A walk with friends

This session is full of action! Who the mysterious stranger on the road? Will he reveal himself to his travelling companions? What will the disciples do? Who will they share their good news with as they dash back to Jerusalem?

Aim Jesus walks with us Bible Passage Luke 24:13-35

Game Time

Why not play one or both of these games to start our session today as we think about how difficult it can be to recognise things and even people!

- What is it? Divide into two teams. Each team needs to find 5 household objects and place them in a bag. Swap the 1. bags over but do not look!. Each team must take a turn describing an object that they can only feel. Once you have had guess, reveal what it is? Were you correct? Take turns and see how many objects your team were able to guess?
- 2. Who is it? Blindfold one person in the group. The others must say 'hello' to them. Can you guess who it is?
- 3. Play Kim's game and see how many of the items you can recognise and remember.

Bible Time

Ask the children if they have ever known someone who had to go away. For example, parents may go away on business or a friend might move house. Ask them how they feel when they hear the news – does it make a difference if they know the person will come back again? Tell the children that Jesus had gone away and left his friends. They had seen him arrested and then killed on the cross. How do they think those friends felt?

Our Bible lesson today tells an amazing story about a day when someone important walked and talked with some men on the Road to Emmaus, but they didn't even recognize who is was. Let's see what that might have been like for the men on the Road to Emmaus. Use a children's Bible to read Luke 24:13-35 together or you could watch this YouTube clip -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sAUGRNhSwKw

Discuss the story and talk about what happened. Explain that the two disciples thought that they had lost Jesus forever and that all hope was gone. However, even though they couldn't recognize Jesus, he was still with them just as Jesus is with us today even if we can't see him.

Craft ideas

Here are two craft ides for this week; one has objects hidden in it that reveal themselves, just like Jesus did on the road to the disciples, the other thinks about how we can walk with Jesus.

- Hidden treasure You will need; an empty plastic bottle, sand and some small objects (eg stars/pompoms/feather/jewels). Fill a plastic bottle with sand, rice or lentils and drop some small objects in to the bottle. You can only see these when the sand moves and reveals them but they are always there just as Jesus is always with us.
- 2. Walking with Jesus flip flop - You will need; some card, pens, a pipe cleaner and cellotape. Draw around your foot on card and cut out the shape. Colour the card or decorate with stickers. Make a small hole in the card between you big toe and other toes. Thread the pipe cleaner through to make a flip flop and cellotape. Write 'walk with Jesus' on the flip flop. You can find pictures of this craft on the TMC Facebook page this Sunday.



Worship Time

Why not go to the TMC Facebook page to listen to some songs that have been recorded for this Sunday. Here is a link to 'I wanna walk with you' by Chris Harding and it can also be found on 'You're a Star CD.

https://www.facebook.com/TavistockMethodistChurchTMC/videos/225390975214265/?epa=SEARCH_BOX

Prayer Time

Remind the children that in the Bible story the two people were walking along the road when Jesus joined them. Invite the children to come on a walk. Suggest that you each talk to God as you go. Pause now and then to pray all together, thanking God for his plan, for bringing Jesus back to life and for being with you when you are walking, day by day.