

## **Preschool Lesson**

### **After the Resurrection Jesus Appears to Two Men**

#### **Luke 24**

Jesus conquered death and gives new life. He opens the eyes of our hearts so that we can believe in Him as our Savior.

In this passage Jesus teaches us that all of the Bible tells us about Him.

**Introducing the Lesson:** Have your child feel something that they can't see – in a bag, or wearing a blindfold. After they identify the object have them describe it.

The two men knew they were walking with a man, they just couldn't describe Him as the Savior. These two men saw Jesus with their eyes but they didn't know who He was. Their hearts were blind until Jesus revealed who He was to them – here Jesus reveals Himself in the Lord's Supper.

**Tell the Bible story from the curriculum.**

**Then ask questions. Listening + saying = learning**

**Questions to ask consider:**

1. What day did this story take place? Easter evening
2. Who are the two men in our story? One is Cleopas and the other man is unnamed.
3. Where did the two men begin their long walk? They had been in Jerusalem.
4. Where were the two men going when they left Jerusalem? To Emmaus, a town 7 miles away
5. What surprised the men as they walked along? A man they didn't recognize came up behind them and joined them.
6. Did the two men know the man was Jesus? No, the truth was hidden from their eyes.
7. Why were the men surprised when Jesus asked them what they were talking about? The men assumed that everybody knew about the death of Jesus.
8. What did Jesus teach them about as they walked? Jesus told them how the OT taught all about the Messiah.
9. What happened when the three men arrived in Emmaus? The two men invited Jesus to dinner.
10. What did Jesus do to reveal Himself to the men? He prayed, broke bread and gave them wine.
11. What did the two men do after dinner? They ran back to Jerusalem to tell His disciples and the others that they had been with Jesus.
12. Why were the two men too excited to wait until morning? Now they knew that Jesus truly was alive and death did not keep Jesus in the tomb.

There is a coloring sheet and a sheet from the SS curriculum for them.



# Lesson Ten

## Jesus Appears to Two Men

### Heart Preparation & Bible Background



#### Bible Truth

*The risen Lord appeared to two of his followers, and they went off and told the others the good news.*

#### Scripture

*Luke 24:13–35*



#### Lesson Focus

*Know that the risen Savior is always with us and share the good news with others.*

#### Goals for the Children

- Tell who appeared to two followers of Jesus.
- Tell what the two said and did.
- Act out the Bible story.
- Name times when Jesus is with them.



#### Memory Minute

*Review Romans 5:8b,  
Revelation 1:18a*

As Cleopas and another follower of Jesus walked along the road to Emmaus, the risen Lord Jesus joined them. They were not able to recognize him, and when he asked them what they were discussing, they unburdened their hearts to the seeming stranger.

They told him all about Jesus of Nazareth and their dashed hopes. Now that the powerful prophet had been put to death, who would redeem Israel from Roman rule and bring in the kingdom of God? Yes, it was reported that angels had told some women that he was alive, and some disciples had found the tomb empty, but where was *he*?

As they walked along, Jesus listened closely to the troubled men. Then he began to speak, opening up to them the truth of God's Word. He reminded them that the Christ had to suffer and die so that he could destroy the power of death for his people, and thus enter into his glory. Jesus went on to explain all that had been written about him in the Scriptures.

It was no wonder, then, that Cleopas and his companion didn't want the stranger to leave them; he was bringing comforting good news from God's Word. So they begged him to stay with them when they reached their destination.

As Jesus served them bread and they ate together, God opened the eyes of the two men and they recognized the risen Lord himself. Then the men knew why their hearts burned with hope and joy as Jesus revealed the Scriptures to them along the road.

Jesus vanished when the men recognized him. But after seeing him, Cleopas and his friend could not remain in the village a moment longer. They hurried back to Jerusalem to tell the 11 disciples and others the good news concerning Christ. Faith in the risen Lord was beginning to take root in the hearts and minds of the women at the tomb, Cleopas and his companion, and Peter and the other disciples. Jesus had not left them. He had *risen* from the dead, just as he said, to save his people from their sins.

