

CHILDRENS PROGRAMME

An audience of One Luke 24:13-35

Opening Prayer

Dear God,

We are thankful you are the God we can know.

You are with us here and everywhere we go.

We pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.



Starter:

Write a list of your top five:

- Foods
- Songs
- TV shows
- Films

Compare your list to someone else in your family.

Do you like all the same things?

Do you share some favourites?

Today we are going to be looking at the story of two people who met Jesus after he had risen from the dead. Jesus appeared to them, walked with them and talked to them for a long time. We can see in the story below how he enjoyed spending time with them.

Bible Story

Two of Jesus' followers were walking along the road together feeling very sad about everything that had gone on. They were also feeling confused about some stories they were hearing about Jesus coming back to life.

What might the friends be saying to each other?

While they were talking, Jesus caught up with them but they didn't recognise who He was. Jesus asked the two what they were talking about and why they looked sad and confused.

What might the friends have said to Jesus?

Which bits of the story would they have told?

Jesus was interested in what the two had to say and started to talk to them about what the scriptures said about Jesus rising again. When they got to the next town (called Emmaus), the two followers asked Jesus to stop and have tea with them. Whilst they were eating, Jesus took some bread and broke it and offered it to them. Then the two followers knew that He was Jesus, but then He vanished!

What they would have said to one another just after this happened.

The two followers got up at once and ran all the way back to Jerusalem (it was about 6 miles away) to tell the disciples what had happened.

After Jesus rose from the dead he appeared to people again. When he appeared to them, he did not make a grand entrance or appear to lots of people all at once, instead he appeared to a few people quietly.

Why do you think he appeared to people like this instead of a grand entrance with lots of people to cheer for him?

He wanted to have a quiet talk with them and show that he loved them as individuals and wanted to be their friend. This was a lot more special than if he had appeared to a lot of people. From this we learn that Jesus wants to know us personally, you are special to him and he wants to have a 1-1 relationship with you. How amazing is that!

Response:

Ask someone to read the bible passage below to you.

"What's the price of a pet canary? Some loose change, right? And God cares what happens to it even more than you do. He pays even greater

attention to you, down to the last detail—even numbering the hairs on your head! So don't be intimidated by all this bully talk. You're worth more than a million canaries.” Matthew 10:29-31

How do these verses make you feel?

What do the verses say about what God thinks of you?

God loves you so much and he wants to spend time with you because you are really important to him.

Song:

Jesus loves me this I know
For the bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak but He is strong

Yes Jesus loves me
Yes Jesus loves me
Yes Jesus loves me
The bible tells me so

Jesus loves me He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide
He will wash away my sin
Let His little child comes in

Yes Jesus loves me
Yes Jesus loves me
Yes Jesus loves me
The bible tells me so

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=owx3ao42kwl>

Craft:

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/how-make-salt-dough-recipe>

Make some salt dough using the recipe above. Once you have made it, you can either mould it into a love heart or cut it into a circle and push in a hand print or finger print into it.

Ask an adult to cook it in the oven.

Once it is out of the oven and cooled, you can paint or colour the model. Also write your name on it.

You could write something to remind you that God loves you and wants to spend time with just you!

Extra Game:

Stack 5 plastic cups/ empty tins into a pyramid. Using a soft ball or teddy bear try and knock over the cups.

How many did you manage to knock over?

Closing Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for loving me.

Today we have learnt that you want to spend time with us and be our friend. Please always walk with me like you did with your friends on the road to Emmaus. I want to talk to you and spend time with you like they did.

Thank you for loving me.

Amen