

The Road to Emmaus Response Activities - Luke 24:13-35

I wonder how the two people were feeling as they traveled the road to Emmaus?
I wonder why they didn't recognize Jesus?
I wonder what they thought when their eyes were opened when Jesus broke the bread?
I wonder what they thought when Jesus disappeared again?
I wonder how seeing Jesus changed them?

Preschool Response Activities

Let's Go to Emmaus!

Guide your children in a walk down the imaginary "road to Emmaus." Add drama by pointing out the long the road is, how sore your feet are, the hot weather, the rocks on the road, the friends you may see along the way, the birds in the air, the fresh breeze, the rain- use your imagination.

Imagine you are the two disciples and talk about all that had happened to Jesus while he was alive. Share your feelings of sadness that he is gone. Pretend that Jesus joins you (or have someone play the role of Jesus.) Remind everyone that they're not supposed to recognize Jesus. What will you tell Jesus?

End your walk by gathering under a table, which will be the friend's home. Invite Jesus to come into the house to eat.

Let Jesus give thanks for some bread or crackers and eat them together. At that moment, exclaim your surprise that it is Jesus! As you share the snack talk about how the disciples might have felt. Why do you think Jesus wanted to spend time with them? Pray and thank God that Jesus rose and appeared to his friends.

It Is True!

Make a card or picture to encourage someone this week. Write the words the men told their friends, "It is true! The Lord is risen!" (Luke 24:34) on a piece of paper. Draw a picture of the resurrection or decorate the words. Mail it to a family member or friend to remind them that Jesus is risen!

Elementary Response Activities

Walking on the Road Together

Take a walk in your neighborhood and as you pass by a house, say a word or phrase that will bless your neighbors.

For example, you could say:

“Peace be in this house.”

What are some of your favorite words of blessing to say?

It is True!

Jesus is risen!

This wonderful news reminds us of God’s amazing love for the world. We want to be people who love and serve others in the name of Jesus. One way for us to serve others is to offer encouragement to the people who are working hard to keep our city healthy and safe.

Write a note of encouragement to someone thanking them for their service. Here are some ideas:

Becky Almanza and the Highland Food Pantry team
First Responders at the Abilene Police Department and Abilene Fire Department
The staff at Hendrick Medical Center and Abilene Regional Medical Center
Employees who work in our local grocery stores

Who else is on your list of people to thank?