We can rejoice that the risen Savior is with us as well. Christ, who is seated at the right hand of his Father in heaven, sends his Spirit to abide with his people. May our faith be rooted in our glorified Lord and King, the power of his Word, and his abiding presence in our lives.





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We are . . . united with Christ in His life and in His resurrection. Jesus spent His whole life on earth perfectly doing the will of His Father. By faith, His perfect righteousness becomes ours. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. As Jesus rose from the dead, so our bodies will also one day rise from the dead. Read 1 Corinthians 15:22.

Starr Meade, *Training Hearts, Teaching Minds*, p. 101



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## The Story from Luke 24

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They were *sad* that Jesus had been crucified. They wondered how he could be the Savior if he were dead. The women saw that Jesus' tomb was empty, but where was Jesus?

As the *sad* men walked and talked together, another traveler joined them. It was Jesus. But the two followers were not able to recognize him. Jesus asked them what they were talking about.

"Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who does not know the things that just happened there?" Cleopas, one of the two, asked.

"What things?" Jesus asked.

Cleopas and his friend talked about Jesus and the wonderful things he said and did before God and the people. They explained that the leaders arrested Jesus and put him to death on a cross. The women said they had seen two angels who told them Jesus was alive, but no one had seen Jesus.

Jesus listened to everything the men said. Then he said, "Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" Jesus began to teach them about the Savior God had promised to send his people. He explained everything that had been written about himself in the Scriptures.

When they reached Emmaus, Cleopas and his friend said, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So Jesus went in with them.

When they sat down to eat the evening meal, Jesus took bread and broke it after thanking God. Then God showed the men that it was Jesus who was sitting there with them. As soon as they recognized him, Jesus disappeared from their sight.

Cleopas and his friend were very *happy*. They had just seen the risen Savior! They got up quickly and hurried right back to Jerusalem. There they found the 11 disciples and the other followers of Jesus gathered together.

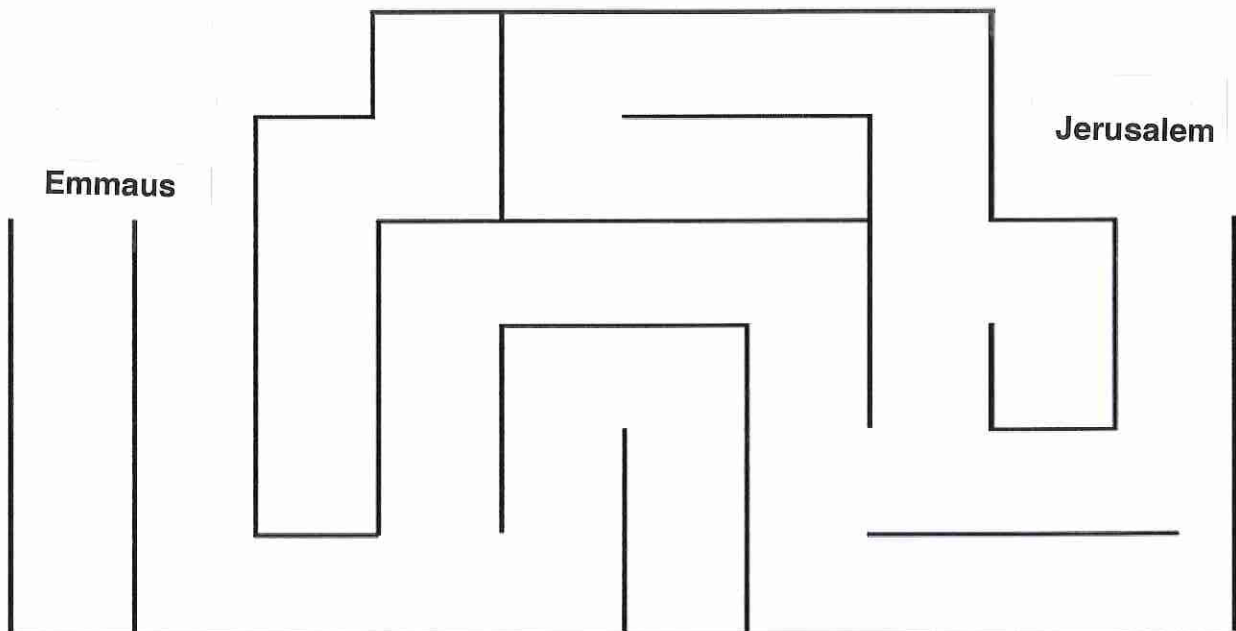
"We are very *happy*," Cleopas and his friend said. "Jesus is alive! We have seen him." Then they told the group all the things that happened on the road to Emmaus, and how Jesus showed himself to them when he broke the bread at the evening meal.

