

3rd Sunday of Easter – 4/26/20

Easter isn't over...it has just begun! We continue to celebrate Christ's resurrection with this lesson, as we see His unexpected encounter with disciples on the road to Emmaus. Sometimes things in our lives don't make sense to us. Even if we know God is at work, we have a difficult time understanding what He might be doing. In this lesson, we recognize that God's big plans will come through, no matter what we can recognize immediately. Jesus revealed who He was to the disciples, when they were ready and able to comprehend. So we, too, can see His love at work in our lives, if we ask Him to help us. Blessings are all around even in the midst of difficult times.

Luke 24:13-35

Prayer



Two friends were walking home along the road to Emmaus feeling sad. While they had been in Jerusalem Jesus had died on the cross.



The men and their friends had thought that Jesus was God's promised Son. Now some of Jesus' friends had said that Jesus had risen from the dead!



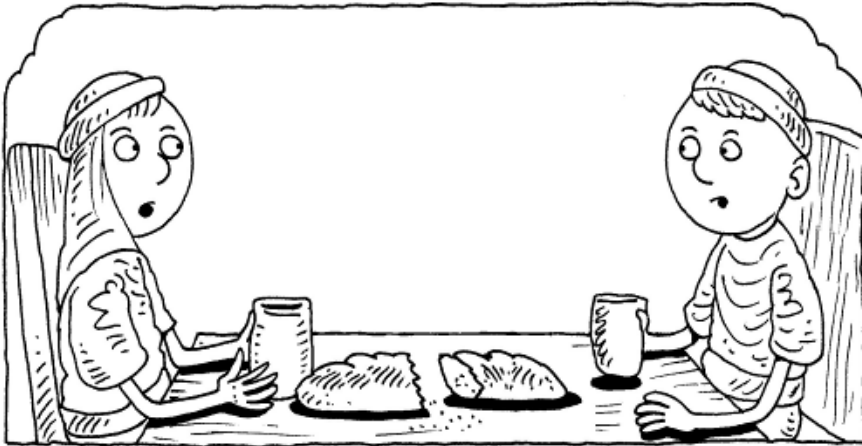
While they were talking, a stranger began to walk with them. "Why are you so sad?" he asked. "All these things are written in the Bible."



The stranger told them how everything that had happened to Jesus was part of God's plan. His words gave them hope.



When they got to their house they invited the stranger in for a meal. He took the bread, broke it and thanked God that Jesus had died for them.



Then the stranger disappeared! Jesus had broken the bread, thanking God like that! And they knew they had seen Jesus! He **was** alive!



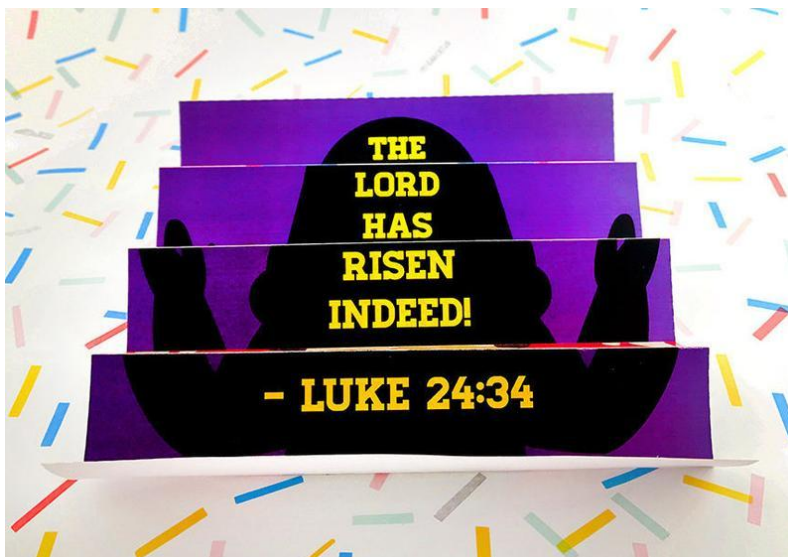
They ran straight back to Jerusalem to tell all Jesus' friends they had seen Jesus, and everything he had told them that was written about Him in the Bible.

Prayer

Jesus, we thank you that you are always walking beside us, even though we cannot see you, encouraging us and sharing your love and peace with us.

Activities

Here is a picture of the Emmaus activity once it's completed. The following page has the template. Just cut it and fold according to the directions.





COLOR
the craft in.
We suggest
using colored
pencils if you
got 'em!



CUT
along the
dotted lines to
cut the optical
illusion out!



FOLD X3
the page in
half, then fold it
in half again..
then fold it in
half one more
time!

You're basically
folding the
page like a fan
along all the
rectangle
shapes.

Then lay the
page flat! If you
look at it from
one side at the
right height and
angle you will
see Jesus. On
the other side
you will read a
piece of
scripture!

