



Bible Story: The Story the friends of Jesus on the road to Emmaus.

What we want our family to know: The joy that the two friends had when they realized it was Jesus that they were spending time with. **Found in:** Luke 24:13-35

Youtube story link: The very Surprising Story <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndtnZV-5QTo>

Things to think about: In today's story 2 of Jesus's friends had heard all about the tomb being found empty and that Mary Magdalene had seen Jesus, but they didn't understand or know if they should believe it all. They set out on a journey together to a place called Emmaus. This is when Jesus joins them, but they don't recognize him. Jesus explains the whole Bible story of God's plan. It is only when they share bread together that they recognize Jesus. Jesus is alive! Their sorrow turns to Joy as they have the realization of all that Jesus has done and that he is still with them, and they run home.

Worship: Spend some time singing family worship songs that remind the children of how wonderful God is and how he has a plan for us. Songs like our God is a great big God, and All Through History are great.

Family Chat Questions:

- What mood do you think the two disciples were in as they walked home to Emmaus?
- Why do you think they didn't recognize Jesus at first?
- Why do you think Jesus didn't reveal himself to them straight away?
- What was it at the end that made them recognize Jesus?
- If Jesus was right here in front of you, what would you say to him? What would you ask him? Spend some time chatting to him now as a family. *Grown ups – there is some really good help about Chatting and Catching from God on the Parenting For Faith website.*

Creative prayer activity:

Ask the children to walk around the garden or house as if they are on their way to Emmaus as you pray,

"Lord, sometimes we don't understand what is going on and we feel upset and miserable. Please help us, in those times to trust that you have everything under control."

Now ask them to move back as if they are coming back from Emmaus, having met Jesus, as you pray, "We know that you are always in control and you always work everything out! Amen."

Other Activities

Wake and Shake song: Dance along to Happy by Pharrell Williams, is being happy different to having joy?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZbZSe6N_BXs

Trailblazers: The Old Testament has lots of stories and picture language to help us understand what God is like, and Jesus used many of these images to describe himself. Make a list of picture words that describe Jesus and pick one to make into some art work.

Superstars/Trailblazers craft activity:

Flip flop feet: <https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/design-your-own-flip-flops-craft>

Make a video of lego men going for a walk – perhaps recreate the story and send it to me (admin@highgrove.church) to put on the website

Sparklers/Superstars/Trailblazers craft activity:

Monster feet! <https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/82401868156634161/>

Go for a walk in your new footwear (but maybe stay close to home!)

Sensory play:

Using a tray or washing up bowl, tip in some flour, salt, oats, or mashed potato and use some play animals or people to make footprints in whatever medium you've chosen.

Other things you could do at home:

Make tracks outside and footprints in the mud, encourage the family to follow the trail you have made.

Go for a long walk! And as you go, chat about the story and how the disciples felt as they were walking home and as they were running back to Jerusalem.

Other books to read: Harry and The Bucketful of Dinosaurs (The dinosaurs knew Harry and he knew them and knew each of their names too).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uWoopkMgLqM>