

Unit Title	:	<b>OUR CHURCH AND OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH</b>
Lesson 6b	:	<b>THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS' RESURRECTION</b>
Bible Story	:	<b>The Road to Emmaus</b>
Lesson Scripture	:	<b>Luke 24:13-35</b>

### MAIN EMPHASES

1. **Our faith in Jesus Christ comes out of our understanding of God's Word—the Bible.**
2. **Our faith comes from Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.**

### SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

By the end of this session, the student should be able to:

1. tell the level of understanding of two men regarding Jesus' death and resurrection;
2. retell the story of Jesus' sudden appearance to two men as they are walking to Emmaus from Jerusalem;
3. explain the attitude of the two men while walking with the Lord Jesus on the road to Emmaus;
4. describe the two men's feelings;
5. tell how the two men realized, then, recognized it was Lord Jesus they have been with all along;
6. clearly identify the key people and events in this lesson by answering evaluation questions;
7. recite the given SoF.

### BIBLE REFERENCES

#### Luke 24:27

*"And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself."*

#### Luke 24:31

*"Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, and He disappeared from their sight."*

#### John 8:31

*"If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."*

### WORDS TO REMEMBER

1. **Emmaus** – is the village where our Lord revealed Himself to two of His followers, on the afternoon of His resurrection-day
2. **recognize** – means to know what or whom you are seeing
3. **downcast** - looking downward; low in spirit
4. **amazed** - greatly surprised; suddenly filled with wonder

*2 disciples*

5. **vanished** - disappeared from sight (maglan)

## PRE-SESSION ACTIVITY

### Prophecy Matching Game

Prior to class, make several cards on 8.5"x11" pieces of paper with prophecies concerning the Messiah. Make sure you make two of each prophecy so each student has a match. Lay these cards face down on the ground/board and play a matching game with your class. Each child may take a turn at turning over two cards. If they match, they may keep the cards and take another turn. If they don't match, the next child may have a turn. The child with the most pairs at the end of the game is the winner.

## LESSON PROPER

### A. PREPARATION and MOTIVATION

**Review of past lessons (SoF's 1 to 6a)**

### B. INTRODUCTION

*Do you like secrets? [Allow for answers.]* Some secrets are fun, like knowing what you are giving your mom and dad for their birthdays, or giving a surprise party for a friend. Some secrets can be stressful, such as those we try to keep to ourselves when we have done something wrong. But for the most part, secrets can be a good thing. **And God LOVES to keep and tell secrets!** Do you like adventure books? Some do. We like to try to figure out things by the clues we read. It is always fun to see if we are right! God has a special book for us to read called the Bible. And all throughout it He has clues for us. We need to study those clues so we can know more about Him.

### C. LESSON

Read today's story aloud from the Bible, or by showing pictures/video, or tell the story in your own words.

#### Background

The resurrection was the greatest event in the history of mankind. Though this day should have been a day of celebration, the two men walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus were discouraged disciples who had no reason to be discouraged. Disappointment filled their hearts with despair, since they had thought Jesus would redeem Israel.

**These men didn't understand what God said in His word about His plan and His promises.**

Their world had crumbled around them and they needed encouragement.



## THE ROAD TO EMMAUS (Luke 24:13-35)

After Jesus was crucified and risen from the grave, two of His followers were walking on the road that led to a town called Emmaus. They were sad and were talking about what had happened to Jesus. Suddenly, Jesus joined the disciples and walked along with them, but they did not know who He was because God kept them from recognizing Him.

"You seem to be having a very serious discussion. What are you talking about?" Jesus asked them.

One of the men answered, "You must be the only person in Jerusalem that doesn't know what has happened the past few days," Then they told them about how Jesus had been crucified, and buried, and that some women had gone to His tomb, but the tomb was empty. **"We have heard that He is alive," they said, "but we have not seen Him."**

**"Do you find it so difficult to believe what was written by the prophets in the Scripture?"** Jesus asked. "It was predicted by the prophets that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering His time of glory." **Then Jesus quoted passages from the writings of the prophets, explaining what the Scriptures said about Himself.**

By this time, they had come to Emmaus and the disciples invited Jesus to stay with them since it was getting too late in the day to travel. So Jesus stayed with them and when they sat down to eat, Jesus took the bread and blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them. **Suddenly, their eyes were opened and they saw that it was Jesus.** Then just as quickly as He had appeared to them, Jesus disappeared.

They were so happy and excited to have seen Jesus that they ran back to Jerusalem to tell the others that they had seen Jesus.

### Discussion:

In our Bible story, a little knowledge can be a dangerous thing. It is easy to know and learn that God is the author of the Bible; easy to learn some scriptures., but to have a limited understanding of it all is a dangerous thing. The two disciples were sad, down hearted over what had happened. And their faith is seriously in danger. But as they were walking, a man – not knowing it was Jesus, came up behind them and appeared to them to be just another person. What the natural eye cannot see, the Spirit will surely reveal. **Here is what they could not see; that the Messiah must suffer and die before He could enter into His glory. Truth is revealed in the scripture, and Jesus is the manifestation of that truth, the word of God.** So when they saw the truth of the scripture, they see God. Their eyes were closed until they believed in the word of God. This is why we say that the scriptures are the inerrant God-breathed words.

The Word explains it all. Beginning with Moses, to the Prophets and the Psalms, we find Him: the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last. That was exactly what we need to teach others to know, we need to trust Him by His Word.

STATEMENT OF FAITH NO. 6

**"We believe that the Bible is the Word of God. Its Author is God Himself through the works of the Holy Spirit."**

LIFE APPLICATION

Children, we are blessed by God already because we have His teachings with us. In the same way, God's word, the Bible, is the best way for us to know Him. Jesus said to abide in Him by remaining in His word (*John 15:7*). When we know God's word, we know God. Jesus, Himself, used God's word to explain who He was to men. We can also share the truth about Jesus by sharing His word with others.

EVALUATION

**Ask the following questions:**

1. While the two disciples were talking as they were walking on the road, who showed up and joined them?
2. Did the disciples recognize Jesus at once?
3. Why did these men feel sad at the beginning of the story?
4. What made them confused or puzzled?
5. Why do you think the disciples did not recognize Jesus at first?
6. When did they realize the stranger was Jesus?
7. Do you believe that every word written in the Bible is true and has no mistake?
8. Can you recite SoF#6?

ENRICHMENT AND CARRY-OVER ACTIVITY

**Understanding Scripture – Bible Bookmarks**

*Supplies – card stock, paper-cutter or scissors hole punch, thin ribbon or twine, coloring/writing utensils*

Give each child a pre-cut card stock bookmark, and a piece of ribbon. Help them loop the ribbon through the hole, and tie in place to create their bookmarks tassel. Then have the children write this week's Bible verse. Give the rest of class time to decorate their bookmark, and instruct them to place it in their Bible.