



# Teaching Guide - PRESCHOOL & VSN

## Monthly Theme: Galactic Glow - Shining the Light of Jesus

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### LESSON - JESUS APPEARS TO HIS DISCIPLES

**Items Needed:** Heart stickers.

Alright, Glowers! I hope you are ready for this week's Bible story. We are on a galactic adventure to shine the light of Jesus!

**Display Slide 1-1:** Jesus appeared to two of His disciples while they were walking to a nearby village.

**DO IT:** Can you pretend to walk with me? Pat your legs like this. Great job! The two men were talking about everything that had happened when Jesus started walking with them. Jesus asked them questions, and they started to tell the story of Jesus being alive! They didn't know Jesus was the one walking with them. Whoa!

The two men asked Jesus to come stay with them. Then, the three of them sat down to eat. When Jesus took the bread and prayed for it. Suddenly, the men realized that it was Jesus! And at that same moment, Jesus disappeared! Wow, how amazing is that!

**DO IT:** Show me your surprised face. Great job!

**Display Slide 1-2:** They knew that Jesus was truly alive and went to tell Jesus' special friends, the disciples. As they were telling everyone, guess what happened!? Jesus appeared! He was standing there with them!

**Display Slide 1-3:** Jesus said, "Peace be with you!"

**SAY IT:** Can you say that with me? "Peace be with you!" Great job!

**Display Slide 1-4:** Jesus told them to look at his hands and feet. "You can see that it is really me! Touch me even!"

**DO IT:** The holes in Jesus' hands show us how much He loves us. Let's put sticker hearts in the palm of our hands.

Jesus wanted His friends to know it was truly Him and that now they needed to be ready for what was next! Whoa! What an incredible story! Jesus is amazing!

**PRAYER:** Dear God, thank You for showing Your friends You are alive! Just like the two men on the road, help us to see You in our lives every day. Thank You for loving us so much and giving us peace. In Jesus's Name. Amen.

### LESSON QUESTIONS - 10 MINS

#### 2 & 3YR OLDS

**Question 1:** Did Jesus appear to two of His disciples while they were walking? **(Yes)**

**Question 2:** Did the two men know who Jesus was right away? **(No)**

**Question 3:** Were the disciples telling people about Jesus? **(Yes)**

**Question 4:** Did the men invite Jesus to stay and eat with them? **(Yes)**

#### 4YRS - 1ST GRADE

**Question 1:** How many disciples were walking and talking about Jesus? **(2 Disciples)**

**Question 2:** What were the two disciples doing when Jesus appeared to them? **(They were telling others about Jesus.)**

**Question 3:** Did the two disciples know that it was Jesus when He first started walking with them? **(No)**

**Question 4:** What did Jesus say to His friends when He appeared to all of them? **(Peace be with you!)**



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### ACTIVITY 1: FOLLOW THE LEADER

**Connection:** Jesus is amazing! What does it mean to follow someone? Jesus enjoyed spending time with His disciples and friends. He also gave them important instructions about how they should follow Him. We are to follow Jesus' example! Let's practice following the leader together. Imagine you are following Jesus in this game! Here we go!

**Step 1:** One child is chosen to be the leader. The rest of the children line up behind the leader.

**Step 2:** They must copy the leader's actions and movements. Run when the leader runs, do jumping jacks, turn around, take three steps forward, etc.

**Step 3:** Anyone who does not successfully copy a movement is out. The last child still following at the end is the leader in the next round.

### ACTIVITY 2: STAR TOSS

**Items Needed:** star-themed bean bags and a bucket

**Connection:** Jesus is amazing, and we are called to shine his light! Just like the stars in space shine, we know that when we tell people about Jesus, we are shining his light. Here are some stars that shine. Let's see how many bright stars we can get into the bucket!

**Step 1:** Gather the children together. Remind them that everyone will have an opportunity to get their star into the bucket. Give each one a star bean bag (in rotation).

**Step 2:** Demonstrate how to toss a bean bag into the bucket.

**Step 3:** Have each child toss their star into the bucket. Ask children to cheer on other children as they make the throw. Repeat as time allows

### ACTIVITY 3: BUBBLE PARTY

**Items Needed:** Bubbles and music!

We've got some extra time today, so let's spend it worshipping and dancing with bubbles!

### CRAFT OR COLORING SHEET (USE 1 OR 2 OPTIONS DEPENDING ON CLASS AGE & TIME) ROCKETSHIP

**Items Needed:** Pre-cut out squares and triangles for rocket ships, glue sticks, worksheet, and star stickers.

**Connection:** Today, we learned that the disciples were on a mission to tell others about Jesus! We are on that same mission, too. So today, we're going to build our very own rocket ships to remind us that we are on a mission to share the good news that Jesus is alive! Let's blast off into our craft!

**Step 1:** Assist children with gluing each shape on their "rocket template" worksheet.

**Step 2:** When the rocket ship is complete, give students star stickers and allow them to place them on their sheets

### COLORING SHEET: JESUS APPEARS TO HIS FRIENDS

**Items Needed:** Coloring sheet and crayons.

**Connection:** Jesus appears to two disciples on the road to Emmaus

**Step 1:** Distribute the coloring sheets and allow time to color.

