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Read Luke 24: 13-34

Sometimes in life, things happen that are confusing, upsetting or disappointing, but we don't always know the full picture right away. This story helps us to understand that things will be okay because Jesus loves us and wants us to be filled with Joy forever!

- When you feel confused or sad, what helps you feel better?
- If you could ask Jesus anything, what would it be?
- What is something that always brings you Joy?

DO TOGETHER

Create a Joy box together. Use a pencil box, shoe box or any box you have laying around. Put things that make you feel joy inside. It could be pictures, a scent, a small toy, etc. Write the memory verse below somewhere on or in your box. Add a notepad and writing utensil so that you can write down prayers to God.. When you are feeling upset or down, go to this box for a reminder that Jesus loves you always and will always be there to cheer you up!



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Memory Verse

Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!
Philippians 4:4 NIRV

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Jesus wants to be our friend forever, and He loves spending time with us!

Talk through these questions as a family:

- What is one Bible story we can read as a family that shows Jesus being a friend to others?
- How does Jesus show He is a friend to our family every day?
- When is it easiest for you to remember Jesus is your friend? When is it hardest?
- How can our family spend time with Jesus together this week?

DO TOGETHER

Create a “Friendship With Jesus Moment” at home. Choose a special time during the day, like mealtime or bedtime. As a family, take turns sharing one way Jesus shows He is a friend to us or one way we can be a friend like Jesus. Say a short prayer together, thanking Jesus for being with you always. Try this moment again throughout the month and notice how your family grows closer to Jesus and to each other. Let this remind your family that Jesus wants to be your friend forever.



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Bible Words

“I have called you
friends.”
John 15:15