

In God's Big Story

After His death on the cross, Jesus appears to two of His followers as they are walking on the road to Emmaus. At first they don't recognize Him, but Jesus opens their eyes to the surprising truth that He is alive.

Wonder Truth: Jesus Surprises Us

Scripture: Luke 24

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THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

[ELEMENTARY VIDEO](#)

[EARLY CHILDHOOD VIDEO](#)

WORD OF WONDER

Work together this week on memorizing this verse!

ELEMENTARY:

I will spend time thinking about everything you have done. I will consider all your mighty acts.

—Psalm 77:12 (NirV)

EARLY CHILDHOOD:

I will think about everything you have done.

—Psalm 77:12 (NirV)

WONDER ABOUT IT!

- What is one thing you're curious about from this week's part of God's big story?
- How can you live differently or respond to God with what you're learning?

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FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

- When was the last time someone or something surprised you?
- Are you someone who likes surprises?
- If a famous person paid you a surprise visit, who would you want that person to be?
- What do you think Jesus is famous for?
- Have you ever seen someone you know, but you didn't recognize him or her at first?



WALK IT ACT IT MOVE IT

More Pep in Your Step

After Jesus died, two of His followers were feeling doubtful, sad, and confused as they walked about seven miles from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Suddenly, Jesus paid them a surprise visit. Although the two followers didn't recognize Him at first, Jesus explained what the Scriptures said about the Messiah (about Him!). Then He surprised the two even further by opening their eyes to recognize Him, proving that He really was alive! They walked back to Jerusalem and told the disciples what had happened.

Invite the whole family to go on a two-part walk outside. Set a timer for seven minutes, and as you travel away from home, encourage each other to physically express how the two Jesus-followers felt as they walked to Emmaus (for example, you might walk at a slow pace, hang your head low, drag your feet, etc.). When the timer goes off, everyone will stop, turn around, and shout, "Surprise!" Set the timer for seven minutes again, and as you travel back home, encourage each other to walk with more pep in your step, knowing that Jesus is alive!



WORSHIP RESPONSE

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

Before Jesus opened His followers' physical eyes to recognize Him, Jesus first opened their spiritual eyes (the eyes of their hearts) to understand the whole truth about Him. He can do the same for us.

Gather your family in the bathroom and close the door. Select an adult to run hot water from the shower while everyone listens to the song "Open the Eyes of My Heart" from the [Connected Easter Worship@Home Spotify playlist](#). As water vapor in the air condenses on the bathroom mirror's cooler surface (condensation), the mirror will start to fog up. Invite everyone to stand in front of the steamed mirror and say a simple prayer: "Open of the eyes of my heart, Lord." Next, open the bathroom door and watch the steam disappear! As a family, thank Jesus for all the ways He opens the eyes of our hearts to understand truth about Him.