Godly Play script

Adapted from Young Children and Worship by M. Stewart and J. Berryman

The road to Emmaus Luke 24:1-35

***Materials needed***

White felt underlay 24 by 45 inches

Beige felt road 6 by 45 inches

Wooden figures of two disciples and risen Jesus

Basket for wooden figures

Wooden table 3 by 5 inches and 2 inches high

Small place of plasticene bread

Small chalice

Box for materials

*Roll out the white underlay and smooth it as your say*

**This is the story where we celebrate the mystery of Jesus’ death and that God gave him life again.**

*Roll out the beige road as you say:*

**This is the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus**

*Place the backdrop and the table alongside the road at the end of your right*

**Two of Jesus’ friends were going down to Emmaus**

*Present them and move them along the road*

**They were very sad. Jesus had died. They had hoped he would be king. “Why did Jesus have to die?” they said. “Why did Jesus die?”….. Then someone came and walked with them.**

*Place Jesus between them and keep moving to the house.*

**He told them why Jesus died.**

*When they reach the house say:*

**“Stay with us” they said**

*Place Jesus behind the table and the two men across the table from him. The place a plate with a leaf of bread and a chalice on the table*

**The man too the bread…..**

*Pick up the loaf with the fingers of both hands and elevate it.*

**…… and blessed it……**

*Make a sign of blessing*

**……. And broke it……..**

**bread the bread in half**

**…… and gave it to them**

**offer the bread to each**

**Then they knew who he was. He was Jesus. Jesus was alive! Jesus was risen from the dead!**

*Pause*

**Then Jesus left**

*Move Jesus behind the backdrop*

**They were so happy that Jesus was alive, they couldn’t help but go back to Jerusalem and tell the disciples.**

*Move them to Jerusalem*

**“Jesus is alive! He is risen! The lord is risen indeed!”**

***I wonder questions***

I wonder how Jesus’ friends felt when Jesus died?

I wonder how they knew Jesus was alive? Or how they knew the person was Jesus?

I wonder what it felt like to recognise Jesus in the breaking of the bread?

I wonder if you have ever been close to bread like this?

I wonder how it feels to know Jesus is alive?

I wonder what it was like to tell others that Jesus is alive?