

# CHAMPS



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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## **PRAY FOR WISDOM:**

Dear Lord, thank You for bringing hope in the midst of despair. Regardless of my external circumstances, I rejoice in Your great plan. You bring joy in trials and You offer hope in hardship.

Encourage the hearts of these children as they respond to difficulties. Help them trust You to bring joy. All these things I ask in Your Son's name, amen.

## **LESSON MEMORY VERSE:**

Luke 24:27 " Jesus explained Bible stories to His friends."

## **BIBLE STORY:** Secret Visitor (based on Luke 24:13-35)

Two disciples were walking from Jerusalem to a little town called Emmaus. Their faces were sad Their steps were slow. Their hearts were heavy. Just days before, Jesus, their Friend, had died on the cross.

Before long, a surprise Visitor began walking beside them along the road. "Hello. What are you talking about?" the Visitor asked.

"We were discussing sad new," they answered. "You must be the only one who hasn't heard!" "What news?" the Visitor asked.

"Jesus was a great Teacher," they explained. "He was a great miracle worker. He was also a great Friend. We thought He was the Messiah. But three days ago, the leaders of our people killed Jesus.

"This morning, some of the women amazed us," the two men told the Visitor. "They went to His grace and saw an angel. They came and told us that Jesus is alive again. After that, some men ran to the grave and found that His body wasn't there. Now we don't know what to think!"

"What will it take for you to believe?" the Visitor sighed. "Long ago the Bible told us exactly what would happen. The Messiah would first have to suffer. After that He would go to heaven."

Then, as they walked along the road, the Visitor told the two men what the Bible said about Jesus.

When the men reached Emmaus, the Visitor planned to go farther. "Please stay with us," they urged. "It's getting late. Join us for dinner."

So the Visitor sat down to eat with them. While they were at the table, the Visitor thanked God for the food. And he gave the two men some bread to eat. Just then, the two disciples realized that the Visitor was

really Jesus! All of the sudden, Jesus disappeared!

The disciples were so excited! "Jesus really is alive!" they rejoiced. Immediately, the two men got up. They hurried all the way back to Jerusalem. They wanted to tell their friends! Now their faces were happy. Now their steps were quick. Now their hearts were light. Jesus, their Friend, had come back to life!

"Jesus is alive!" they told everyone. "We have seen Him. We have talked with Him. We have eaten with Him. Jesus really is alive!"

## **PRAYER:**

Thank God for each child around you. Pray that each one will be eager to cheer up a friend who is sad.

## **ACTIVITIES:**

Happy/Sad Paper Dolls

Supplies- Cut out picture of a doll, scissors, crayons or markers

Cut out the picture of the doll. Give a cut out to your child(ren). Allow the children to draw a happy face on one side, and a sad face on the other side. Let them play with their paper dolls making them happy when they are sad.

Jesus is Alive Bookmark

Supplies: Construction paper, smiley face stickers, scissors, crayons

Cut out a rectangle from construction paper to use as a bookmark. Print, "Jesus is Alive" across the top of the bookmark. Let your child(ren) decorate their bookmarks with smiley face stickers or draw happy faces with crayons. Instruct them to give their bookmarks to someone who is sad and let them know that Jesus' friends were happy to learn that He was alive again. We should also be happy.

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