

Road to Emmaus Family Faith Time

Sunday, April 26 (3rd Sunday of Easter)

Read the Story together:

Read the story on pages 488-491 in the Spark Story Bible or Luke 24:13-35

Discussion Questions: (Choose which questions will work best for your family)

- After the disciples recognize Jesus, what do they do?
- Do you think you would have recognized Jesus on the road to Emmaus?
- If Jesus came to your house and read you a Bible story, which story would you want him to read?
- How can we see Jesus in today's world?
- How can we be the face of Jesus to other people?
- Where are some places you can go to tell people about Jesus?

Activities: (Choose which options will work best for your family)

Art Options:

- Road to Emmaus craft (directions below and template attached to email)
- A Map of Your Life (see below)

Game Options:

- Play "Tell Me What You See" (see below)
- "Set the Table Relay" (see below)

Other Options:

- Have a special family dinner this week - let the kids plan the menu and help cook the food. Say a special prayer of thanks for the food!
- Hot Cross English Muffins (see below)
- Go on a family walk and find at least 5 things that you can be grateful for on your walk.

Family Prayer Time:

Dear Jesus, we know that you are everywhere - often in the most unexpected places and ways. Help us know that you are there with us especially in the times and places when we feel sad or worried. Help us to see you. Help us to know you. Help us to tell others about you. Amen.

Art: Road to Emmaus Craft

For younger kids

Supplies:

- Template (attached to email)
- Craft stick (or pencil or something to attach people on template to)
- Scissors and crayons

Directions:

1. Print out template.
2. Color and cut out background scene and characters
3. Cut a slit in the background scene, along the black line.
4. Tape craft stick (or pencil) to back of characters and secure with tape.
5. Insert bottom of craft stick through the slot from the front.
6. Kids can use the scene to retell the story

Art: A Map of Your Life

For older kids

Supplies

- Paper
- Pencils or markers

Every person's life is a journey! Create a road map of your life today. Record the special times and important events, as well as the detours and rough spots.

As you look at the map of your life so far, think about times when you have experienced God's love through others' words and actions. Write a little note by a couple of those times. How did you know Jesus was walking with you at that time?

Game: Tell Me What You See

Any age can play this one – but younger ones will need help writing their answers

Supplies:

- Timer
- Pencils
- Paper
- A crazy costume using anything you have at home – try to add as many accessories as possible (such as different colors, mismatched socks, hair accessories, ties, pins bracelets, etc)

Set Up:

Decide who in the family is going to dress up and have them decide what their costume will look like and have them get dressed in a separate room.

Before Cleopas and his friend broke bread with Jesus, did the travelers recognize him? The travelers may have been looking at Jesus, but they didn't see him! We're going to play a game to find out how well you can see.

- Have the family member dressed up come in the room.
- Set the timer for one minute and have everyone take a good look at all of the details of what they are wearing. After one minute, the person dressed up leaves
- Now have each person write down as many things he/she had on as they can remember
- Once everyone is done, have the person come in to see if the things on their list matches what he/she is wearing.
- The person who remembered the most (correct) wins

Game: Set the Table Relay

Any age can do this one!

Supplies

- Whatever you need to set the table

When Cleopas and his friend invited Jesus for dinner, they had to set the table. So let's set our table in a new way. Decide how to split up the kids (or the whole family) into two groups.

- Set out everything that needs to go on the table in a different area in the house than where the table is
- On "go" one person from each team grabs one item and brings it to the table.
- The next person on their team goes once their teammate returns.
- The next teammate grabs one item to the table and returns
- Continue until the table is set – fastest team wins

Food: Hot Cross English Muffins

For all ages

Supplies:

- Toaster
- English muffins (or toast or bagels)
- Cream cheese or jelly or peanut butter (or whatever sounds good)
- Frosting

Jesus shared a special meal with his friends. We can share a special meal, too!

Toast the English muffins and spread cream cheese (or other topping) on the muffins, then top each one with a frosting cross.