

Monday May 4, 2020

More about the Emmaus Road

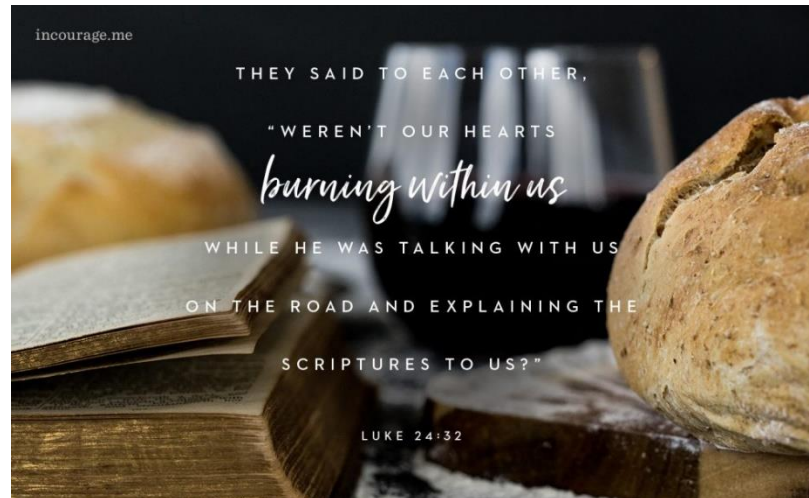
How often we underestimate the power of God. Back to the story from [Luke 24:13-35 NIV - On the Road to Emmaus](#). The travellers looked at the death of Jesus and were so disappointed. They'd put their hope in him as a prophet and as Messiah and He had died. Their hopes had died with Him.

There is a significant life experience lesson to learn from this. When we are in circumstances in our lives which tempt us to think that God has thrown us a curveball, that there is no hope, that we have been consigned to a misery that we do not deserve, that somehow God's plan has failed, we are exactly where these

disciples were. ... They looked at these events, they looked at the death of the prophet and Messiah that they loved, and could not understand. In this very event which they see as the loss of hope, God has revealed His power in using it as His stratagem to display His glory.

And it is like that in our own lives. When we are tempted to say, "This is too hard. This is not how it's supposed to be. My plan would be better if I were in charge" we doubt the power of God. In this place of disappointment, we are needy and have no idea of the joy that He is capable of giving when we believe and trust. No rug can be pulled out from under you when your confidence is in the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. No circumstance can rob that from you. The beautiful thing in the Emmaus story is, these men got it! Jesus breaks bread, He prays, He gives them the loaf — suddenly their eyes are opened and they realize, "It's Jesus!" and He's gone. They recognize the power of Jesus: "Weren't our hearts burning within us when He explained the Scriptures?!" When they get back to see the eleven, they say what? "The Lord has risen indeed!" They get it! They believe; they embrace the person of the Messiah, the cost of the redemption, and the power of the resurrection, and it changes their lives. What a beautiful story we share with the Emmaus travellers!

(adapted from: fpcjackson.org/resource-library)



Carol Verbeek, Principal



Tuesday: Paul W.- Gr. 7

Wednesday: Arianna P.- Gr. 7

Thursday: Faith C.- Gr. 4

Vienna R.- JK

Friday: Megan S.- Gr. 6

For your Information:

Prayers Needed: It has been a hard weekend for several of our WCS families. We bring to God in prayer Mrs. deVries(EA) and the Bakker family in the sudden loss of a cousin/nephew in an accident. We pray also for Ryan R in grade 3 and Rachel R in grade 2 and their family with the loss of their grandmother, and with Mrs. Renkema (EA) and family with the loss of her grandmother. Many of our families are feeling worried and stretched with being caregivers and/or with concerns about aging or ill parents and grandparents. We pray for an extra measure of patience and strength for these families, especially with rules around isolation for hospitals, care homes, and limits on gatherings for funerals. May our WCS community reach out in love to bless each other. We pray for God to provide strength, love, and comfort.

