

Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35)

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Supplies

Basic Supplies: CEB Deep Blue Kids Bible | Deep Blue Bible Storybook | Deep Blue Adventure Video | Pencils | Crayons | Markers | Scissors | Glue | Paper

Supplies for Extra At-Home Activity: None

Before You Teach

Everybody was talking about Jesus. Some believed he had risen from the dead. Others thought the disciples had stolen his body and buried him in another grave. But Jesus was alive, and he showed himself to the disciples and many other people.

On the same Sunday the women discovered the empty tomb, two disciples were walking on the road to Emmaus. A man joined them and told them all about Jesus. That man was Jesus, but they didn't recognize him until he broke bread with them at their table. Immediately he disappeared.

Emmaus Stained Glass (Craft)

Before class: Print a copy of the Emmaus Stained Glass picture for each person.

- Give everyone a copy of "Emmaus Stained Glass."
- Color the picture with markers to look like stained glass.
- Dip a cotton ball into oil and rub the oil on the back of the picture.

TIP: *You could use watercolor paints instead of markers.*

Read the Bible Story

- Look up and read Luke 24:13-35 from your Bibles, or read the story from the *Deep Blue Bible Storybook* (pp. 392–394).

ASK: What happened when the two disciples recognized Jesus? (*Jesus disappeared.*) What did the disciples do then? (*They hurried back to Jerusalem to tell the other disciples that they had seen Jesus.*)

See the Bible Story

SAY: After the Easter service at church, the kids are walking with Coach Jess and telling her the story of Jesus' resurrection.

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- Watch today's episode here:
<https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify/video/unitedmethodistpublishinghouse/33162-deep-blue-connects-adventure-spring-2020/33300-lessons/112469-emmaus>.

ASK: Who can you tell the story of Jesus' resurrection to today?

Sacred Conversations

ASK: Why do you think the two disciples didn't recognize Jesus when he joined them on the path? Why do you think they recognized Jesus when he broke the bread?

Blessing

SAY: Before we end today, we are going to share a blessing with each other. Blessings show how special you are to God.

- Go around the room and say the blessing to each child.

SAY: (Person's name), God loves you. God remembers you. God will always be with you.

PRAY: Dear God, we praise you for giving us Jesus. Help us celebrate him every day of our lives; in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

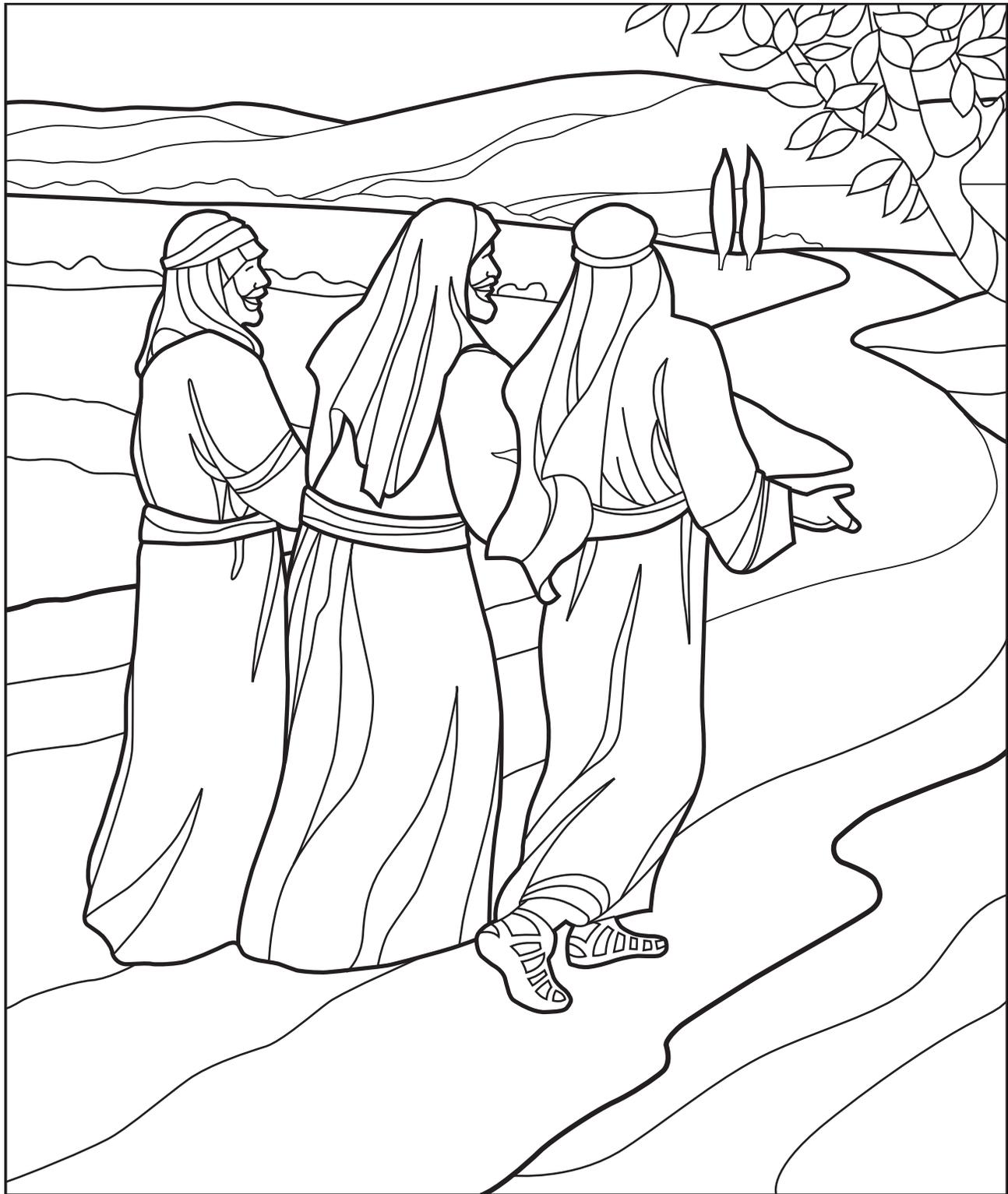
Hear and Tell (Extra At-Home Activity)

