

MD KIDS CURRICULUM: LUKE

Week 26: Seeing Jesus (from Luke 24:27-40)

To the Teacher:

This story seems pretty straightforward at first and may be easy for the kids to follow, but it might become difficult for them to understand the message that it is conveying. This week, pray that God will open the minds of the children, as He did for the disciples, and help them to understand the truth of His Word.

- **Big Idea:** Jesus' death and resurrection only make sense because of Scripture and Scripture only makes sense because of Jesus.
- **Question:** Have you ever had to solve a problem that seemed really difficult but once you knew the answer it seemed so obvious and simple?
- **Starter:** *For this activity you will need binoculars and several copies of a printed verse.*

Print out several small copies of Luke 24:45, "*Then [Jesus] opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.*" Tape them on the walls of the classroom. Allow students (2-3 volunteers, or more if you have multiple binoculars) to take turns with a pair of binoculars locating Jesus' name in the verse. Explain how the story today is about Jesus helping His followers to see how the whole Story talks about Him.

- **Story:** from Luke 24:27-40

[READ]

It was the day that Jesus had risen from the grave, but very few people had seen Him alive. Two of His followers were leaving Jerusalem, walking to a town called Emmaus. They were talking about how Jesus had been crucified when Jesus Himself came up beside them, but they weren't able to recognize Him.

He asked them what they were talking about. They both looked sad and asked Jesus if He was the only person in Jerusalem that had not heard what happened. Jesus asked what they were talking about. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a very powerful prophet, but the chief priests and rulers gave Him to the Romans to be crucified. We had hoped that He was going to be our Savior. This is the third day since that happened."

Then they told Jesus, “On top of that, some of the women who are a part of our group told us something surprising today. They went to His tomb but His body was gone and they said they saw a vision of angels who said that Jesus is alive! Some of the other people in our group went to the tomb and found it just like the women had said, Jesus was gone!”

Jesus said to them, “You guys are so foolish and must not believe what the prophets said. Don’t you know that the Savior had to suffer those things in order to do His work?” Then Jesus started telling them about the whole Jewish Bible, from beginning to end, explaining to them everything that it said about Him.

When they arrived at Emmaus Jesus pretended that He was going to keep walking but the two men begged Him to stay with them that night since it was almost dark. Jesus agreed, then they went into the house and sat at the table to eat. Then Jesus took the bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them. As soon as He did that both of the men were able to recognize Jesus and then He disappeared!

They turned to each other and exclaimed, “This is why we were so excited when He was talking to us on the road and explaining the Scriptures to us!” Then they jumped up and ran back to Jerusalem as fast as they could. When the two men found Jesus’ disciples, they were discussing how Simon had seen Jesus alive. The two men told the disciples what they had seen. As they were talking, Jesus appeared in the middle of the group and said, “Peace be with you.”

They were all scared, they thought Jesus was a ghost. Jesus asked why they were scared. He told them to look at His wounds from being crucified and to touch Him. He said, “A ghost doesn’t have skin and bones like you see that I have.” They were so happy and excited they couldn’t believe it was true! Jesus asked them for food, and when they gave Him a fish He sat and ate it in front of them. Jesus said to them, “This is what I told you had to happen while I was still with you, all of the things that were written about me in Scripture had to come true.” Then He opened up their minds so that they could understand the Scriptures.”

[Reflection Questions]

- What city were Jesus’ followers coming from? What town were they going to?
- What did Jesus talk to His followers about? (*How the Scriptures pointed to Him*)

