



Word in the Home—Easter

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WEEK 8: Trusting Jesus Leads Us to Truth

Day One

READ: Luke 24:13–24

Why were Cleopas and his friend so sad? Jesus knew these friends were sad because they were confused. Jesus asked good questions to help them know why they were confused. They believed Jesus had power from God to rescue Israel from the cruel Roman rulers. Why hadn't Jesus used His power to kill these enemies? Instead, the enemies killed Him. On the third day when Jesus said He would rise, why had no one seen Him? Had they believed a fairytale? They were confused because they did not know the truth. *We will always be confused until Jesus leads us to the Truth.*

TALK ABOUT IT

- Why were Cleopas and his friend so sad?
- What were some of the questions they had about Jesus?
- What are questions you still have about Jesus?

Day Two

READ: Luke 24:25–27

Why did Jesus call these friends foolish? The friends knew the Bible, so they were foolish not to believe the Truth about Jesus. The Bible, from beginning to end, tells us about Jesus. Jesus had to suffer and die to rescue us from our sin. Sin hurts us and everyone. Most of all, sin is against God. We cannot fix the big problem of sin ourselves. God loves us so much! He sent Jesus to rescue us from sin and give us hearts to believe in Him. *God gives us the Bible to tell us the truth about Jesus.*

TALK ABOUT IT

- What Truth about Jesus did Cleopas and his friend not know?
 - Why does the Bible tell us about Jesus' rescue?
 - What Truth about Jesus does the Bible help you understand?
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Day Three

READ: Luke 24:30–32

What does it mean that their hearts burned within them? It means their sadness turned to joy. The Bible cleared away their confusion about Jesus. True joy comes as we know the Truth about Jesus—who He is and why He suffered. The Bible gives us evidence to believe Jesus is alive. God let the friends see that it was Jesus talking to them. They were happier than ever before. Now they knew—Jesus was alive! Jesus rose again, just as He said He would. *Jesus truly is the Messiah-King. Jesus is alive and fills our hearts with joy!*

TALK ABOUT IT

- How did these friends respond when they knew the Bible Truth about Jesus?
- Has God helped you understand the Truth about Jesus? How did you respond?
- Jesus is alive—will you trust Him as your Rescuer and King?

PRAY: Father God, thank you for giving us your Word—the Bible. I am sometimes confused about what I read in the Bible. Please help me know you and love you more as I read your Word. I want to believe in Jesus and trust Him as my Savior—the King of my life.

Day Four

WHO IS GOD? GOD IS OUR GUIDE

Without a light on a dark path we easily trip and fall. Jesus is the Light of the world. He promises that whoever follows Him will never have to walk in darkness (John 8:12). His light guides us on life's rough roads (Isa. 42:16). Jesus knew His friends on the road to Emmaus were sad because they were confused. God let them see that it was Jesus talking to them. He cleared away their confusion about Jesus. God's Word, the Bible, teaches us how to live and think (Psalm 119:105). God gives us the Holy Spirit so we will hear His voice and follow Him (John 10:3–5). How does God guide us? God leads His children by His Word and His Spirit, His answers to our prayers and other good gifts—our parents and pastors. He gives us a willing spirit so that we can follow well (Psalm 25:4–5). God helps His children learn to make wise choices whether we're watching movies, making friends, or spending time and money. Following God often means giving up what we love for what we will come to love better (Phil. 3:7–8). Following God always leads to our true happiness and His glory (Psalm 25:8–12).

ACTIVITY

Everyone puts their trust in someone or something. Talk about what it means for a child to trust their parent, airplane passengers to trust the pilot, and a zookeeper to trust the steel bars of the lion's cage. Think of examples of how people trust in themselves instead. Talk about what it means to trust God when you are sad and confused about what to do next.

MEMORY VERSE

Luke 24:25–27 And [Jesus] said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.



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