



Week 4 – Elementary  
Additional Resources for Parents

ACTIVITY: Mystery Cube

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Put a bunch of random items you have lying around into a shoebox. Ask one family member to volunteer to come up and look into the box for five seconds. Then, remove one item from the box, and see if they can figure out what's missing. Repeat this as many times as you want with different family members. In the last round, show the box to the whole group, then pretend to take out something (but don't), and have them try to guess what's "missing."

**How were you able to figure out what was missing?**

**Why was the last round so hard?** It's hard to find something that's not missing at all!

ACTIVITY: Hidden Object

**INSTRUCTIONS:** You can either do this activity together as a family, in groups, or individually. Print attached hidden message picture. Find the hidden objects in the pictures.

**Sometimes, something is right in front of us and we don't see it! That's kind of like Jesus, right? We don't see Jesus, but we know Jesus is around!**

QUESTION: What's Everywhere?

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Ask the following question and let them answer out loud.

**Can anyone name something that is everywhere?** (Allow for variety of answers: e.g., glitter, water, dust, air, bugs, germs, etc.) Even things we think are everywhere are not actually everywhere! Even oxygen – there's no oxygen in outer space! Only God is everywhere and is with us right now!

BIBLE STORY: Luke 24:13-34

**On the Road to Emmaus**

*<sup>13</sup> That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles<sup>[a]</sup> from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and they were talking with each other about all these things*

that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." <sup>25</sup> And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. <sup>28</sup> So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup> but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" <sup>33</sup> And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup> saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"

So, Jesus' two friends were talking about what had happened in the past week, just like we have been learning this month. Jesus, who was no doubt the coolest person ever, had taught them so much about God, and showed that Jesus was, in fact, the son of God! But they were sad because they thought Jesus was gone for good. But then, Jesus walks right up to the two friends and talks with them as they walk. Jesus is with them along the entire walk and they didn't even recognize Jesus! It was only when they stopped for the evening and ate together did they realize it had been Jesus the entire time! This is also true today. Even though we can't see Jesus, Jesus is always with us. Jesus talks to us through our church teachers. Jesus shows love to us whenever we get a hug or when we do something kind for someone else. When we are sad, like Jesus' friends were on the road to Emmaus, Jesus is right there next to us and gives us comfort. No matter what the situation is, **Jesus is always with me (and you)!**

QUESTION: Things That Exist, Even Though You Can't See Them

INSTRUCTIONS: Ask family members to contemplate and respond to this question: **What are**

**some things you haven't seen or can't see, but you know exist?** (e.g., another country, other planets in space, animals who live deep in the ocean, etc.) The list is endless. **Even though you can't see these things, how do you know they exist?** You can read about them, or listen to others who have seen them. The same is true of Jesus! Jesus never leaves us. You can talk to Jesus anytime, anywhere. Jesus is always with you.



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