Prayer Corner: We thank God for His many blessings! Our region continues with a low infection rate and for this we are thankful. If you have specific prayer requests, be sure to pass those along to our prayer team through j.mulder@woodstockchristian.ca. Please continue to pray for our students and families as we navigate this strange time.

CALENDAR & CALENDAR CHANGE: May weekend Note that there will be no classes for WCS students on Friday May 15th or Monday May 18th (Victoria Day) as per the WCS calendar. **A change:** the PA day on June 12th has been moved to Friday June 5th.

Prayer Group: We will be having a prayer group meeting this Wednesday morning at 8:30am on zoom. Please click on the link below and enter the password **prayer** to join. If you have any prayer requests, please email them to j.mulder@woodstockchristian.ca. Join the zoom meeting by clicking on this link <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71598270332>.

K is for Kindergarten: If you have a child coming into Kindergarten in September please look at your email on Wednesday. Mrs. Mulder will be sending out a zoom link and we will be hosting a K is for Kindergarten session through zoom with Mrs. Westerveld. Please have your child bring a special show and share to the zoom meeting that they can share with the class. Girls will be on Thursday May 7 @ 10am and the boy will join on Thursday May 7 @ 11:15am. Looking forward to seeing all of you!

WCS Community Membership Meeting postponed: This meeting, which was to be held this week - on Thursday, May 7th, has been postponed. The WCS Board of Directors will provide an update as to when the membership meeting can be held.

Extension of building closure: Last week, the Minister of Education announced closures for publicly funded schools until at least May 31st. These decisions made for Ontario schools are based on information provided by Public Health officials and best projections for the wellbeing of Ontario students. WCS will be following suit and will remain closed until May 31st. We are waiting for further announcements from government officials. It is very likely that students will not return to school this term. Even if we are allowed to return, it will not be school as usual. I anticipate that even September back-to-school could be quite different. Note that all end of year community events, track and field events, and end-of year field trips have been cancelled. We are tentatively planning for June graduation until we have more information. In the event that June is not possible, we are also exploring options for a fall graduation. The Board of Health has posted a building closure notice on our front door ordering that the school continues to be off-limits.

Early dismissal: We will be having EARLY DISMISSAL days for our teaching team (or parts of the team) on Wednesday afternoons. On those days, the classes affected will be dismissed at 130pm. We are working on evaluating and enhancing our Connected Learning plan and changes to our learning and reporting procedures. On Wednesday, May 6th, grades JK through to grade 8 will have Early Dismissal. Next week, Wednesday May 13th will be Early Dismissal for all the classes, JK-8.

Student Support - Mrs. Bulhuis: Hope you were all able to enjoy the beautiful weather this past weekend and are ready for another week of learning! Thanks again for your amazing support on the homefront with making sure your children are ready for their Learning Place Zoom sessions, emailing me pictures of completed assignments, practicing spelling and sight words, and reading on Raz-Kids. Keep up the great work!

JK- Mrs. Westerveld- Please refer to our See Saw announcements. Have a great week!

SK Mrs. Poort- Good day SK. I hope you got a chance to enjoy the warm weather this past weekend. Coming up this Sunday is Mother's Day. On Friday we will do a zoom with boys and girls. This will be combined with Miss. Body, will have one group I will have the other. Stay tuned for more instructions.

Tuesday- Zoom

Wednesday - Zoom - materials needed for zoom - colouring sheet, and crayons.

Friday - Zoom - boys/girls

SK Miss Body- Welcome to the first full week of May. What a beautiful weekend to kick off the month. I am praying families have or have started to find a school groove/ routine. Remember we're in it together.

Sight words: make, play Letters: review

Tuesday: Jump Rope for Heart activities and challenges

Wednesday: Early dismissal (1:30)

Friday: Hats and shades day

SK classes zoom meetings (more info to follow)

Gr. 1- Mrs. VanderPloeg- Welcome to another week! It is a NEW month. We will be doing some Mother's Day activities throughout this week...stay tuned! It would have been our school's Jump Rope for Heart event this Tuesday. Be ready to try some skipping activities, if you can! As always, reach out to me if you need support or help with anything - I'm here to help.