- Why didn't His followers know they were talking to Jesus? (*He kept them from recognizing Him*)
 - Why didn't Jesus want them to recognize Him at first? (*He wanted to share with them how Scripture was about Him*)
 - When were Jesus' followers able to recognize Jesus? (*After He prayed and broke the bread*)
 - What happened after they recognized Jesus? (*He disappeared*)
 - Where did Jesus' followers go after Jesus disappeared? (*To the disciples in Jerusalem*)
 - What happened after Jesus' followers told the disciples about seeing Jesus? (*Jesus appeared in the room*)
 - What happened at the end of the story? (*Jesus told them how Scripture predicted His death and He opened their minds so that they could understand the Scriptures*)
 - Point out that Jesus described several times in the story how the Scriptures told about Him, His death, and His resurrection.
- **Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, thank you so much for giving us your Word and showing us how it points to You. Please give us the courage to share this truth with others. Amen.
 - **Craft:**
 - Follow this [link](#) for a craft idea.
 - Allow the kids to complete the attached word puzzle.
 - Allow the kids to color the attached coloring sheet.
 - Use a phone or tablet to have the children find the word "Jesus" in the Magic Eye Image. Explain how just like in the picture we can find Jesus in the Scriptures when we look at them the right way.
 - **BLESS Activity:**

For kids to do during the week

Speak: Pick someone you know who does not follow Jesus and tell them about Him this week.

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The Road to Emmaus

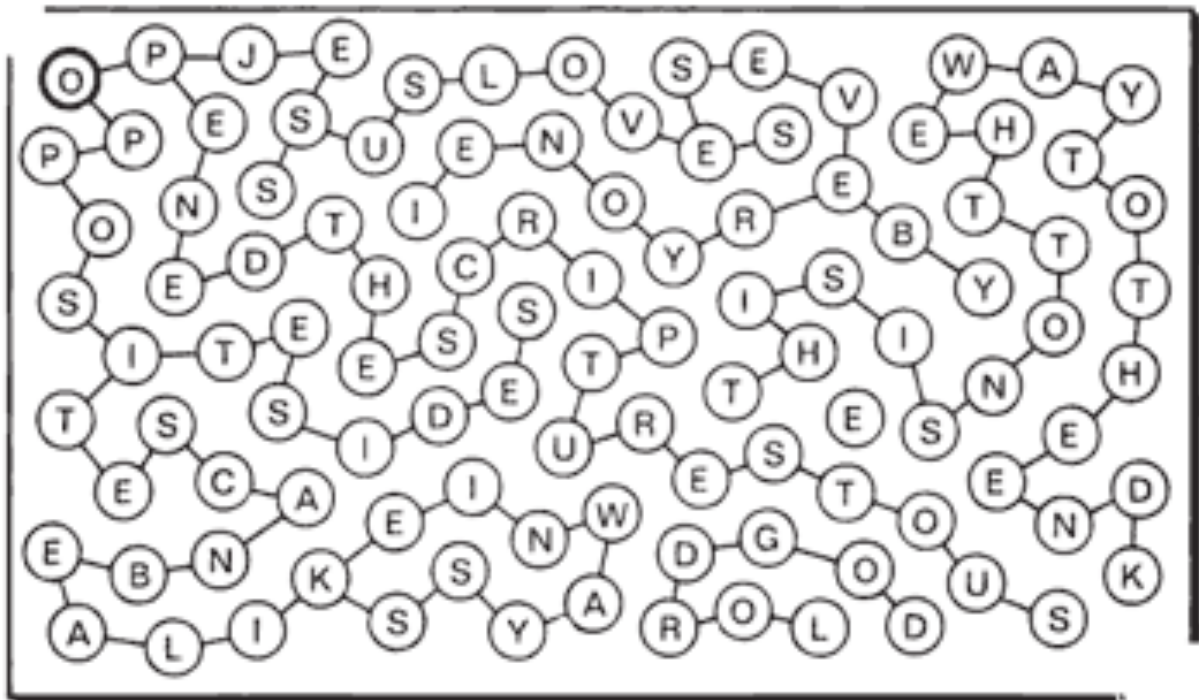
—Luke 24



On the Road to Emmaus

Cleopas and a companion were walking along the road to Emmaus when Jesus joined them. They didn't recognize Him until He revealed himself after the evening meal. Then He disappeared. What was the men's comment afterwards?

The path of circles below will lead you to the answer. Follow the correct path to the end and record all the letters in the spaces provided.



"Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and

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(Luke 24:32)

