



On the Road to Emmaus

April 24

Luke 24:13-27

Object Lessons and Storytelling Ideas

- Verse 27 says Jesus explained the good news beginning with Moses and the prophets - find one Old Testament prophecy fulfilled in Jesus (looking at footnotes in the book of Matthew is a good way to do this), and talk about how that passage, and the Old Testament as a whole, point to Jesus.
- Who has ever given up on something? Maybe you hoped something would happen, but it never did, so you stopped hoping. How does that feel? Talk about how these men had given up hope that Jesus would be the Messiah they wanted.
- Ask the kids, "Where do we look in the Bible for stories about God's love?" Let the children convince you that God's love can be found throughout the whole Bible (and gently guide them there if they don't know that yet). God (and because Jesus is also God, Jesus) are at work in every part of the Bible!
- The Bible Project has a [Luke 24 overview video](#) that could be useful for your own preparation or to show older kids.

Discussion Ideas and Questions

- These men had lost hope and were leaving Jerusalem. They knew what the Old Testament said, but they didn't know how Jesus and his death could fit into what they knew, so they were still stuck in their sadness. But Jesus met them in their sadness and revealed himself to them, filling them with hope again! How does he do this for us?
- Why do you think the men didn't recognize Jesus? What do you think Jesus was thinking and feeling as he talked with his friends?

At Home Connections

- Look through the book of Matthew and find where he references Old Testament passages. Look up these passages and talk about the stories they are a part of.
- These men knew the story, but it wasn't real to them yet. Sometimes we can know all the stories but have a hard time understanding the joy and freedom the stories bring. Take time to talk about how the fact that Jesus is alive affects how we live.
- Place a mystery object in a bag or a box with a hole. Can you figure out what the item is? Just like the men, we can sometimes be blind to what Jesus is doing, and we need to keep exploring to get to know Jesus more. How can we do this?