

The walk to Emmaus

April

Luke 24:13-35

Two of Jesus' friends, who were in Jerusalem when he died, were walking home to Emmaus. They were very sad. A stranger walked along with them. He made them feel better by explaining that Jesus had to die in order to bring new life. When they were at dinner, they realized that the stranger was Jesus himself, arisen from death.

The Gospel Story Through Gameplay

Children begin this game running along a road that leads to the village of Emmaus. Their first task is to find two of Jesus' followers. Upon finding them, they watch a cinema of Luke 24:13-16. Kids see the two men looking sad while they walk along the road, talking with each other about what has happened to Jesus. Kids then see Jesus begin walking with them, and children hear that the two men do not recognize Jesus.

Children are told to find the men three more times along the road. Upon finding them, kids have to solve puzzles to reach the Bibles. They hear passages to Scripture from Luke 24:17-21, 21-24, and 25-27. Children hear Cleopas speak to Jesus about how Jesus' tomb was found empty, and how they had hoped that Jesus was the one to redeem Israel. As the men continue their journey down the road with Jesus, kids hear Jesus speak with them. The men still do not recognize Jesus.

As they near the city of Emmaus, children find a Bible and watch a cinema of Luke 24:28-29. Kids watch the two men invite Jesus to stay with them. After finding another Bible inside the home where Jesus and the men are staying, children watch a cinema of Luke 24:30-33. They observe Jesus breaking the bread, blessing it, and giving it to the men. Children hear that the men now recognize Jesus.

Children are instructed to find the final Bible outside the city of Emmaus. They find a picture Bible and hear Luke 24:33-35 to learn that the men immediately left, returned to Jerusalem, and told Jesus' other followers about what had happened. Kids must then find the Faith Focus before entering the Bonus Round that takes them back into Emmaus.

While traversing the road to Emmaus, kids encounter a man near a stream who needs help scraping clay from the river bed. Children are

THE GAME IN 30 SECONDS

Find two of Jesus' followers along the road to Emmaus and watch a cinema of Luke 24:13-16.

Find the two men walking with Jesus farther down the road (3 times) and watch cinemas of Luke 24:17-21, Luke 24:21-24, and Luke 24:25-27.

Find the men again farther down the road near the city of Emmaus and watch a cinema of Luke 24:28-29.

Find Jesus staying in a home with his followers and watch a cinema of Luke 24:30-33.

Find a Bible outside the city of Emmaus and hear Luke 24:33-35.

Find the Faith Focus.

Collect bonus tokens; then find the cross to end the game.

LIGHT THE FIRE

This week, children will find several Bibles along the road to Emmaus. They will watch as Cleopas and another man talk with Jesus about the events that have recently occurred. The men do not recognize who Jesus is until he breaks bread with them.

Ask the kids: Do you think Cleopas and the other follower will recognize Jesus as he walks with them to Emmaus? When do you think they will recognize him? What do you think will be their reaction when they realize that the man with them is Jesus?

(Each month, "Light The Fire" will contain some fun gameplay activities related to the Gospel story. Use it to

awarded additional points for helping this man with his task.

start a discussion with your children about this month's Bible story game.)

PASTOR'S COMMENTS

In this month's Gospel Champions game, children follow Jesus, Cleopas, and another man as they walk along the road to Emmaus. Cleopas and the other man do not recognize Jesus until they have reached the end of their journey. Can you think of times in your life when you did not recognize God's hand in your circumstances until you neared the end of your journey?

(The "Pastor's Comment" can be used after the Gospel reading to get the kids excited about the lesson and the related game.)

Saint of the Month

Saint Stanislaus

Kids find this special token in the town of Emmaus.

Children learn that Saint Stanislaus is the patron saint of Poland. He was a bishop who criticized and then excommunicated the king who ordered soldiers to kill him. When the soldiers refused the king killed the bishop himself.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, some people do not recognize Jesus. How can you help others know about Jesus?



Spiritual Works of Mercy

Help others do what is right

Kids find a child who has found a bag of money. They tell the child to take the bag to the lost and found.