

Children's Church
Sunday, April 23, 2017 – 4th Sunday of Easter
Jesus Appears

Theme: The Road to Emmaus

Scripture: “Then the two disciples described what had happened along the road and how Jesus was made known to them as he broke the bread.” – Luke 24:35

Objects: Amish Friendship Bread

Materials: Materials Plastic Table Cover, ingredients

In our scripture today, we learned that Jesus performed the first communion. Would someone be willing to explain what communion is?

As United Methodists we believe that the bread and juice are a symbol of Jesus. When we take communion we remember what Jesus has done for us, the joy he gives us, and the trust we have in him for all things in this life. We also believe that the communion table is open to anyone. You don't have to be a Methodist to take communion here. Jesus welcomed and loved people no matter what they did, what they looked like, or who they were.

It is so neat that United Methodist believe in open communion because we share in this tradition together with all people. Every time we take communion, we are remembering one God who loves us and Jesus who gives us life!

Later in the story, we learn that two disciples share with people along the road what Jesus did for them. They explained how he gave them the bread and the juice and they should remember him.

Imagine if every time you took communion, you were filled with so much joy in Jesus and told all your friends, family, and people you met about how it changed you.

The Amish have a neat tradition to make bread that they can pass on to friends. It's called Friendship Bread. They spend time preparing ingredients, mixing, and getting it ready to give out. When they give it to their friends, they show them and tell them how to make it. It takes time, care, and attention to make this bread. Once you're finished making the bread, you will separate a small part of the dough to give to a friend. Just like making this friendship bread- we work on our faith by preparing ourselves, working on it everyday, and sharing it with others.

We are going to make a batch of friendship bread that you can take home and work on to make. First, we need to wash our hands and mix these ingredients together.

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