

**TEXT** Luke 24:13-35

**OBJECTIVE** The students will be able to explain that Jesus walked with the two on the road to Emmaus and later that day revealed Himself to them. They will realize when Jesus speaks to us He lets us know that He is real and that we can trust in what He says.

**MEMORY VERSE** Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. — Psalm 119:105

# On the Way to Emmaus

## MEMORY VERSE IN ACTION

**THY WORD** — Hold hands before body like an open book.

**IS A LAMP** — Cup hands together as though hiding something inside, move hands up and to the sides, ending with both palms facing out expressing the number five on each hand.

**UNTO MY FEET** — Point to feet.

**AND A LIGHT** — Cup hands together as though hiding something inside, move hands up and to the sides, ending with both palms facing out expressing the number five on each hand.

**UNTO MY PATH** — Point to floor, move finger up along an imagined path before you.

## MEMORY VERSE VISUALIZED

This week's memory verse is illustrated by a boy who is studying a Bible by the light of a candle. (See pattern at end of lesson.) Cut the sections apart as indicated by the heavy black lines. Assemble them a piece at a time as the students learn the verse.

## BIBLE LESSON OUTLINE

**Introduction:** Begin your class session by having each of your children cover their eyes with their hands. Tell your group that you are going to touch one of them and that student should say a few words. The others must try to guess who is speaking. They will not be able to recognize the speaker by sight because their eyes are covered. Then explain that today's story is about some men who didn't recognize Jesus, even though their eyes were physically open.

1. As Cleopas and a friend were on their way to Emmaus, Jesus walked with them but they didn't recognize Him.
2. As they walked with Jesus the two friends expressed their grief regarding recent events concerning the Lord.
3. He expounded the Scriptures to them concerning Himself.

**Climax:** As they ate bread together at Emmaus, Jesus revealed Himself and they knew Him.

**Conclusion:** Just as the two at Emmaus did not recognize Christ, we know Him personally only after He reveals Himself to our hearts.

**Response:** The students will be able to explain that Jesus walked with the two on the road to Emmaus and later revealed Himself to them. They can explain that when Jesus speaks to us He lets us know that He is real.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Jesus appeared to several people on the day of His resurrection. He first appeared unto Mary. He also appeared to the women who came to anoint His body (Matthew 28:9). He appeared unto Peter and to the eleven in the evening as they sat at meat. Our text is about the two who talked with Him on the way to Emmaus. No one can be sure who these two were. There is no evidence to prove that the Cleopas mentioned here is the same as Cleophas of John 19:25. Some Biblical scholars think the unnamed disciple might have been Luke himself. The account sounds as though the writer was there in person.

It is not known for certain where Emmaus was. The text says it was about threescore furlongs from Jerusalem, but gives no direction. It is thought that it was located near the village of El Kubiebeh which is seven miles northwest of Jerusalem.

Emmaus was evidently the home of these disciples and they were returning there following a visit to Jerusalem. They were talking of the events of the day when Jesus overtook them. They did not recognize Him as His appearance had changed (Mark 16:12). After questioning them about their conversation, He reproved them for their unbelief, but went on to expound the Scriptures concerning Himself.

When they came to their village they asked the

Stranger to come in with them as the day was far spent. They sat down to eat and as Christ blessed the food they recognized Him as the Lord. He vanished from their sight and they hurried back to Jerusalem to tell the news that they had seen Jesus.

## IN-CLASS ACTIVITIES

Use finger puppets portraying Jesus and the two disciples to tell the story (see Patterns).

Have all your class close their eyes. Tell them you have invited someone to visit your class, but they are not to look to see who it is. Have another teacher, parent or guest step in and say a few words to your class. After they have opened their eyes, explain that this was much like the disciples who were with Jesus on the road to Emmaus. It was like their eyes were closed. They could hear Jesus, but somehow they didn't recognize Him.

