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Title: Our Hidden Friend

Theme: Jesus wants to walk with us even though we can’t see Him.

Object: Picture of a tree with “hidden” gorilla and lion. Picture of a duck and a rabbit as one.

Text: Luke 24:30-31 (NIV) When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

I have two pictures that I want to show you this morning.

What do you see in this picture? [Show picture of tree.]

Does everyone agree that this is a tree?

Do you see anything else in this picture? Maybe something that’s hidden?

Does anyone see the head of an animal in this picture?

If you see an animal’s head, tell me what kind of an animal you see.

[Get them to see the gorilla and the lion. If they can’t see it, show them the picture with the animal features.]

Sometimes things are there, but we don’t see them right away. They’re hidden from our sight.

Let me show you another picture. What animal do you see in this picture?

If you look at the right side of the picture, what animal do you see? [rabbit]

But if you look at the left side of the picture, what animal do you see? [duck]

So is this a duck, a rabbit, or both?

Sometimes it’s hard to tell. When we see one, the other one is hidden.

That reminds me of the two disciples that were walking along the road to Emmaus on Sunday afternoon.

Jesus had risen from the dead early in the morning of that same day.

As they were walking along, Jesus walked with them, and He said, “What are you guys talking about?”

They didn’t recognize Him. They didn’t know it was Jesus.

It was like one of these hidden pictures where they saw the rabbit instead of the duck.

As they walked along, Jesus gave them a wonderful Bible study about how the Messiah would have to suffer and be killed before entering His glory.

They finally got to Emmaus and the two disciples invited Jesus to stay with them because the sun was going down.

Before they ate dinner together, Jesus said the blessing and passed them the bread.

And the Bible said, when Jesus did that, the eyes of the disciples were opened and they knew it was Jesus.

And then, just like that [snap] Jesus disappeared.

These two disciples were so excited that they had seen the Lord alive that they ran all the way back to Jerusalem to tell the other disciples.

You know, sometimes we can be like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Jesus wants to walk beside us and talk to us and explain the Bible to us.

He wants to be invited into our house and share a meal with us and be our friend.

But like those two disciples, we can’t see Jesus even though He’s there: He’s hidden in the picture.

Would you like to walk with Jesus and be His friend? I sure would.

Let’s ask God to open the eyes of our heart so that we can know that Jesus, our invisible Friend, is always near to us, to talk to us, to love us, to forgive us, and to save us.