Lesson 8: Surprise

Today's Bible Story

On the day that Jesus rose from the dead, two of his friends were traveling from Jerusalem to Emmaus. It was a seven-mile trip, and as they walked, the men were talking about everything that had happened in the past week. They were so interested in their discussion that they paid little attention to a third traveler who stepped up beside them.

It was Jesus, himself! But his friends did not realize this, for their eyes were kept from recognizing him. Finally, Jesus asked, "What are you talking about?" The two men stopped and looked at him sadly. "Are you the only person in Jerusalem who doesn't know what's been happening?" Cleopas asked.

"Jesus of Nazareth was an amazing prophet of God. Yet our chief priests and rulers gave him over to be crucified. We had hoped he would be the one to save Israel. This morning, some women went to his tomb and couldn't find his body. Instead, they saw angels, who told them that Jesus is alive!"

After hearing this, Jesus explained many things in Scripture which related to himself.

When they reached Emmaus, the two men invited Jesus to stay and visit. As he sat at the table, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Suddenly, their eyes were opened and they recognized him. Then he vanished from their sight.

"Didn't our hearts burn while he spoke and opened the Scriptures to us?" they asked each other. Immediately, they got up and returned to Jerusalem.

When they arrived, they found the eleven disciples and other friends gathered together. After hearing that Jesus had also appeared to Simon, the two travelers shared what had happened on the road, and how Jesus had made himself known to them at the breaking of the bread.

From Luke 24:13-35

Bible Rhyme

Two men were walking down the street
when they were quite surprised to meet
a third man, who was walking, too.
Could he be someone that they knew?

This third man listened, spoke and taught,
and both men really learned a lot.
So when their trip came to an end,
they felt as if they'd made a friend.

The stranger blessed and broke some bread,
and each man ate what he was fed.
Then suddenly, they both could see:
Christ was alive, and this was he!

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The disciples on the road to Emmaus were walking with him, but they did not recognize Jesus.

See if you can find Jesus in the picture below, along with other items listed at the bottom of the page.

The Risen Jesus | Basket of Fruit | Campfire | Lame Man | Cow | Family of Four

Two Gold Jars | Stool | Wood Bucket | Three Crosses | Shepherd | Donkey | Fishing Boat

Disciples Praying | Roman Soldier | Sleeping Cat | Empty Tomb | Three Blue Domes | Barrel

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