

# TRINITY GRACE CHURCH SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020

#### INTRODUCTION

In Luke 24:13-35, we find two followers of Jesus on their way to Emmaus. From what we read, it seems they were sad and confused by Jesus' death on the cross. Little did they know that Jesus was walking with them. He explained how Jesus' death was the answer to years of God's promises to the Israelites. They were shocked when they realized that this person was Jesus. They ran back to Jerusalem to tell everyone about what they had just seen.

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#### **BIBLE STORY**

On the Road to Emmaus — Luke 24:13-35

#### MEMORY VERSE

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#### LIFE APP

Humility — putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve.

BOTTOM LINE	BASIC TRUTH
There's always more to discover	I should treat others the way I wanted
about God's plan.	to be treated.

## **JOURN** JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING

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Use this guide to help your family learn how God can help us live with humility. First, watch this video https://bit.ly/KidsUpsideDownWeek4 Then follow up with the activity below!

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## **ACTIVITY: CUP-SIDE DOWN**

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

a bunch of plastic cups (any non-breakable cups will do; try to gather 20 of them)

#### WHAT YOU DO:

Have one person designated to read the story. Then divide the rest of your crew into two teams. (They can be teams of one person!) One team will be the "Ups" team and the other will be the "Ups-ide Down" team. Give each team an equal number of cups, and instruct them to place the cups up or down around the room, depending on which team they're on. (Ups will place cups right-side-up and Ups-ide Downs will place cups, well, upside down.)

When the game starts, the reader should read a few sentences from the Bible story: Luke 24:13-35. Whenever the reader pauses the story and calls "PAUSE," the teams get 10 seconds to flip over any cups that aren't turned in their team's direction. The reader counts to 10 and then calls, "STOP!" and the teams stop immediately. (To make it extra-competitive, anyone who's caught not stopping has to turn two cups over in the other team's direction!)

When the reader gets to the end of the story, whichever team has the most cups turned in their team's direction wins! Play again, this time switching up who the reader is.

#### Talk about the Bible story:

- o What was the most important thing that the men on the road to Emmaus discovered? (Who Jesus is and that He is alive)
- o What's something that you discovered in this story?
- Part of humility is about being willing and open to learning new things. What is one new thing you've learned recently? (Note: If it works/is appropriate for your family, engage your child in a discussion about what they can learn about themselves and your family through the COVID-19 pandemic.)
- o There's always more to discover about God's plan. How do we learn more about God and His plans for us? (By reading the Bible, asking questions, praying, talking about **God with someone else who follows Him)**

## PRAYER

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime right before bed tonight:

"Dear God, thank You that we'll never stop learning more about You and Your plans for us. Life can get kind of scary sometimes. But we know that You are bigger than life's biggest struggles, and Your plans for us are good. Help us to always be ready to learn new things about You and about this life You've given us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- Why is it so hard for us to admit when we don't know something?
- If there's always more to discover about God, how do we do that? (*Bible reading, prayer, mentor/wise person, application of what you're learning*)
- How can you show humility when it comes to discovering new things?
- Have you ever had someone tell you or teach you something you

already knew? How do you show humility in that kind of situation?

— Is it okay to let others know that you already know something?

#### QUESTIONS?

<u>Contact us</u> with any questions you have about this activity guide. Please note, we can best support you during the week (Monday thru Friday). No question is too big or too small. We're here to help! With love, Elisa Booker and Danielle Swink





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BOTTOM LINE: There's always more to discover about God's plan.

PUTTING OTHERS FIRST BY GIVING UP WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU DESERVE

Read Jeremiah 29:11

## Surprise!

Let's review the Bible story from this weekend. With an adult, go online and search: **Luke 24:13-35.** Take a few minutes and re-listen to the story of when Jesus surprised everyone after He came back to life after being dead for three days.

Thank God for ways that He surprises us.

## What's the Plan, Man?

Only God knows the plan for our life and thankfully He is a person we can trust with our future. Take some time to ask God to help you with the plan. Pray something like this

"Dear God, I know that You already have a plan for my life. Please help me to look and talk to You whenever I don't know what to do. Thank You for always being there for me. Amen."

Know that God already has a plan for your life, you just have to let Him show you.

