

The Connection

Weekly Bible Verse: "Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized

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Together

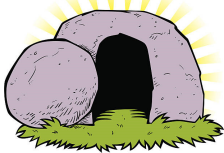


Together we are not continuing to make sure that children hear the stories of the Bible and of God's love and promises! Together let's keep doing kid's ministry at the time our kids need it most.

You're Not Going to Believe It!

This week's Bible Story:
Emmaus Road—Luke 24

What a SURPRISE they found when they reached the tomb on the first Easter morning. The stone had been moved! The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I know that you have come to see Jesus. He is not here; for He is risen just as he said. Come inside and see the place where he lay." The women went inside the tomb and found it empty, just as the angel had told them.



The angel spoke to the women one more time: "Go *quickly* and tell the other disciples that Jesus has risen from the dead; and he is going into Galilee where you will see him."

The women did just as the angel had told them. They ran quickly from the tomb, with fear and great joy, to tell the good news to the other disciples. But . . . when the women found Peter and their other friends and tried to tell them the good news, . . .

no one believed them! When the women persisted, Peter decided that he needed to find out for himself. He ran all the way to the tomb. He went inside. He saw the cloths that had been wrapped around Jesus, but the body was not there. He wondered if it could *possibly* be true. Did Jesus *really* raise from the dead?

Was Jesus *really* alive?
Two of Jesus' other friends



were going on a journey to a village called Emmaus. As they walked and talked, they discussed all the things that had happened over the past few days. A man came along and walked along with them joining their discussion. Cleopas began telling the man about how Jesus was crucified on the cross. They talked about how the women found the empty tomb. As they continued their journey, they invited the man to have dinner. When they sat down to eat

their meal, the man picked up a loaf of bread and broke it in pieces. Then he prayed for the meal and gave the bread to the men. At that *very moment* they realized that the man was JESUS! They had been talking to Jesus the *whole time* and didn't even know it!

Then . . . ANOTHER strange thing happened. As soon as they realized that it was Jesus that sat at the table with them . . . Jesus *disappeared*! They talked about the wonderful time they had talking with Jesus down the road, and they just *couldn't help* talking about his strange disappearance. They got up from their meal and returned to Jerusalem where they told all the other disciples the good news that Jesus REALLY DID raise from the dead and had talked with them.

As they were talking, Jesus *again* appeared to them. They were afraid and thought they were seeing a ghost, but Jesus told them not to be afraid. He showed them His hands and feet where



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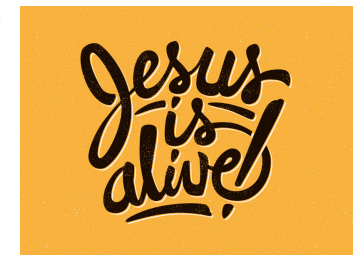
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He had been nailed to the cross, so they would believe that it was really Him.

When they saw the nail holes in His hands and feet, they finally believed that Jesus had risen from the dead, just like He said He would. They were sooooo happy and joyful to have their friend with them again. They were sooooo excited that they had to tell EVERYBODY the good news that *JESUS IS ALIVE!*



- Bring prayer into everyday life. Let your kids/grandchildren see you going to God about everyday circumstances. This teaches them that He's accessible and near.

Here are a few: If you see an ambulance driving by, pray for the person needing help, "Lord, help that person to know that you are near and give the paramedics wisdom." Or maybe there's a sibling argument taking place, you could lead them to pray for forgiveness towards one another. Or when the sun is setting and the sky is a

gorgeous pink, you could teach them to praise the Lord, "God what a beautiful sky you created!"

- Bring prayer into our natural lives to teach them that God wants to meet with them through everything, big or small.
- Give them tools to expand what they pray about. Give them ideas. Give them suggestions for things to talk about- in the form of a list. I knew that they didn't fully understand the breadth of things they actually could be praying for. Try using the fun format of the word JOY. J-Jesus; O-Others; Y-Yourself.

Reflections

- Are you remembering to journal each day? Write down your 'highs' and 'lows' and don't forget to make a list of God's blessings!
- Write down your prayers and wait for God to answer. Check back often to see the way that God answers your prayers - sometimes in very unexpected ways!