Preschool coloring sheet:

Jesus joined two disciples who were walking home to Emmaus on the day Jesus rose from the tomb. Luke 24





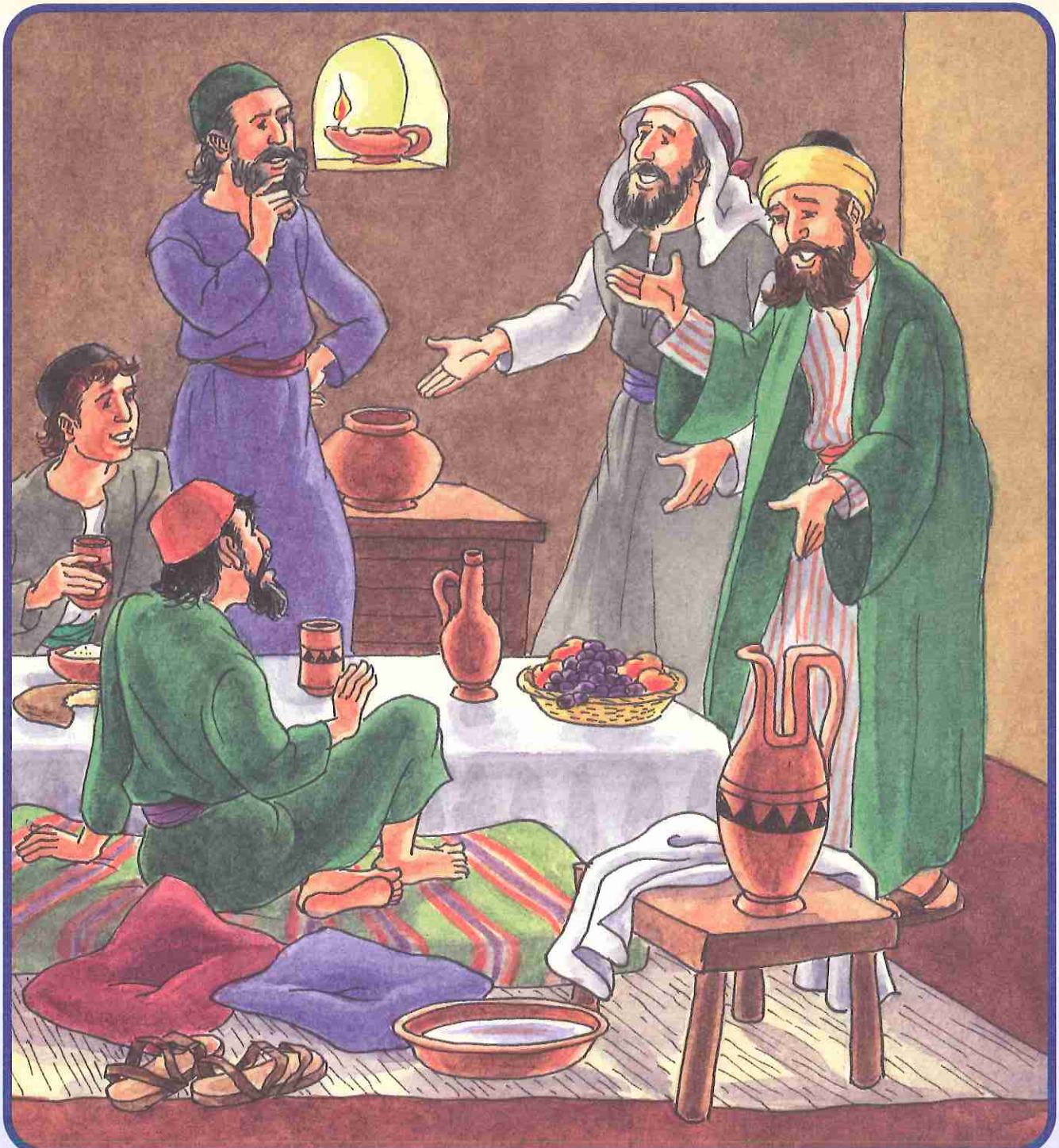
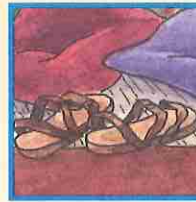
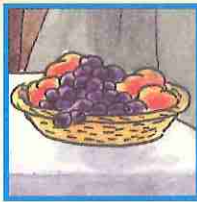
Here is a maze. Find the way from Jerusalem to Emmaus.





