

## Dear Families:

In Sunday School today, we discussed a story found in the Gospel of Luke. Cleopas and another disciple decided to go home on Easter, unsure of what to do now that Jesus had been killed and his body was discovered to be missing. As they walked along the road to Emmaus, they were joined by a stranger. The stranger had asked them of news. The disciples filled him in on the events of the crucifixion, and said how unsure they were of what to do next. The stranger put them at ease by teaching them about what the prophets had foretold about Jesus. The disciples invited this man in to eat with them upon arriving at Emmaus. The stranger came in, took the bread, blessed it and broke it. It was then the disciples recognized that the stranger was Jesus! No sooner had they discovered who He was, Jesus disappeared. They quickly ran back to Jerusalem to tell the others about what had happened.

The Sunday School has committed to supporting FLY- Focused Learning for Youth, for our 2017 service project. This program, overseen by Jericho Road, seeks to assimilate ESL (English as Second Language) students into American culture, immerse them in English instruction, and provide them with academic support for success in school. Throughout the month of May, we will be collecting money for art supplies. The FLY director specifically requested drawing pencils, mattes for framing, and other supplies for the **middle school** art lessons that they teach. (They are classes for older kids, so no crayons or markers). We will continue to collect bottle slips for the remainder of the year, and the proceeds will go towards the purchase of these supplies.

Youth Sunday will be on June 11, the final Sunday of the school year. We continue to prepare for our special day. We'd love to have all of our youth participate. Please join us when you can- we are so glad to have you involved!

This week's memory verse is: "And their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him." (Luke 24.31a). Recite it at the beginning of class next week, and you will earn a prize!

So glad you could join us today!  
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