes, ponds and streams with construction paper. Make trees and bushes with green construction paper. Tape to blocks to stand up along the road. Let the children help make these extras. There is construction paper in the resource room. Ask your coordinator for help finding it if you need to.