SAY: I will whisper a sentence about Jesus to one of you. Then you will whisper what you heard to the person on your right and continue until the sentence reaches the first person again.

ASK: Do you think it will be the same sentence after it has been whispered to everyone in the group?

- Choose a child to start with and whisper a sentence in her or his ear. Then allow the group to pass that sentence around. Each time you start a new sentence, choose a different child to whisper it to. The following are some sentences you can use:
 - God and all the people recognized Jesus as a prophet.
 - The people hoped Jesus would deliver Israel from the Roman rulers.
 - But the people crucified Jesus.
 - Some women went to the tomb and didn't find Jesus' body.
 - The angels told the women that Jesus is alive.

SAY: Jesus told the disciples what was going to happen to him. They heard the words, but they didn't understand what Jesus was saying. The disciples saw Jesus die, but they still didn't understand what Jesus had said to them about his death.



The Road to Emmaus

Luke 24:13-35

On Sunday, Cleopas and his friend were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They were talking about what had happened in Jerusalem. As they walked, a stranger began walking with them. "What are you talking about?" asked the stranger.

Cleopas said sadly, "We were talking about Jesus. Jesus was a man of God. He was killed three days ago."

Cleopas continued, "This morning the women went to Jesus' tomb, but Jesus was not there. Angels told them that Jesus is alive!"



“Peter went to the tomb, and he did not find Jesus either.”

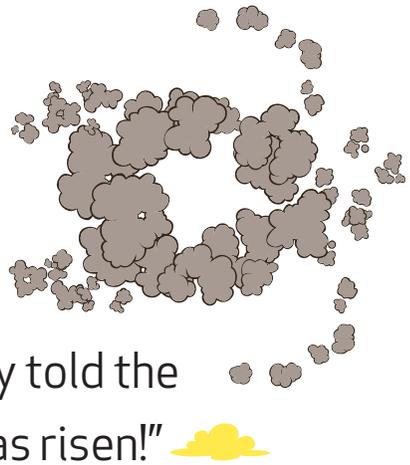
The stranger asked, “Why can’t you believe what the prophets said?” The stranger began explaining all of the things that were written by the prophets.



When they got to Emmaus, Cleopas and his friend invited the stranger to stay and eat with them.

When dinner was ready, they all sat down to eat. The stranger took the bread, broke it, and blessed it. Then he gave each person some bread. When the stranger did this, Cleopas and his friend recognized him. It was Jesus!

As soon as they recognized Jesus, he disappeared. The friends got up quickly and returned to Jerusalem to find the other disciples. They told the disciples, "The Lord really has risen!"



Why do you think Cleopas and his friend didn't recognize Jesus?