Take a variety of books to class — a cookbook, songbook, dictionary, etc. Explain that each of these books teaches us something. But there is only one Book that teaches us how to get to Heaven, and that is the Bible. It is a "light to our feet" because it shows us the way we should go.

Explain to your group that today you are going to talk about opposites. Show some examples: black and white paper, a hard rock and a soft piece of cotton, a big car and a little one. Show a sad face stick puppet. (See patterns given for Lesson 8a and 17b, and Unit 18.) Ask your class what the opposite of being sad is. Go into the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus feeling very sad. Then, at the proper point in the story, reverse the stick puppet and show the happy face. The disciples now had an opposite feeling from the one they started the day with, because they knew that Jesus really was alive!

## QUESTIONS

What happened when the two men were walking to Emmaus?

What did Jesus tell them?

What do you think happened when the two men went back to Jerusalem?

Why didn't Cleopas and his friend know Jesus when He walked with them?

How do you think they felt when they realized it was Jesus who was with them?

Why did they go back to Jerusalem to tell the disciples?

Don't you think they were too tired after their long journey?

Has Jesus ever talked to you? How did you know it was Jesus?

After you met Jesus (got saved), were you so excited you wanted to tell others right away?

## PRESCHOOL SUGGESTIONS

Give your children an especially large Jesus sticker for their Bibles. Explain that God's Book tells about Jesus and how Jesus wants us to live.

Show pictures of friends going for a walk together. Talk about how much fun it is to be with a friend. Ask how they would like to take a walk with Jesus. Lead into your story of the two disciples on the way to Emmaus, and how they met and talked with Jesus. When they sit down to eat together, pass out a small snack for your children.

Show a sad heart with tears, and explain that all of Jesus' friends felt sad when they thought He wouldn't be with them anymore. But when they met Jesus on the road, and knew He was truly alive, then they felt happy! Show happy heart with a big smile.

## REVIEW IDEAS

Build your review around the message of the memory verse. Have a large basket or container with a big question mark on it in front of your group. Explain that lots of times we have questions about what is right or what we should do. God's Word has the answers! In the basket place a number of questions that can be answered by a Bible verse. Have students come up and pull out a question and read it aloud. Other students should be prepared ahead of time with a Bible and the answers. When they hear their question read, they can come up and read the answer out of the Bible.

Focus your review on the memory verse for this week. Bring supplies for a camping trip such as a sleeping bag or backpack. Include a lantern in your supplies. Describe how dark it gets at night, and turn out the lights in your assembly area. Tell the children you can't see to do the things you need to do, and ask what you need. When they say, "A light," light your lantern. Then parallel this to the Bible. It is our "light" to tell us what to do. But it will do us no good unless we read it, just like your lantern did no good until you lit it.

## COORDINATING SONGS

"This Little Light of Mine"

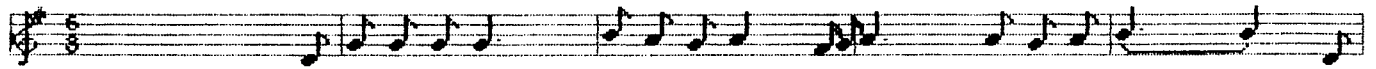
"Give Me Oil in My Lamp"

"When We All Get to Heaven" — Sunbeam Songs, Vol. 1, Page 27

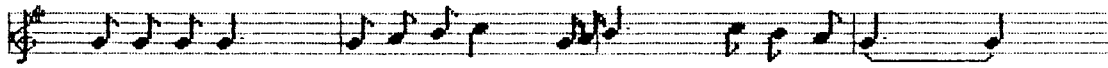
"Away Far Over Jordan" — Choruses, Vol. 3 by Zondervan  
"A Sunbeam"  
"Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart"

"Read Your Bible, Pray Every Day"  
"Stop and Let Me Tell You"  
"I Just Keep Trusting My Lord"  
"Every Promise in the Book is Mine"

### MEMORY VERSE SONG



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