

# The Road to Emmaus

## Bible Verse

Happy are those who don't see and yet believe. (John 20:29)

## Before You Begin

The Gospels contain multiple stories of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances. Of these, the appearance on the road to Emmaus is one of the most detailed. Two of Jesus' disciples were walking to Emmaus. These two men, one of whom was named Cleopas, were among the extended group of Jesus' followers but not of the twelve of Jesus' closest disciples. The location of Emmaus is unknown. Scholars have proposed four possible locations within three to twenty miles of Jerusalem.

It was the first day of the week, the day of Jesus' resurrection; and as the disciples walked along, they were discussing everything that had happened. Then Jesus joined them, but the men did not recognize him.

When the trio reached Emmaus, Jesus acted as if he were going on. Jesus was following hospitality etiquette of the time. In Near Eastern cultures, a guest was obligated to turn down an invitation of hospitality until it was vigorously repeated. The disciples insisted, and Jesus accepted their offer of hospitality. As they were sharing a meal, Jesus took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them. These actions were Jesus' signature; these same verbs are used in the telling of the feeding of the five thousand and in the sharing of the Lord's Supper. It was through Jesus' actions rather than his words that the disciples finally recognized him.

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## Exploration Points

- Jesus joined two friends walking to Emmaus, but the friends did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread.
- Even though we can't see Jesus, we believe he is alive.



## Bible Story

Luke 24:13-35

## Anchor Point

I believe in Jesus.

## My Plan

- Assemble the Crew
- Disguise Yourself
- Share a Snack of Bread
- Mission Moment
- Mission Game: Leapin' Llamas
- Deep Blue Bible Adventure
- The Road to Emmaus
- Set Up the Scene
- Walking With Jesus
- Unrecognizable Message
- Explore the Story Through Art
- Art Journal
- Journaling
- Praise and Prayer
- Talk About



Everyone



Readers



Nonreaders

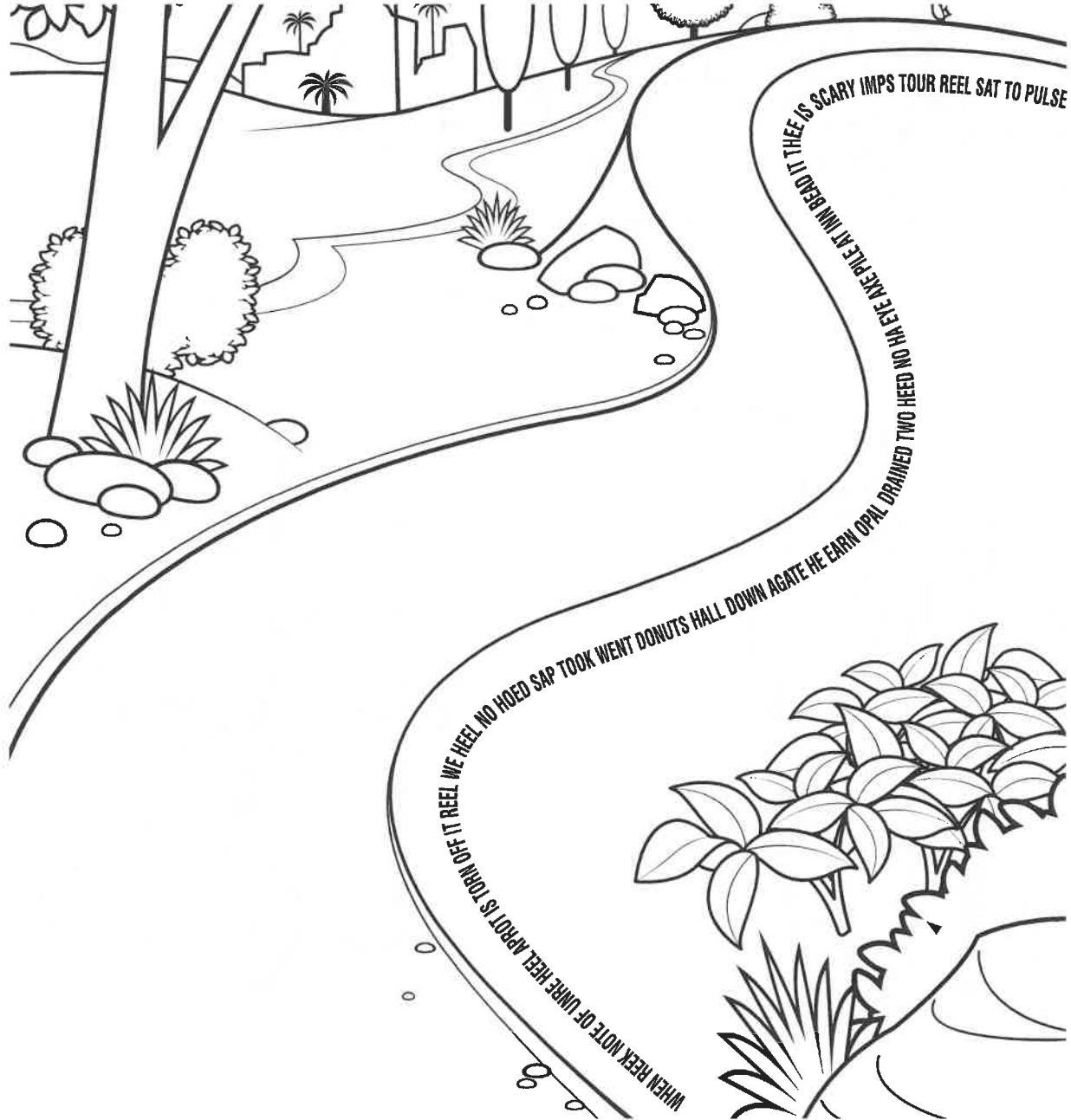


Requires preparation.



# After Jesus Left

When Jesus appeared to two of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, they didn't recognize him at first. When they finally recognized him, Jesus left them. Solve the puzzle to discover what the disciples said to each other after Jesus left. The message along the road is currently unrecognizable. Beginning with the *W*, write every other letter on the lines below. Then determine where to insert spaces so that the message makes sense. Check your answer in Luke 24:32.



### For Readers

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