

# The Road to Emmaus

## A CHORUS PLAY BASED ON LUKE 24:13–35

*In this chorus play, the leader voices the statement and performs the accompanying action. The children repeat or echo both the statement and the action.*



**Two disciples,**

*Two fingers as in victory sign*

**were going to Emmaus.**

*Walking on the spot*

**As they talked,**

*Point to mouth*

**Jesus came near.**

*Draw a 'J' in the air, then point to the ground on your right side*

**Who are you?**

*Hands, palms up, open in front as if questioning*

**Jesus explained everything about himself.**

*Hands open, then point to self*

**They came to Emmaus.**

*Point to right*

**Stay with us!**

*Point to own space*

**Jesus came into the house.**

*Step to left side and indicate with right hand to come in*

**Jesus sat down.**

*As if you were going to sit*

**He took some bread.**

*Pick up with two hands in front of your waist*

**He blessed it.**

*Hands in same position but raise hands higher as in a blessing*

**He gave it to them.**

*One hand outstretched as if offering bread*

**They knew it was Jesus.**

*Hands open and around face as in "Wow!"*

**They were excited!**

*Hands over heart*

**and ran back to Jerusalem.**

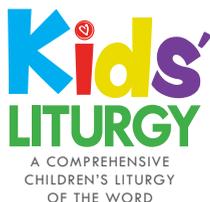
*Pointing from right to left*

**They told their friends,**

*Body position as if talking excitedly*

**Jesus is alive!**

*Arms outstretched above head as if praising God*



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was a member of the Council, he had not agreed with their decision and action. **52** He went into the presence of Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. **53** Then he took the body down, wrapped it in a linen sheet, and placed it in a tomb which had been dug out of solid rock and which had never been used. **54** It was Friday, and the Sabbath was about to begin.

**55** The women who had followed Jesus from Galilee went with Joseph and saw the tomb and how Jesus' body was placed in it. **56** Then they went back home and prepared the spices and perfumes for the body.

On the Sabbath they rested, as the Law commanded.

### The Resurrection

**24** **1** Very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, carrying the spices they had prepared. **2** They found the stone rolled away from the entrance to the tomb, **3** so they went in; but they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. **4** They stood there puzzled about this, when suddenly two men in bright shining clothes stood by them. **5** Full of fear, the women bowed down to the ground, as the men said to them, "Why are you looking among the dead for one who is alive? **6** He is not here; he has been raised. Remember what he said to you while he was in Galilee: **7** 'The Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and three days later rise to life.' "

**8** Then the women remembered his words, **9** returned from the tomb, and told all these things to the eleven disciples and all the rest. **10** The women were Mary Magdalene, Joanna,

and Mary the mother of James; they and the other women with them told these things to the apostles. **11** But the apostles thought that what the women said was nonsense, and they did not believe them. **12** But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; he bent down and saw the grave cloths but nothing else. Then he went back home amazed at what had happened.

### The Walk to Emmaus

**13** On that same day two of Jesus' followers were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, **14** and they were talking to each other about all the things that had happened. **15** As they talked and discussed, Jesus himself drew near and walked along with them; **16** they saw him, but somehow did not recognize him. **17** Jesus said to them, "What are you talking about to each other, as you walk along?"

They stood still, with sad faces. **18** One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who doesn't know the things that have been happening there these last few days?"

**19** "What things?" he asked.

"The things that happened to Jesus of Nazareth," they answered. "This man was a prophet and was considered by God and by all the people to be powerful in everything he said and did. **20** Our chief priests and rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and he was crucified. **21** And we had hoped that he would be the one who was going to set Israel free! Besides all that, this is now the third day since it happened. **22** Some of the women of our group surprised us;

## Two Disciples Meet the Risen Jesus



Luke 24:28–32 (For the full story, read Luke 24:13–35.)

**28** As they came near the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther; **29** but they held him back, saying, “Stay with us; the day is almost over and it is getting dark.” So he went in to stay with them. **30** He sat down to eat with them, took the bread, and said the blessing; then he broke the bread and gave it to them. **31** Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. **32** They said to each other, “Wasn’t it like a fire burning in us when he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?”



## Understand it!

Some things are hard to believe. After Jesus died, two disciples heard that he was alive. They didn't believe this. They were sad because they thought Jesus was gone forever. On the Sunday after Jesus died, they left the city. Jesus joined them on the road, but they did not know it was him. He told them how the Scripture said that the Savior would suffer.

Jesus joined the two disciples at supper. During the meal, Jesus blessed and broke bread and gave it to them. With that, their eyes were opened. They knew the stranger was Jesus. Jesus is with us too. He speaks to us in Scripture. We receive his Body and Blood when we receive the Eucharist. Because we have eyes of faith, we believe that Jesus is risen and is with us.

**STORY**  
Luke 24

## Live It!

Imagine that you are one of the two disciples. How would you feel when

- you thought that Jesus had died forever?
- you knew that the stranger was Jesus?
- Jesus suddenly disappeared?

Ask Jesus to help you see him in other people, in his Word in the Bible, and in the Eucharist.

## Tell It!



Using the pictures above, retell this story in your own words.

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they went at dawn to the tomb, **23** but could not find his body. They came back saying they had seen a vision of angels who told them that he is alive.

**24** Some of our group went to the tomb and found it exactly as the women had said, but they did not see him."

**25** Then Jesus said to them, "How foolish you are, how slow you are to believe everything the prophets said!

**26** Was it not necessary for the Messiah to suffer these things and then to enter his glory?" **27** And Jesus explained to them what was said about himself in all the Scriptures, beginning with the books of Moses and the writings of all the prophets.

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**33** They got up at once and went back to Jerusalem, where they found the eleven disciples gathered together with the others **34** and saying, "The Lord is risen indeed! He has appeared to Simon!"

**35** The two then explained to them what had happened on the road, and how they had recognized the Lord when he broke the bread.

## Jesus Appears to His Disciples

**36** While the two were telling them this, suddenly the Lord himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

**37** They were terrified, thinking that they were seeing a ghost. **38** But he said to them, "Why are you alarmed? Why are these doubts coming up in your minds? **39** Look at my hands and my feet, and see that it is I myself. Feel me, and you will know, for a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones, as you can see I have."

**40** He said this and showed them his hands and his feet. **41** They still could not believe, they were so full of joy and wonder; so he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" **42** They gave him a piece of cooked fish, **43** which he took and ate in their presence.

**44** Then he said to them, "These are the very things I told you about while I was still with you: everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the writings of the prophets, and the Psalms had to come true."

**45** Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, **46** and said to them, "This is what is written: the Messiah must suffer and must rise from death three days later, **47** and in his name the message about repentance and the forgiveness of sins must be preached to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. **48** You are witnesses of these things. **49** And I myself will send upon you what my Father has promised. But you must wait in the city until the power from above comes down upon you."