

Adventures with GOD!

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS (B.1.SPRING.10)

Biblical Reference	Luke 24:13-35
Key Verse	Luke 24:34, John 8:58
Key Concept	By faith I believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Educational Objectives	At the end of the class today, the children will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tell about the experience of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus 2. Describe Jesus' body after the resurrection 3. Name the things that changed after the resurrection

Life Application

In today's story we can truly appreciate Jesus' love for us. He was concerned for all of his followers. He wanted to show his followers that he was alive. That's why instead of returning to Heaven, he stayed on earth for 40 days after his resurrection.

Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
Decoration	Footprints	5 minutes
My GROW Adventure	GROW Adventure w/God materials	5 minutes
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Craft	Paper, crayons, scissors, glue	10 minutes
Bible Story	Bible, illustration	10 minutes
Game	Feet, instructions	20 minutes
Craft	Scrolls, pens, markers	10 minutes
My GROW Adventure	Review	5 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute

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INSTRUCTIONS

Decoration: Before class, make the symbol (foot prints) that will be hung on the tree/branches. It would also be good to cut out a bunch of other foot prints and put them around the classroom on the walls.

My GROW Adventure with God Weekly Review: As children enter take time to have them reflect on their adventure with God booklets and either discuss or use art materials to express their journey during the past week. You may wish to add any art work, written poems, prayers or songs to a GROW wall in the room. You can find my GROW Adventure with God materials on the Covchurch.org website in the same place as the Adventures with God sessions.

Opening Prayer: Gather children around a candle. Light the candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them palms up as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today.

Prayer Example: Lord God, thank you for making us, for loving us, for forgiving us, and guiding us. We know you are here with us right now. As we enter into your word, the Bible, help us draw close to you, to understand and to listen to what you have to say to us. Amen

(For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer)

Craft: The symbol the children will make today is that of feet. They will color it and write the Bible verse(s).

Bible Story: Phillip will tell the story today about how Jesus appeared to two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The story is fascinating because it shows how Jesus cared for his followers, wanting to show them the good news of the resurrection. Phillip wasn't one of the two on the road, but the person could tell the story like this: "I was with some of Jesus' friends when suddenly two other friends arrived. They were laughing and talking. When they calmed down we could ask them questions about why they were so happy. They told us something incredible. When they were walking towards their home in the town of Emmaus they were very sad because of Jesus' death. We were all feeling down..."

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Some important concepts to communicate are:

1. The sadness that the disciples felt because of Jesus' death
2. The fact that they didn't realize it was Jesus who met them on the road (why?)
3. What Jesus confirmed (v. 19-24)
4. What Jesus said
5. How they came to recognize him
6. What happened when they recognized him
7. What we can learn from the story: Jesus' physical body was different after the resurrection. Jesus was with them even when they didn't recognize him.

When Phillip is done telling the story it would be good to talk about the things we can do, know, or understand because Jesus is alive.

Game: In the following pages you will find instructions for a game to review what they've learned in the story. You can play several times so everyone can participate.

Craft: Add the following phrase to the scroll: "I am eternal."

Today's GROW Adventure with God Review:

G: God's Word: What is the story? (give children an opportunity to express their understanding of the story).

R: Relationships: Is there anything in today's bible story that shows us how we should or shouldn't share God's love with others? (Remind children that sometimes God uses the stories of the bible to show us how we shouldn't act toward God or others and give them a chance to consider how we might show God's love instead).

O: Outward Action: Is there anything in the bible story that shows us how we should help or serve God or others? (Explore concrete ways the children could live this out in the coming week).

W: Worship: Is there anything in the bible story that shows us how we should accept God's love for us and others? Ask: How do you feel about God? How would you like to respond to God? What would you like to say to God?

