ONLINEDA

Road to Emmaus

Reading the Bible (Luke 24:13-35)

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

"What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the

Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Reflection time

> What can I do when I feel sad about something? Who do I talk to?

Think back over the last few weeks.
> What things or people have given me hope?
> What things or people have given me joy?

Hope collage

Each person draws pictures of objects or people that give them hope.

Cut out the pictures and collect everyone's.

Then stick all the cut-outs onto a huge sheet of paper or card to make a Hope Collage.

Display the collage in a central part of the family's home.

Hope treasure hunt

This is like an Easter egg hunt but with different sorts of objects to hide. You will need one person to be the Treasure Hunt Hider. That person is in charge of hiding all the objects. The others have to find them.

Decide on an area you'd like to use (garden, one room or the whole home?)

Decide on a time limit! Or maybe you'd prefer no time limit! Decide on the number of objects (5? 100?)

Each person (including the Hider!) has to submit a certain number of objects to hide. The Hider takes all the objects and is given a certain time to hide them while the others can't watch.

The theme is hope: so you can hide things that give you hope or give other people hope. It can be objects, or words, or drawings… you decide!

At the end of the game when all the objects have been found, the whole family gets to see all of them together and share them out!