Gr. 2- Mrs. Horinga- It is a new week and we are thankful that God continues to hold us all in his hands during this uncertain time. This week we will focus on spelling words with the igh and eigh patterns. In math our skip counting is going to lead us into a unit on money.

Friday - Hat and Shades day

Gr. 3- Mr. Hiemstra- Welcome to another week planned for learning! This week we are continuing the book, Charlotte's Web, and reviewing for our money unit. Our math test is scheduled for Thursday. Practice some skipping routine and share a video with Mrs. Mulder as we would have had Jump Rope this week. Have a great week!

Wednesday: Mr. Hiemstra has a meeting (it won't impact student learning today)

Thursday: Math test

Friday: Spelling Test: List 26

Hat and Shades Day at our Zoom meeting.

Gr. 4A- Mrs. VanAndel- Welcome to a new week. Jump Rope for heart is this week. Share your skipping videos with Mrs. Mulder.

Gr. 4B- Mrs. Hickey- Welcome to a new week. It is Jump Rope for Heart Week. Get out those skipping ropes and check out the link in the grade 4 folder. I will share your instruction writing piece at Zoom this week. Will we be able to draw what our classmates wrote? Keep sending your work in daily. I am proud of all of you.

Monday - Writing Instructions due

Wednesday - Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm

Thursday - National Day of Prayer

Friday - Spelling Test - Lesson 29

- Wear Hats and Shades Day

Gr. 5- Mr. H- Welcome back. It is Star Wars day; May the 4th be with you! If your child has any Star Wars costumes or toys, I am encouraging students to wear/bring them to our meetings today to show off. A fairly regular week ahead. Please note that the figurative Language Assignment consists of 7 sheets, I recommend students do 1-2 pages per day this week to avoid cramming it in at the end of the week. Please see Google Classroom for assignments and due dates. Hope you have a fantastic week!

Monday - Star Wars theme day: students wear costumes or bring toys relating to Star Wars if they have them/want to.

Tuesday - JUMP ROPE activities and challenges.

Jump

Wednesday - EARLY DISMISSAL for grades JK - 8: staff workshop from 130pm-3pm

Thursday - National Prayer Day

Friday - Wear a hat and shades today!

Gr. 6- Mrs. Sikma/Mrs. Martin- Math - This week in math students will be doing work in JUMP Math to review Percentages, Decimals, Fractions, and Changing Units of Area. On Friday students will begin a new series in Geometry that will be about Translations, Reflections and Rotations.

*Mrs. Sikma will be on Zoom at 9 am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday to teach and help with math.

Language Arts

Grammar - parts of speech and writing conventions

OVERDUE: Helping and Linking Verbs and Pronouns review

Monday - Adverbs

Wednesday - Adjectives

Voyage of the Dawn Treader by C.S. Lewis

Monday - review game and chapter 11 released

Thursday - chapter 12 released

Spelling Lesson 26 SPELLING TEST ON

THURSDAY! **Via google quiz. The quiz form is only open until Friday at 8pm**

Gr. 7- Mrs. Racicot- Happy Birthday to Paul (5) and Arianna (6) as they celebrate their 13th birthday! May you continue to grow in God's love, seeking Him in all things! We are learning the foundations of a solid biblical worldview during devotional time. We are busy creating projects (paper and Google slides) about the form and function of Structures in our home environments. On Wednesday students will have a unit test on Chapter #1 Decimals. On Friday, students will be exercising as they "Jump Rope for Heart" during GM!

Gr. 8- Mr. Schaafsma- Welcome to a new week of Emergency Remote Learning, I hope you were able to enjoy the gift of gorgeous weather over the weekend. This week we will continue learning about Measurement in Math, Short Stories and preparations for Graduation are beginning this week as well. Keep up to date with work posted in Google Classroom and keep up the good work!