# The Lord Has Risen

Draw a  around the small pictures that are in the large picture. Draw an  on the small pictures that are not in the large picture. Tell what this picture shows.





## **From Luke 24 Continuing the Resurrection Appearance Stories Jesus Meets Two Men on Easter Evening, The Gospel in 7 Miles**

**Introduction:** We celebrated Easter two weeks ago. There were a lot of things that happened on that first Easter. Women went to the tomb and saw angels. Men went to the tomb and saw angels. Mary was the first person to see the risen Jesus on that first Easter morning. She was crying and Jesus said, "Mary." Jesus knows our names. Now it is evening. Jesus joins two men who don't recognize Him at first either.

It was Sunday and Jesus was alive. He had conquered death. Jesus had paid for sins and now He was alive again. Jesus had spoken to Mary as she wept outside the tomb. He had said her name, "Mary." And she knew it was Jesus. Her heart leapt with joy.

Now it was early evening and two of Jesus' disciples were walking from Jerusalem and going to Emmaus. It was about a seven-mile walk. The name of one man was Cleopas. The Bible doesn't tell us the name of the other man. As the two sad and gloomy men walked along the road they talked about the events that led up to Jesus' death on the cross. As they were talking a third man came and joined them. "What are you talking about?" He asked them.

They looked at Him and Cleopas asked: "Are You the only person in Jerusalem who does not know what has happened?" Jesus looked at the two men and asked, "What things?" The two men began telling Him about Jesus of Nazareth. They said He was a prophet of the Lord who did great wonders for all the people to see. He was handed over to the priests to be put to death.

The men said, "We hoped Jesus would save us from the unfair Roman rulers over us. But this morning some women went to the tomb and it was empty! His body was missing! Some of our friends went to the tomb and reported that it really was empty!"

Jesus looked at the two men and said, "How foolish you are not to believe what the prophets said would happen many years ago. They said the Messiah would have to suffer before rising to glory." Then He explained all about how the Bible, beginning with Moses, taught about the Savior. The two travelers were quite surprised. They were amazed that He knew so much. He quoted scripture and knew all about the prophets. These men had studied the Bible. They knew the stories of Moses and the other prophets. In their heads they knew a lot.

As they got close to Emmaus the two men invited Him to stay with them and eat. Finally Jesus agreed. As they ate the third man took the bread, He asked that the Lord would bless it, He broke it and gave it to them. Immediately God opened their eyes to see that the Stranger was Jesus Himself! He was not a Stranger at all! It was Jesus who had really been raised from death.

At that moment Jesus disappeared from their sight. They looked at each other and said,

***"Didn't our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road,  
while He opened to us the Scriptures?"***

And the two men turned and ran back to Jerusalem at once and told the other disciples all that they had seen and heard from Jesus. Now their hearts overflowed with joy and their eyes were opened.

**Conclusion:** We have not seen Jesus. We have not heard Jesus. But we believe because the Holy Spirit lives in our hearts. The Bible says, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

