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Title: Can You See Jesus?

Theme: Jesus can help us to see who He is and what He did for us.

Object: Word puzzle spelling JESUS.

Text: Luke 24:45-47 NIV

How many of you like to do puzzles?

I have with me today a different kind of puzzle: it’s a hidden word puzzle.

It may be easy for you to see or it may be hard. Once you see it at first, it’s easy to see it every time.

If you know what the word is, don’t say it. Just put up you hand.

Some things are hard to see at first, but once we see them they’re easy to see.

This reminds me of our scripture that we read today.

It says, “Then Jesus opened their mind so that they could understand the scriptures.”

Even though Jesus told them that He would be crucified and rise from the dead, somehow the disciples didn’t get it.

So after Jesus came back from the dead, He explained to them how the Bible predicted that that is just what would happen to Him.

When Jesus appeared to them after His resurrection, they were afraid He was a ghost.

But Jesus said, go ahead and touch me, I’m flesh and bones.

And just to prove it He asked them if they had anything to eat.

They gave Him a piece of broiled fish and He ate it right in front of them.

Then He told them, don’t be surprised. I had to die for your sins so that you can be forgiven.

Jesus opened their minds so that they could understand what He had done.

And once they understood it, they never forgot it.

Just like this puzzle, they could see Jesus and know that He died so that our sins could be forgiven.

So when Jesus went back to heaven, the disciples went everywhere telling people the gospel.

There is forgiveness for those who repent of their sins and trust Jesus to take them away.

Can you see Jesus? [Hold up word puzzle]

Has He opened your mind to how much He loves you and how He died to save you?

Will you trust Him to forgive you?