

# Family Sunday School

**Topic: Road to Emmaus (Luke 24: 13-32)**

## Introduction:

Most of us know the story up until this point, Jesus died, was buried, and on the third day, was resurrected. But Jesus didn't appear to all the disciples at once, and in the Gospel of Luke there is an incredible story about the risen Jesus appearing to some of the disciples as a stranger on a road and explaining the scripture to them.

Today, we'll talk about the places we meet Jesus, and how we learn to recognize him still. This will involve a bit of a guessing game, so you'll need one of your family member's favorite food, but don't let them see it. If you don't have it handy, you can play the game like 20 questions.

## The Set-Up

**(Have an Adult) Say:** We're going to start with a little game. To play you'll need to close your eyes.

*Whoever is leading the game fetches the favorite food of the oldest child of the family. If its not around, play the game like 20 questions.*

**Say:** You're going to try to guess what I have, but you're not going to be able to see it. You can hold it, smell it (if its physically present), and ask yes or no questions about it.

**(After they guess) Ask:**

- How did you figure it out?
- What gave it away?

**Say:** We're now going to play a different round, but instead of food, you'll have to guess a person.

*Have the youngest person in the family close their eyes. Select a family member to go forward. The youngest person can touch them, try to get them to talk, etc to figure it out.*

**(After they guess) Ask:**

- How did you figure it out?
- What gave it away?

## **The Lesson**

**Say:** We recognize the things we love, even if we can't see them. We know what they sound like, smell like, feel like. We're going to read a story today where the disciples try to recognize Jesus.

*Have someone read Luke 24:13-32 (You can split it between people!)*

**Say:** The disciples were kept from recognizing Jesus with their eyes, but they still knew it was Jesus because of  
what Jesus *said*, explaining the scriptures,  
what Jesus *did*, walking alongside them,  
and how Jesus made them *feel*, it says their hearts were burning within them.

**Say:** We believe that we can meet Jesus today *in other people*. How do we recognize Jesus in them? By what they say, what they do, and how they make us feel!

This week, whenever you recognize Jesus in someone else - because they sound like, act like, or make you feel like Jesus does - call it out, yell out "Its Jesus!" We'll practice as we answer these questions.

### **Ask (older children):**

- What is something Jesus might say?
- When have you heard other people say stuff like that?

### **Ask (younger children):**

- What is something that Jesus does? (Heal, help, feed, care for)
- When have you seen other people do those things?

### **Ask (adults):**

- How has an encounter with Jesus made you feel?
- Who else has brought up those feelings in you?

### **Ask (all):**

- Who is someone you have recognized Jesus in? How did you recognize them?
- How could we sound, act, and make people feel like Jesus did today?