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## More to Discover

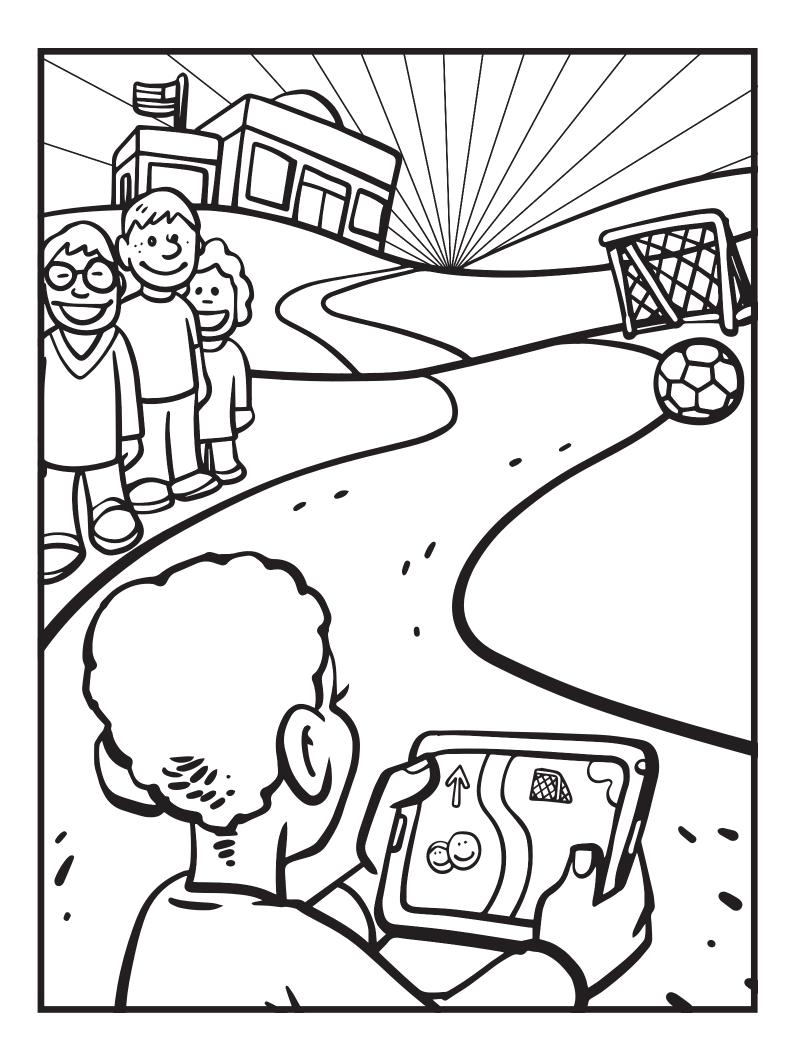
Grab a friend and have them make a discovery. Find an object in your house, it could be a toy or something random. Tell your friend to close their eyes and then you go and hide the object. Once you have hidden the object, have your friend open their eyes. Play Hot or Cold to help them discover the hidden object. If they are far from the object say, "cold," as they get closer say, "getting warmer," when they are super close to the object say, "hot!" Once they have discovered the object you can switch and play again!

Look for some ways to discover what Jesus can do for you.

## The Plan

With an adult, look up this week's verse: Jeremiah 29:11. Read through the verse together out loud. Talk about what you want to be when you grow up or something you want to do right now. How can you ask God to help you with your plan?

Ask God to help show you what your plan should be.



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#### **WEEK FOUR**

ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS • LUKE 24:13-35



#### HUMILITY: PUTTING OTHERS FIRST BY GIVING UP WHAT YOU THINK YOU DESERVE

### **HOW TO RAISE A JERK**

By Reggie Joiner

Most parents don't set out to raise kids who become jerks. But parenting kids who have a mind of their own can be confusing.

Some people say too many who work hard at building children's self-esteem are raising kids who will exhibit a lifestyle of entitlement and egotism. Other specialists say those who talk about children being innately bad are raising a generation that feels inferior and insignificant. Every expert has an opinion and it's hard to know where the line actually is. Many promote their agenda by pushing the opposing opinion to the extreme.

One of the keys to parenting with balance is helping your children develop an attitude of humility. Every child has the potential to grow up and understand why it's important to "put others first." There is just a fine line between raising kids who have a healthy self-esteem and kids who are too egotistical.

A life of arrogance that goes unchecked can result in a sad and lonely existence for someone, and frankly there are enough self-centered people around. How does someone develop an overinflated sense of self-worth and entitlement?

Here are a few ideas to help you unintentionally, but effectively, raise a jerk:

- Protect them from the consequences of their own mistakes.
- Make sure you do whatever they can do for themselves.

- Keep them away from anyone who thinks differently than they do.
- Try to give them everything they want.
- Tell them over and over again you just want them to be happy.
- Convince them that they are more special than other kids.
- Always take their side when they get in trouble with their teacher at school.
- Always take their side whenever they are in a conflict with a friend.
- Keep insisting that they are the best player on the team.
- Don't give them consistent opportunities to help or serve other people.
- Never require them to do chores.
- Reinforce their prejudices about people from different cultures or backgrounds.
- Make your relationship with them more important than your relationship with your spouse.
- Rarely express genuine gratitude to those who help you.
- Teach them to talk more than they listen.
- Never let them hear you say, "I was wrong. I am sorry."

Maybe you can add a few ideas of your own . . . on how to raise a jerk.

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