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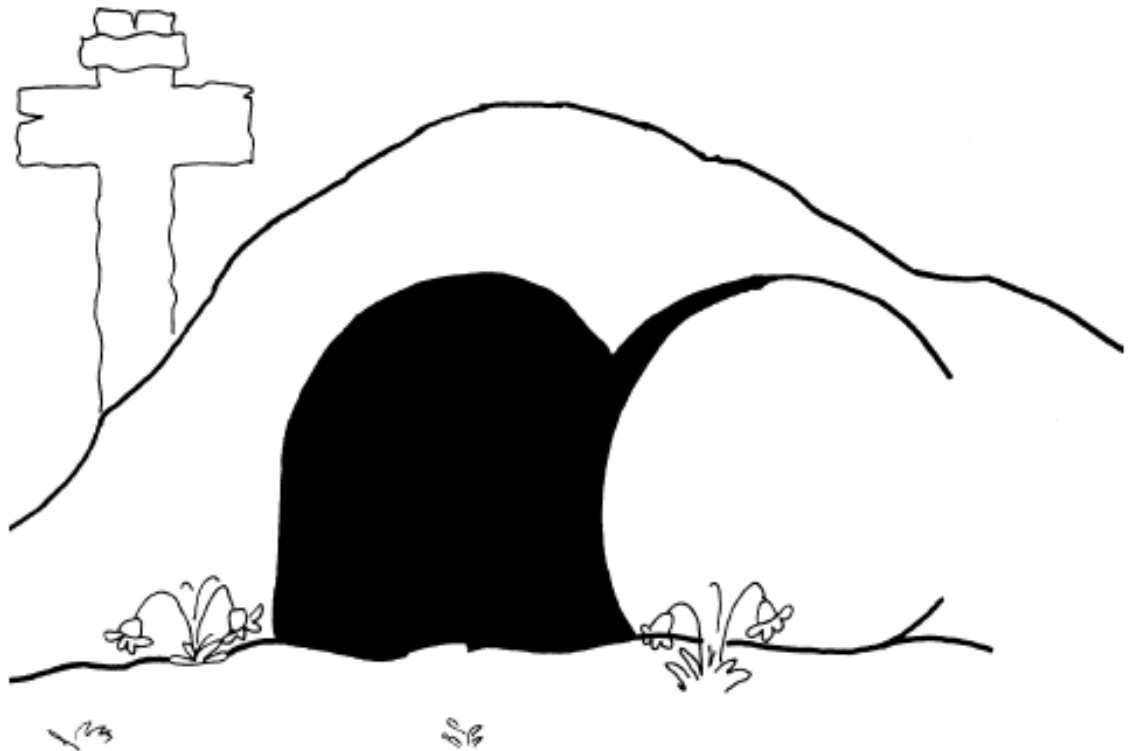
Closing Prayer: Gather children around the candle again. As you light the candle explain that the flame is something that is present in the light and the darkness. In the same way, it reminds us that God is always with us. Today the children can give thanks to God for the guidance and directions that we have been given in the Bible, by our leaders and our parents. Before praying, reflect for a few minutes on the advantage that we have today to have the word of God which gives us direction. Remind them that we are all given the decision to choose the path that follows God. We each have to choose. Is there anything anyone wishes to say to God? After children have responded, close the prayer time.

Prayer Example: Lord God, we thank you that you are always with us, and always love us. It's good to be with you. Thank you for what we have learned today. Thank you for being with us and for teaching us through the Bible. Help us to remember what you have taught us today and to live it out when we leave. Amen

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SYMBOL

Empty tomb



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ILLUSTRATION



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GAME

Foot prints

On one side of the room put up a sign that says Jerusalem. On the other side put up a sign that says Emmaus.

Materials: "feet", tape, questions

Instructions:

1. Make enough "feet" using the pattern found in the following pages. If you want to use the feet in other occasions it would be good to laminate them.
2. You can choose to write one question on each of the feet (if you only want to use them for this game).

How to play:

1. Divide the group into two groups
2. A representative from the first group chooses a foot. The teacher reads the question and the group has to answer. If the group answers correctly then they can put the foot print on the ground, leaving Jerusalem and heading for Emmaus.
3. Then the second group sends a representative to do the same thing. If the group answers correctly they can put the foot down. The group who gets to Emmaus first will cheer on and encourage the second group until they also arrive at Emmaus.

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QUESTIONS FOR THE GAME

These are all true or false questions.

1. Jesus was in the tomb 3 days (true)
2. Jesus rose from the dead on a Friday. (false, Sunday)
3. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a cart (false, donkey)
4. Jesus and his disciples celebrated the last supper together (true)
5. Jesus had 14 disciples (false, 12)
6. Peter denied his friendship with Jesus 3 times (true)
7. Jesus was having lunch when the soldiers came to arrest him (false, praying)
8. When Jesus arrived in Jerusalem the people received him with balloons and streamers (false, palm branches)
9. Judas received 20 coins of silver for turning in Jesus to the soldiers (true)
10. Judas washed the feet of Jesus and the disciples during the last supper (false, Jesus did)
11. The name of the garden where Jesus prayed is "Gethsemane" (true)
12. Judas gave Jesus a hug so that the soldiers would know who to arrest (false, a kiss)
13. Peter cut the ear of a soldier (true)
14. Pilate allowed Jesus to be crucified even though he didn't find any fault in him (true)
15. Barabbas was the criminal crucified with Jesus (false, he was freed)
16. Jesus was crowned with a gold crown (false, a crown of thorns)
17. Jesus was beaten with a whip (true)
18. The temple curtain ripped when Jesus died (true)
19. Jesus body was placed in an open tomb after he was crucified (false, it was closed)
20. The angel announced Jesus' resurrection (true)
21. After the resurrection Jesus appeared first to Peter and John (false, to Mary Magdalene)
22. After the resurrection there were disciples who walked with Jesus and didn't know it was him (true)

These are all open ended questions. However, the group answers – they may progress forward.

1. I wonder how the disciple felt when they saw Jesus alive after he had been dead?
2. I wonder why Jesus was willing to die for us?
3. I wonder what it's like knowing Jesus is always with us?
4. How do you feel knowing Jesus loves you?
5. I wonder if the disciples were afraid when they first saw Jesus? How would you feel?
6. I wonder what it would be like to talk to an angel?

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SYMBOL AND FOOT FOR THE GAME

