LESSON 13

THE RISEN JESUS TEACHES TWO FRIENDS



Aim: **To show the children how the risen Jesus appeared to two of his friends, teaching them all about himself from the Scriptures of the Old Testament.**

Scripture Reading: **Luke 24:13–35**

Memory Verse: **John 1:10**
He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him.

Presenting the Lesson

Starting Point

When you have to walk a long way, like from one village to the next, it's good to have someone with you. It makes the journey seem shorter when you have someone to talk to.

Main Points of the Lesson

1. Two of Jesus' friends were walking from the city of Jerusalem to the village of Emmaus, which was a journey of about 11 kilometres. As they walked along on that Sunday afternoon after Jesus was crucified, they discussed everything that had happened. Then a stranger caught up with them and joined them. It was Jesus himself, but they didn't recognise him! He asked them what they were talking about (Lk 24:13–17).
2. They were amazed that this stranger had been in Jerusalem during that week and didn't know about the terrible events that had the whole city talking. **Tell the class how they answered Jesus (24:18–24). They were very sad and confused.**
3. **Show Picture 13.** Jesus reminded the friends that Moses and the other prophets had written that God's Son, whom they called the Christ or Messiah, would suffer and die when he came to this world. On the rest of that journey he taught them much more about the resurrection and the coming of God's kingdom (24:25–27).
4. When they arrived at Emmaus the two friends persuaded the stranger to stay with them for a meal. When Jesus took the bread and blessed it they realised at last who the stranger really was. At that moment Jesus left them (24:28–32).
5. The friends were so delighted that they immediately walked all the way back to Jerusalem to tell the other disciples! It must have been dark by that time. The other disciples, too, had wonderful news to share with them about seeing Jesus alive again (24:33–35).

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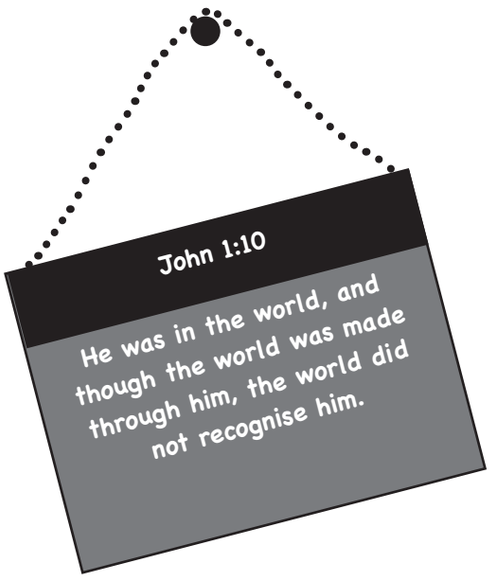


Our Response to the Story

How wonderful it must have been for those two disciples to hear Jesus explain the good news behind the terrible events that had just taken place. Jesus asks us to do just that: to tell his story to people we meet who do not know him as Saviour.

For 40 years the country of Albania in Europe was closed to the Gospel. No-one was even allowed to believe that God lives. A pastor in a neighbouring country put parts of the Bible into plastic bottles and threw them into the sea. He prayed the sea currents would wash them up on the Albanian shore. After things had changed in Albania, that same pastor went there to preach the gospel. He met a man who had picked up one of those bottles filled with words from the Bible. The man told the pastor that he had read those passages from Scripture and that it made him want to be a follower of Jesus!

Instil the Memory Verse



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