

**Opened Eyes...**  
*Hearts Ablaze!*

# LWML Sunday 2008

## Children's Sermon

### **Theme: Telling others about Jesus.**

(Have available a photo of a loved one to show the children.)

Here is a picture of someone I love very much. (Show them the photo.) Who is the person you love most? Who is someone you are really close to? (Allow the children to respond.)

You love this person and you want to be with them all the time! Right? Well, that's the same way the disciples (Jesus' friends) felt about Jesus. They loved Him and wanted to be near Him all the time.

The Bible tells us that Jesus grew up to be a man with a lot of disciples/friends. These friends loved Jesus very much. They watched Him turn a very bad storm on a big lake into calm water. They watched Jesus heal people with many sicknesses. They even watched Him bring back to life people who had died! They believed every word that Jesus said. They knew they could trust Him.

Then Jesus died. When He died, He took all our sins and all the sins of every other person in the whole world and paid the punishment for all the sins.

When Jesus died, His disciples/friends were scared. They didn't understand why Jesus died. But do you know what happened? (Wait for a response.) Jesus rose from the dead! He came back to life! But Jesus' friends hadn't seen Him yet, so they were still afraid.

One day, not very long after Jesus rose from the dead, two of His friends were walking down the road. A stranger started walking with them. They asked the stranger to stay and eat with them. At dinner, when the man said the blessing over the bread, then broke the bread and gave it to his friends, the two friends knew it was Jesus! Then, suddenly, Jesus disappeared!

The two friends were so excited that they walked and even ran seven miles to go back to Jerusalem and tell other people that they had seen Jesus!

When you are really excited, do you walk seven miles to tell people why you are excited? (No.)

You don't have to walk seven miles, but you can be like these men. You can tell people about Jesus! You can tell the people close to you. You can talk about Jesus with your friends and family. You can talk about Jesus with your neighbors. You can even talk about Jesus when you go to the supermarket or the department store!

You may have heard people talking about "missionaries." Do you know what a missionary is? (Wait for responses.) A missionary is someone who has been sent to tell people about Jesus. You can be a missionary's friend. Whenever you tell someone about Jesus, you are a missionary's friend! Isn't that a wonderful thing to do?

(Optional: And here is something to remind you. You can use this pencil and it will help you remember to tell people about Jesus, because it says, "I'm a missionary's friend.")

Note: "Mission Friends Pencils" from LCMS World Mission are available on the LWML order form.

The price is \$6 for a box of 25.

Also available are purple LWML pencils with gold printing, \$2.50/12 or \$25.00/144 pencils.