Now You See Him Now You Don’t Sun Am KZ 12/19/21

# Memory Verse: Luke 24:30-31 NKJV

# 30Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke *it,* and gave it to them. 31Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.

Target Thought: Jesus reveals Himself to us.

What is your favorite Disney movie? (Give the children a time to answer.) One of my favorite Disney movies was "Now You See Him, Now You Don't". It's a funny movie about a college student who developed a secret formula that you could spray on objects, even people, and make them disappear. In the movie, a gang of crooks tries to steal the formula to help them rob banks. It is a very funny movie.

Of course, there is no secret formula that can make things disappear and reappear, but there is an event in the Bible where Jesus made himself appear and disappear to his followers. It is a very interesting story and every bit of it is true!

After Jesus was crucified and had risen from the dead, his followers were very sad and confused. ? How would you have felt if you had been one of His disciples? They didn't know what was going to happen next. One day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus. As they walked along, Jesus came and began walking with them, but God kept them from recognizing him.

There are times in our lives when we really need Jesus to reveal Himself to us, He reveals Himself to us through His Word and through His Holy Spirit. An example of this is when are prayers are answered, when He comforts us and when we learn our answers from the Bible.

As they walked, they discussed all of the things that had happened. As they came near to Emmaus, it was late in the day so they asked the stranger who had been walking with them to stay the night with them. So Jesus went to their home. As they sat down to eat, Jesus took the bread and blessed it and gave it to them to eat. Suddenly, their eyes were opened and they recognized him. At that very moment, he disappeared!

The two followers went back to Jerusalem and found the eleven disciples and others who had gathered with them. They told them the story about how Jesus had appeared to them as they traveled to Emmaus and how they had recognized him as he was breaking bread. Just as they were telling them about it, Jesus himself appeared and stood among them. The whole group was frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost!

"Why are you frightened?" Jesus asked. "Look at my hands and feet. You can see that it is really me. Touch me and be assured that I am not a ghost." Jesus wanted to comfort His disciples and assure them of their future just like He does for us today. Jesus never wants us to be afraid or think He has left us alone.

Isn't that a wonderful story? Would you like for Jesus to reveal himself to you? Well, Jesus still reveals himself to his followers today, but he does it through his Word and the Holy Spirit.

He may not appear to you in the same way he did to the disciples in our Bible lesson today, but if you study God's Word and seek him with all your heart, Jesus will reveal himself to you.

Our Father, help us to study your Word and to apply it in our daily life. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

1. How would you have felt if you had been one of Jesus’ disciples at that time?
2. How does Jesus reveal Himself to us today?
3. Does Jesus want to comfort us today?