

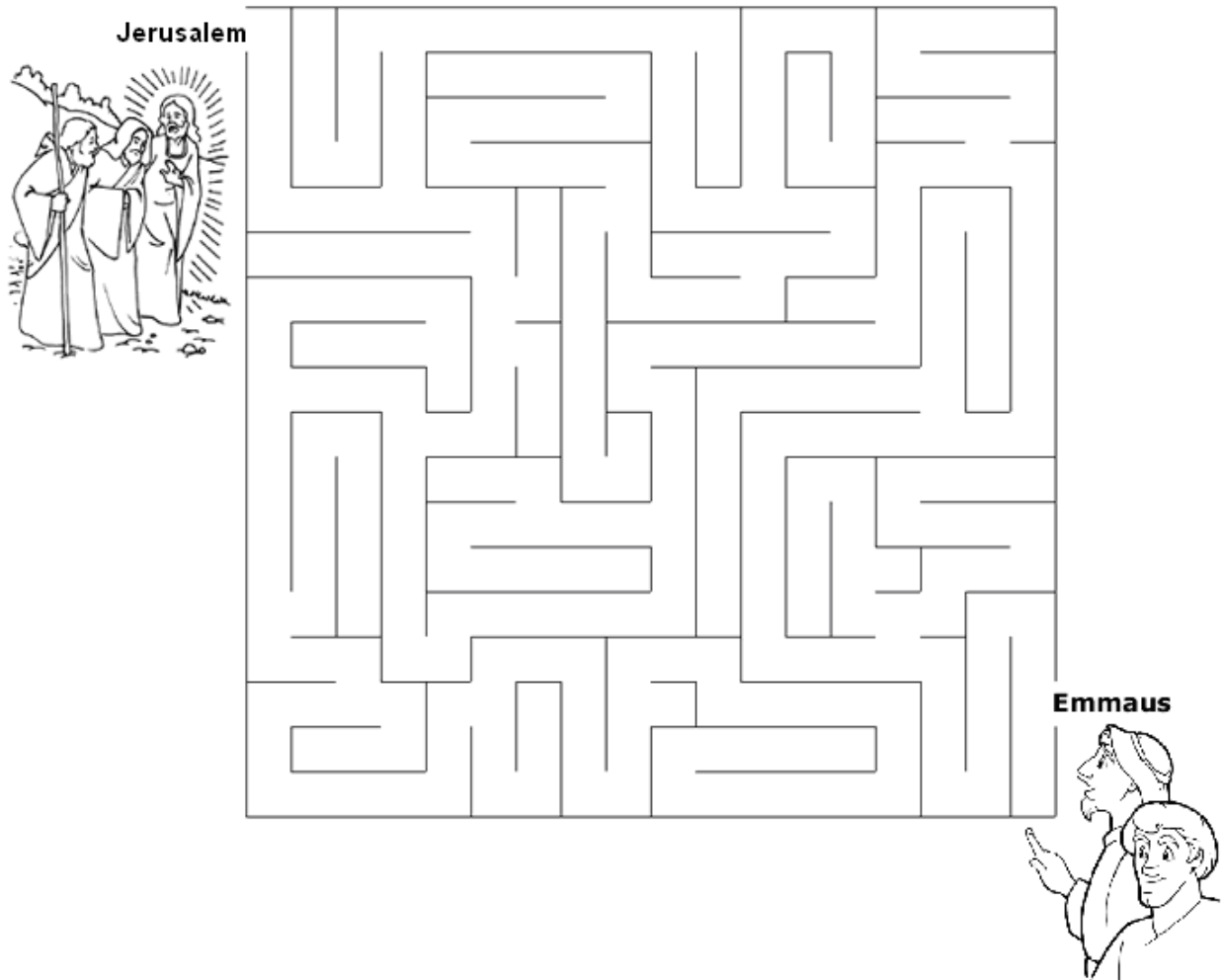
# The Stranger on the Road to Emmaus

On the day when Jesus rose from the dead, two of his disciples were walking to the village of Emmaus. They were very sad and were talking about everything that had happened in Jerusalem where their Teacher died. Jesus himself came along and joined them. He talked with them about those things. But they did not recognize who he was until they sat down to eat. He took the bread, asked God's blessing on it and, gave it to them. At that moment they recognized Jesus, but he disappeared.



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." Luke 24:29

Help the two disciples find their way back to Jerusalem.



## **Lesson 26**

### **The Stranger on the Road to Emmaus**

**Bible Text:** Luke 24:13-35

**Key Verse:** Luke 24:29

**Purpose:** The children will understand the fact that Jesus appeared to two of the disciples while they were on the way to Emmaus. When Jesus is not with us we are sad. Jesus wants to be near us. He is here right now, with us, through the Holy Spirit.

#### **Please note!**

Plan suitable activities for your group of children. The following activities can be adapted depending on the group's size, age, ability, the amount of time available, etc.

### **I. Lesson**

Before working on the coloring page, tell the children about the two disciples who were walking to the village of Emmaus.

The same day Jesus rose from the dead, two of his disciples were walking to the village of Emmaus, which was 11 km (7 miles) away from Jerusalem. While they were discussing their Teacher's death, Jesus came along and joined them. But they didn't recognize him. Jesus asked them what they were talking about. They were surprised when they heard his questions. They tried to explain to him the sad things that happened in Jerusalem. They told him how the priests and other religious leaders arrested Jesus and handed him over to be condemned to death, and how Jesus was crucified. They said that they thought that Jesus was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. And they also told him how Jesus' body was missing from the tomb. They didn't know that he was their Teacher. Then Jesus said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" Then Jesus explained what all the Scriptures said about him, quoting passages from the writings of Moses and all the prophets. When they were nearing Emmaus, Jesus would have gone on. But they begged him to stay with them. So Jesus went home with them. While they were sitting at the table, he took a loaf of bread, asked God's blessing on it, broke it and gave it to them. Suddenly their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus. At that moment Jesus disappeared. The disciples returned to Jerusalem to tell the other disciples what had happened. At that very moment, Jesus appeared among them, saying, "Peace be with you." Every one was very happy that Jesus was with them.

### **II. Activities**

#### **1. Key Verse**

a. Read the verse out loud.

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." Luke 24:29

b. Explain the verse.

The disciples asked Jesus to stay with them, and he stayed. If you ask Jesus to stay with you, he will fulfill your desire, too.

c. Help the children memorize the verse.

## **2. Review questions for the children:**

- While the disciples were walking to Emmaus, were they happy or sad?
- Why were they sad?
- What did Jesus talk about?
- Did they understand everything Jesus said?
- When did the disciples recognize Jesus?
- Did they believe Jesus had risen from the dead?
- Why did the disciples return to Jerusalem?

## **III. Conclusion:**

Are you sad sometimes? When you are sad maybe you don't realize that Jesus is present with you. He wants to talk to you through his word, the Bible. He wants you to know his will. If you read the Bible when you are sad, then you will become joyful just as the disciples were when they found out that the Stranger who walked with them on the road to Emmaus was Jesus himself. Jesus' presence can fill you with joy.