

Masking Your Identity

Kids create masks to remind them "Sometimes, the things we can't see are right before our eyes."

Supplies:

- Construction paper, various colors
- Markers
- Feathers, glitter, other decorative aspects
- Glue
- Stapler
- String or elastic
- Paper bags, large (optional)

Instructions:

Not long after Jesus died, Cleopas and his friend were travelling to Emmaus and met a man who seemed to be a stranger. It wasn't until after the three of them sat down to dinner and the stranger broke bread that Cleopas and his friend recognized Jesus for who he really was.

Sometimes, we have trouble seeing things that are right before our eyes. We may have a question or look for something, only to walk right past the answer.

This story gives us a very important reminder to pay attention all the time. We don't want to miss seeing Jesus like Cleopas did.

You will make a mask to remind you that we need to look closely to see our good friends when they may be hidden.

1. Draw a mask shape big enough for his or her face on a sheet of construction paper, then cut it out. (Don't forget eyeholes!)
2. Write on the front of their masks: "It's me, [kid's name]!" so their friends won't miss them.
3. Decorate their masks using the available materials.
4. When done, measure and cut a length of string or elastic, then staple it to their mask.

Sometimes, masks help us to hide, but these masks have a different job – they help us remember today's lesson: sometimes, the things we can't see are right before our eyes.

If you have less time . . .

Let kids cut eyeholes in large paper bags and decorate them to create masks.

If you have more time . . .

Follow up with some of these discussion questions:

- **Should we ever hide behind a mask? Why?**
- **What are some of the things we can hide from God?**
- **How can we live without masks – being honest with everyone?**