

# Family Sunday School Helps

Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Enduring Faith: Unit 3 - Lesson 7

A Revealing Truth - The Emmaus Road

**Opening Prayer:** Dear Lord Jesus, we are glad to gather to hear Your Word today. Teach us about how You love us and how You take away our sin. Be here with us and guide us every day. In Your name we pray, Amen.

**Bible Reading:** Luke 24:13-35 (ESV) (See page 2 below)

**Archbook:** "A Surprise in Disguise"

**Song:** "To Emmaus, Two Men Walked" (Tune: "The Happy Wanderer")

To Emmaus, two men walked  
The first Easter Day.  
And as they walked,  
The Lord joined them  
And talked along the way.  
"Stay with us, stay with us.  
Stay with us," the two men said.  
"Stay with us, stay with us.  
Stay with us," the two men said.

Jesus came and ate with them.  
As He broke the bread  
They realized He was the Lord,  
Arisen as He'd said.  
Jesus rose, Jesus rose,  
Jesus rose just as He said.  
Jesus rose, Jesus rose,  
Jesus rose just as He said.

Jesus comes and walks with us  
As we go on life's way.  
And through His Word He talks to us,  
He hears us when we pray.  
Jesus comes, Jesus comes,  
Jesus comes with us each day.  
Jesus comes, Jesus comes,  
Jesus comes with us each day.

**Craft Time:** Play Binoculars (See page 4 below)

**Closing:** In today's Bible story, the two men were confused. They didn't know what to believe about Jesus, so Jesus came and explained what God's Word said about how He would die on the cross to pay for our sins and then come back to life on Easter. They got to see that Jesus really was alive. We, too, know that Jesus is alive. He rose from the dead and still lives today.

**Closing Prayer:** Dear God, Thank You that Jesus died for our sins. Not only did He die, but He defeated death and rose again. Thank You that Jesus is alive and working in the world today. Help us to share His story with everyone. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Music Selections:**

- "Open Our Eyes Lord" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eerjElgk4Dg>
- "Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord"  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=idQ1n3cdgfo>

# Bible Reading

## Luke 24:13-35

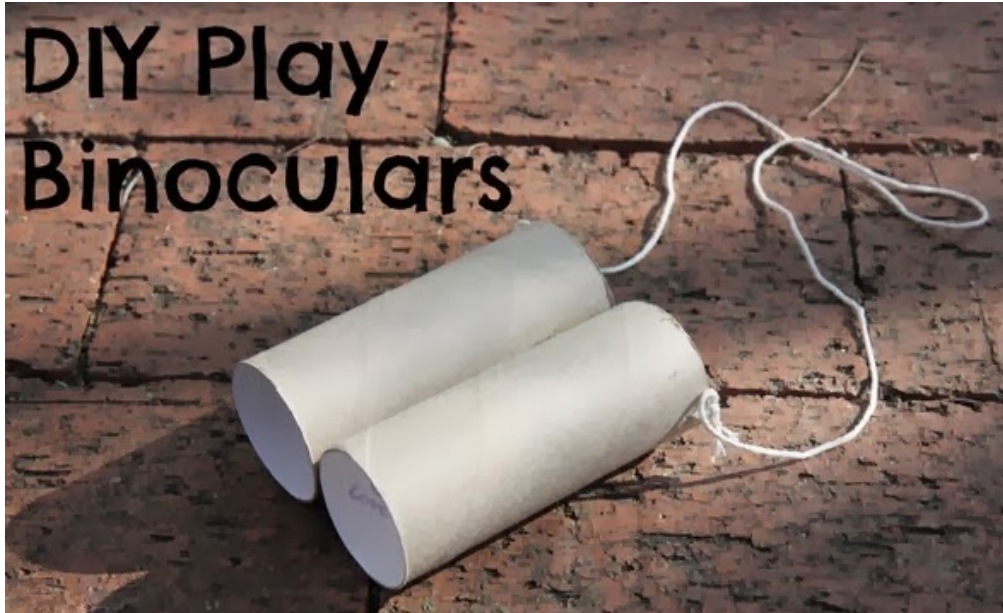
### On the Road to Emmaus

<sup>13</sup> That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles<sup>[a]</sup> from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." <sup>25</sup> And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup> but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" <sup>33</sup> And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup> saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

# Craft

## Play Binoculars



### Materials:

Toilet paper or paper towel rolls

Hot glue gun

String or yarn

Scissors

Hole punch

Paint/crayons/markers

### Instructions:

1. Use hot glue to connect two toilet paper tubes (or a cut paper towel tube).
2. Punch a hole in the side of each tube and thread with string or a shoelace.
3. Knot on the inside to secure the string.
4. Add other decorations as desired.
5. Discuss how Jesus gives us eyes of faith through His Word to see and believe in Him as our Savior.
6. Use the binoculars to go on a scavenger hunt.

# Family Discussion Points

## Key Discussion Points:

These men weren't blind, but they couldn't see. They were much like students who don't understand something: it doesn't help to just read a word over and over or "look harder" at a math problem; they need a teacher to make it clear. These disciples also needed a teacher. They needed Jesus to help them understand. Jesus helped them (and us) to see how all Scripture points to Jesus and is written to help us understand Jesus' redeeming love for us. Jesus came to be with these guys to help them. He was super kind and super cool, He had a meal with them-and then He disappeared. Wow!

## Talk About It:

Even though we don't see Jesus in person like the disciples did, what are some ways that we still see Jesus today?

Has there ever been something for the Bible that didn't make sense to you? Who helped, or can help, you understand it?

## Questions for Older Students:

1. How do you see Jesus? (What do your friends and family say about Jesus? How does the world see Jesus? Have other people's view of Jesus affected how you see Him?)
2. Can you think of a time when you were confused and then all of a sudden you understood? (The Emmaus disciples didn't understand, even when Jesus pointed out specific places in Scripture that spoke about Him. Their eyes were finally opened when He broke bread with them.)
3. Why do you think Jesus kept his identity secret at first? (Jesus asked questions and listened to the disciples as they shared their thoughts and feelings. He cared for them and showed patience and love.)
4. How did Jesus use Scriptures to explain how salvation was fulfilled? (Jesus showed the prophets pointed to the need for Him to die and rise for the forgiveness of sins. Some Old Testament prophecies: Genesis 3:15, Genesis

18:18, Isaiah 9:1-2 and 7, Micah 5:2, Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 35:5-6, Isaiah 53:3-5 and 12, Zechariah 9:9, Psalm 41:9, and Psalm 16:10.)

5. The disciples' eyes were opened when Jesus joined them for a meal. How are our eyes opened so we, too, see Jesus? (Jesus comes to us when we spend time in His Word and when we join in fellowship with other believers. The Holy Spirit opens our eyes to see who Jesus really is as we study God's Word, worship, and take the Sacraments.)
  
6. Are there certain times or places when you can see Jesus more clearly? (Share if comfortable...maybe a particular part of the worship service is meaningful, a favorite hymn, a specific Bible verse, an experience that Jesus clearly shined through, etc.)
  
7. Look back at the first question - How do you see Jesus?

**Sing:** The Doxology, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"