

Bible background

Luke 24:36-49

Aim of lesson

To show that Jesus wanted all his disciples to know that he is alive.

Preparation required

Have ready as many puppets as you can from last week and a 'half house' made from this week's activity sheet. It is made by folding and standing up. You will need colouring materials. It is useful to make an extra 'half house' for the house in Jerusalem as well as that in Emmaus.

Suggested outline of lesson

- Using the three puppets, half house and rhyme from last week, review last week's lesson, include extra puppets made last week as disciples in the house they return to. You could include the song 'Two disciples met a stranger' from last week if you wish.
- Encourage the children to take the part of the disciples in asking questions and telling what happened. You may like to include Peter saying he had seen Jesus too.
- Still using the puppets, describe Jesus appearing, their amazement and how Jesus shows them he is real when they think he is a ghost. Tell how he asked for something to eat.
- Give each of the children their 'house' activity sheet and ask them to draw the table with food on it, including the fish, and Jesus with his disciples at the table. Alternatively, they could make the model table with plasticine food on it.
- Teach the song 'Dear Lord Jesus'.

Alternative activities

- Get the children to look closely at their hands and, if possible, bare feet. Can they feel the bones inside? Try bending and wriggling fingers and toes. How do the bones move?
- Draw around hands and feet or, for a messier option, make prints using poster paint!

(Or ideas from last week's lesson)

Relevance to the children's lives

Ask who would have liked to have dinner with Jesus. What would they have told him or asked him?

Prayer

Ask who would like to pray about the things suggested under 'Relevance'.

Verse

'Look at my hands and feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see.' Luke 24:38-39.

Song

Dear Lord Jesus (Tune: Baa Baa Black Sheep)

The musical notation is as follows:

Staff 1: D G D G D A7 D

Staff 2: D A7 D A7 D G A7 D

Dear Lord Jesus, come and stay with me
 When I'm playing or I'm having tea
 I want to share my life with you
 Wherever I may go, whatever I do.

Music: Traditional.