## Luke 24

## Road to Emmaus

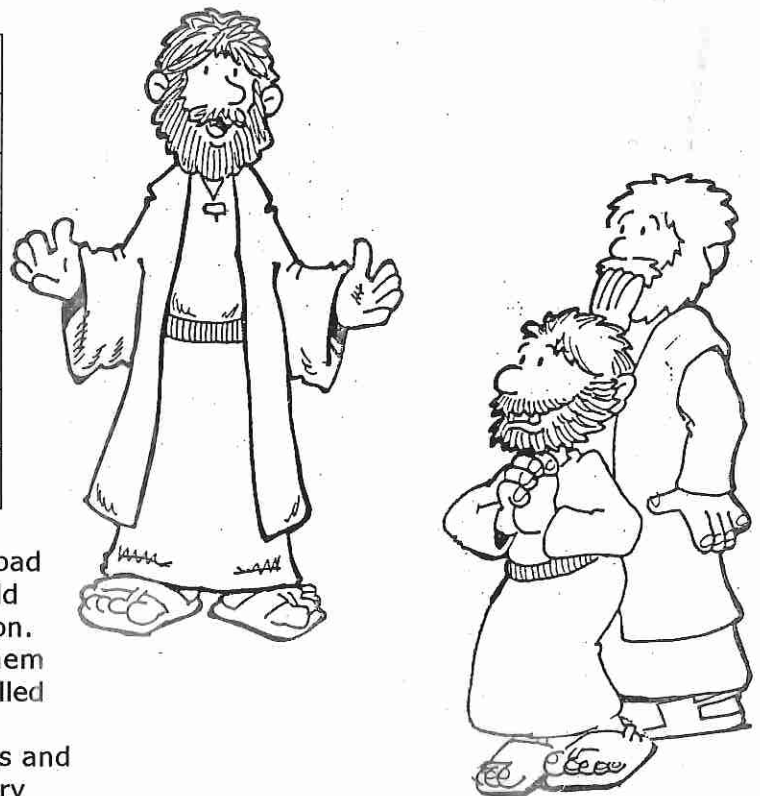
<sup>13</sup>That very day **two** of them were going to a **village** named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus Himself **drew** near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their **eyes** were kept from recognizing Him. <sup>17</sup>And He said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each **other** as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered Him, "Are You the only **visitor** to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a Man who was a **prophet** mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and **rulers** delivered Him up to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that He was the one to redeem **Israel**. **Yes**, and besides all this, it is now the third day **since** these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find His body, they came back saying that they had even seen a **vision** of angels, who said that He was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us **went** to the **tomb** and found it just as the women had said, but Him they did not see." <sup>25</sup>And He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have **spoken**! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His **glory**?" <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

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On Resurrection Day Jesus walked along the road with two men. They listened as He used the Old Testament to show them that He was God's Son. Later the two men said that as Jesus taught them that their hearts burned. Today we can be thrilled by God's Word just as these two men were.

