

ROOTS YOUNG PEOPLE

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BIBLE Luke 24.13-35

Warm up 5 mins W E

Prepare sticky notes with the names of different famous people written on. Give one to each young person – making sure they don't see what is written – and ask them to stick it to their forehead. Taking turns, using simple yes or no questions, each individual tries to guess whose name is on their sticky note. Trying to find out some of the story of the people by asking questions can be very important.

Sharing his story 10 mins E S

Ask the young people to find a space where they can sit comfortably. Invite everyone to close their eyes and try to imagine they are walking along the road listening to Jesus telling his story. Encourage people to focus on imagining the atmosphere: the smells, the sounds, how they would feel. What would they ask? As the young people are in that quiet place and imagining that journey, read **Luke 24.13-35** slowly to them.

Questions to discuss

- Why do you think the people on the road may not have recognised Jesus?
- How do you think God reveals himself to people today?
- What experiences have helped you to learn more about Jesus' story?

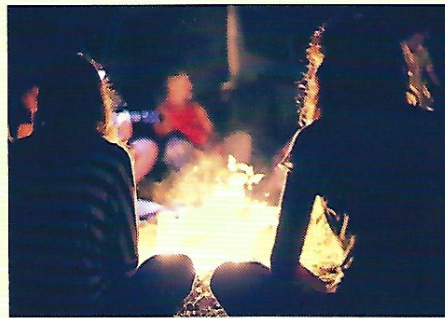
EXPLORE

Too close 10 mins W E

Sometimes we might find it difficult to see what is in front of us. Download and play the quiz (link on [WEB](#)). You can play this straight from a laptop, or print off the relevant images if you don't have internet access during your session. Ask: have we ever been so close to something that we may have missed the meaning?

Comic strip story 15 mins W E S

Create a simple eight-square grid on sheets of A4 paper (enough for one sheet per person), to make a comic strip. Ask the young people to try and retell today's passage in a comic book style. You may wish to share these stories together.



Picture pointers [WEB](#)

Questions for reflection [GLOBE](#)

- ▶ When have you gathered round a fire (or similar) to tell/listen to stories?
- ▶ If you were to tell your own story, where would you begin?
- ▶ Where is Jesus in your story?

PRAY

Prayer webs 10 mins E S

Invite the group to stand in a circle and then to throw a ball of string round the circle (remembering to keep hold of the string), so that everyone is connected to someone else in the circle. Once everyone is connected, remind the young people that we are all part of each other's story. Invite everyone to spend time praying for those they are connected to, either aloud or silently.

Silence 5 mins W E

In among all the busyness of sharing our stories, ask the young people to take just five minutes to sit and be still, and to thank God. Encourage everyone to invite God to be involved in their story, and ask that they don't become too busy for him.

Live your faith [GLOBE](#)

Sum up each day this week with one word. At the end of the week, take time to reflect on the good and bad moments and share your story with God. **W E S**

CONNECT [GLOBE](#)

Storyteller 10 mins W E

Everyone has a story to tell, so let your group tell their story. Give each young person exactly one minute to tell you a story from their lives; remind the group to be respectful of each other. You could try to include rules such as no repetition or hesitation during the one minute.

'Insta' story 15 mins W E

Split the young people into small groups and ask the groups to create a 30-second Instagram story about today's session and what they have learnt during it. Give everyone the chance to plan, rehearse and, if possible, record their story, or take photographs to illustrate their story on their mobile phones.

[WEB](#) PostScript: Linking this week's reading to the news [GLOBE](#)

Listen

[WEB](#) See *Young People* page or *Hymns, songs & music* for links to these tracks.
Red letters, Crowder on *Red letters/wildfire*
Nailed to the cross (live), Rend collective on *Standing on the edge (live)*
Psalm without words (live), Soul survivor & Momentum on *The flood*