

Sharing our Bible Story for Today

There are only a few stories in the Bible about the days after Jesus' resurrection. Today we will share one story. You can find others in the final chapters of the other gospels Mark, Matthew and John.

On the Road to Emmaus

(find the story posted on our church website with your Sunday School at Home resources – if you don't have access to a printer, contact your church for a printed copy!)

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Thinking and Talking about the Story

What surprises you most about this story?

I wonder what you might have thought if you had been on the road to Emmaus?

Putting the Story into Action

1) We would love to see your illustrations for this week's story, On the Road to Emmaus.

2) PRAYING: Jesus often took time to pray. People from all faith traditions have special prayers that help them feel connected to God and to God's world. You may have received a pocket prayer from Carman United Church. We hope it will remind you that we can talk to God when we are happy or sad and when we see other people or places that are happy or sad or hurting. We can ask God to help us be servant leaders like Jesus, taking time to notice people and places that are often ignored. Did you know that pretzels were first made by people who wanted to teach children how to pray? Think of the way a pretzel crisscrosses and imagine folding your arms to pray, like a pretzel! We call that a pretzel prayer – just one more way to pray and talk to God! You might enjoy making pretzels (recipe is posted on our websites) together this week!

3) Spend time outdoors and "Take a Sacred Pause". Many people find peace in the beauty of the natural world. And spring is a great time to enjoy the change of seasons and all the promises of new life right outside our door! What signs of spring and new life do you see when you are outside this week?

4) Do you have a question about the story? Send us an email and we will respond! We love questions – the harder the better! And I still haven't received any questions!

Carman United Church and St. Andrew's United Church families - to share your responses to this week's story visit Carman United Church Face Book page or email the church office Karen.mcgill@crossroadsunited.com. Visit www.crossroadsunited.com and see Sunday School At Home to view previous lessons and stuff people are sharing.

Praying at Home

(a prayer to learn for bedtime routine)

The Gentle Dark

In the stillness of the evening,
In the quiet of the night,
May the gentle dark surround you,
May God bless and hold you tight.

May you nestle in the darkness
'Neath the shadowed moon's soft beams,
Sleeping peacefully till morning,
Angels dancing in your dreams.

(from *The Gentle Dark: Nighttime Poems and Prayers for Children* by Alyson Huntly)