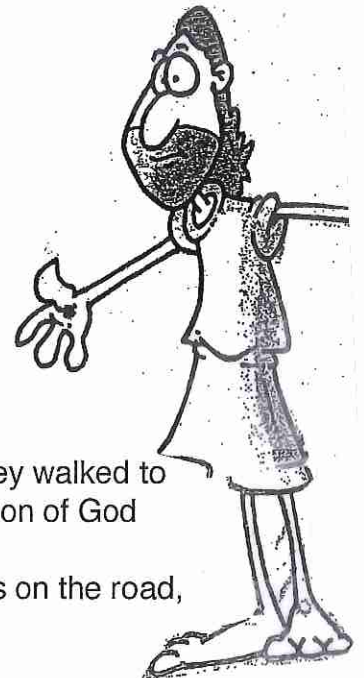
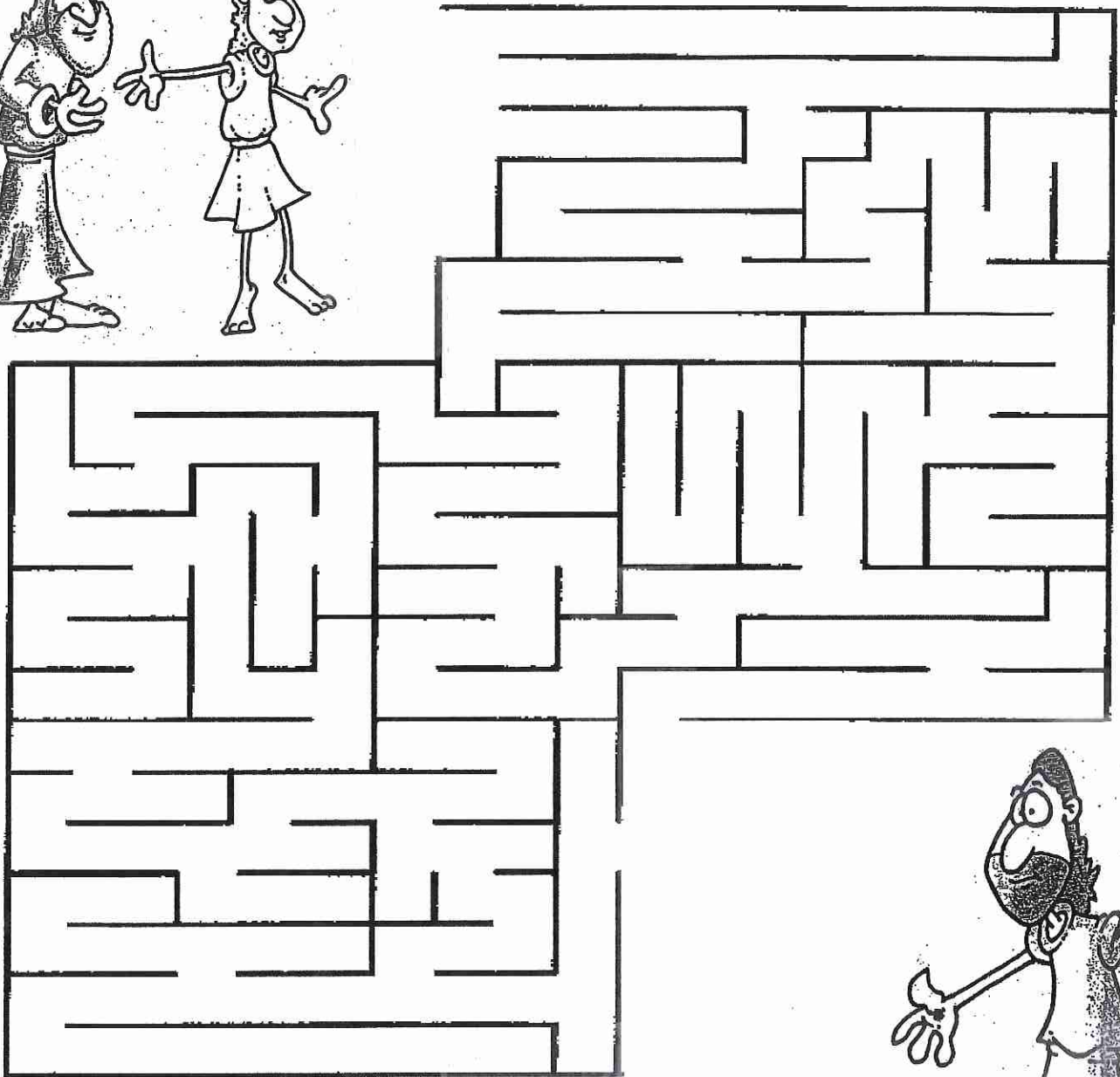
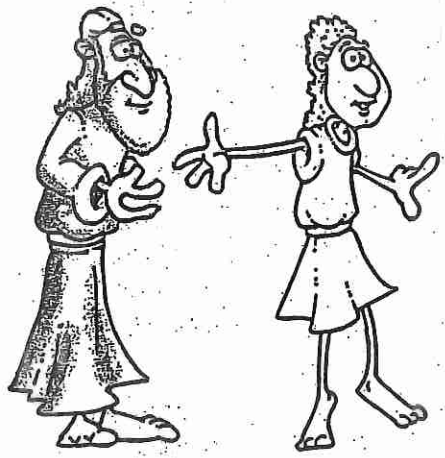
We ask: How does this story help me see Jesus and His work on the cross? And: How does this story

help me see what is in my heart? What do you believe about Jesus? He is God's Son! He is risen!





# A WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE IN 7 MILES



Later on Easter Sunday Jesus joined Cleopas and another disciple as they walked to Emmaus from Jerusalem. Jesus showed them who He really was...the Son of God whom the prophets of the Old Testament wrote about. Later the men said, "Didn't our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures?"