


DISCOVERING GOD'S TREASURE: WHO I AM IN CHRIST

Lesson 15

Large Group Lesson Plan | All Ages



LESSON 15: Alive To God

<p>Bible Story</p> <p>Two Men Meet the Resurrected Jesus</p> <p><i>Luke 24</i></p>	<p>Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Bible• Four emojis images, printed in color
<p>Bible Verse</p> <p>“So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.” <i>Romans 6:11, NLT</i></p>	
<p> Identity Who God Says I Am</p> <p>I can be alive to God in Christ Jesus.</p>	

Large Group Lesson 15 Minutes

To get everyone's attention, ask loudly, **"Who Is Jesus?"**

- **Jesus is the Son of God.**
 - Point one finger to the sky.
- **Jesus came from heaven to earth.**
 - Point two fingers to the sky, and then slowly bring them down to your sides to make a giant circle.
- **He lived a perfect life.**
 - Give two thumbs up.
- **He died on the cross to pay for our sin.**
 - Hold both arms out horizontally, forming a cross.
- **His body was buried in the ground.**
 - Hold up both arms high above your head, and then bending low, bring your arms down to hold your knees.
- **Three days later, he rose from the dead victorious!**
 - Hold up the number three. Use both hands and slowly lift them up, and then wave both hands above your head in celebration.
- **He is in heaven now preparing a place for you and me! Preparing a place for you and me!**
 - Point one finger toward heaven. Then, with two fists, tap one fist on top of the other fist twice, and then switch the fist that is on top and do it again. You will do this repetition twice.
- **Right now he sits on a throne in heavenly places.**
 - Tap your wrist like a watch. Then pretend to sit down while standing.
- **There he prays to the Father for each and every one,**
 - Make praying hands. Then, with those praying hands, gesture toward others around you.
- **...and sends the Holy Spirit to all God's children.**
 - Slide one hand across the palm of the other away from your body.
- **One day he will come again as the eternal king**
 - Hold up the number one. Then make a crown with your hands atop your head.
- **...and he will turn every wrong thing, right!**
 - Turn around in a circle once with two thumbs down, and when you finish, give two thumbs up.

After Jesus rose from the dead, he appeared to many of his followers. He encountered two of these followers shortly after his death and resurrection just outside of Jerusalem. They were traveling on the road to a village called Emmaus.

As we read this story, pay attention to the way the followers of Jesus finally realize that it was Jesus who was with them.

It was a difficult few days for the disciples of Jesus. They had seen and heard about the death of their Lord. They were all alone now with no one to lead them. Two of these disciples left the city of Jerusalem, where Jesus was crucified, and began to walk the seven miles to a village called Emmaus.

They were walking along the road, talking about all that had happened, when Jesus came near and began to walk with them. In their sadness, the disciples did not recognize that it was Jesus who came near to them.

“What are you talking about as you walk along the road?” Jesus asked.

They stopped and looked at one another in sadness. “Are you the only one in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place these last few days?”

“What things?” Jesus asked.

“The things about Jesus of Nazareth, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be crucified,” said one of the disciples.

“We had hoped that he was the one who would redeem Israel. Today is the third day since he died,” said the other disciple.

The first disciple jumped in and said, “Moreover, some women of our group have astounded us. They were at his tomb this morning, and they did not find his body there. They told us they had a vision of angels who said he was alive!”

“Others went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not SEE him,” said the other disciple.

“Oh, how foolish you are, and slow of HEART to believe all that has been declared to you in the scriptures!” Jesus said. “It was necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory.”

Then, as they continued to walk, Jesus explained how the SCRIPTURES pointed to him.

Finally, they arrived in the village of Emmaus, and Jesus walked ahead of them.

“Stay with us! It is almost evening, and the day is now nearly over,” the disciples shouted.

So Jesus came back to stay with them. They sat down for a meal, and Jesus took BREAD, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

At that moment, their EYES were opened, and they recognized Jesus for the first time.

Then he vanished from their sight.

They turned to each other. “Were not our HEARTS burning within us while he was explaining the scriptures to us?”

They got up immediately and returned to Jerusalem to tell Jesus’s friends about their encounter with Christ.

How did the Jesus followers finally realize that it was Jesus who was with them?

Take student responses. Then hold up the bread emoji.

Jesus broke bread, blessed it and gave it to his followers. When he gave them the bread, they finally recognized that the man who was with them was Jesus. Jesus’s resurrected body must have looked different than before. They needed God’s help to recognize Jesus and to believe that Jesus truly did rise from the dead.

Today we’re going to learn about what it means to be “alive to God.” All of us are alive physically, right? (Ask the students to take a deep breath in and a deep breath out.) The fact that you are able to breathe tells me that you are alive. What are the signs that someone is alive to God?

Hold up the bread emoji once again.

Those who are alive to God believe what God has accomplished through his son Jesus. The followers of Jesus in today’s story finally believed when Jesus gave them a piece of bread, which tells us that it is God who helps us believe!

Hold up the book emoji.

In today’s story, Jesus opens up the scriptures to his followers, telling them about how every story, every commandment and every prophecy points to himself so that they might understand. Someone who is alive to God understands the Word of God...not because they tried really hard or are really smart, but because Jesus helps them understand! We can ask Jesus to come and help us when we read our Bibles, because we can trust that he wants us to understand the things concerning himself because he loves us!

Hold up the heart emoji.

After Jesus explained the scriptures to his two followers, they noticed that their

hearts were burning inside of them. No, they weren't actually saying that there was a literal fire inside of their bodies (that wouldn't be good!). They were trying to describe how the words Jesus was speaking had the power to change them from the inside out. Someone who is alive to God understands the scriptures with the help of Jesus and lives differently in response to God's Word.

Hold up the pair of eyes emoji.

Someone who is alive to God sees God and knows God as he truly is! The disciples finally recognized Jesus when he broke bread, blessed it and gave it to them. When they discovered that Jesus was alive, what do you think they learned about who God truly is?

Take student responses.

Jesus is alive, and he is able to make us alive to God! Although sin separated us from God, Jesus is powerful enough to wash away our sin and raise us again to a new life that is aware of God, and honors God and his word! We'll talk about this more in small groups.

Give directions and dismiss students to their small groups.

