Luke 24 Jesus is Alive

[Narrator] Last time we learned that Jesus was not dead as his disciples had feared. He was alive and of course His disciples were very excited. In our story today we learn what happened next and why we know that Jesus is still here.

Our story takes place in a village very close to Jerusalem called Bethany. Jesus and his disciples have just walked to Bethany from Jerusalem.

In our story are Peter and other disciples plus Jesus.

[scene] Jesus and disciples walk in.

[Disciple] Hey Peter, isn't it great to be back on the road with Jesus? It's going to be just like it was before he came back from the dead isn't it?

[Peter] I'm not so sure that it's going to be the same. Remember, he's been telling us that he is going to go to be with God, and he's been talking about a holy spirit. I'm not sure what that means so I'm just trying to get as much out of now as I can.

[Scene] Jesus brings group together.

[Jesus] It's time for me to go on to be with God. I want to bless all of you and let you know that you need to go back to Jerusalem and stick together until you receive the holy Spirit. Then you can continue the work that we've been doing. You will know what to do after the Holy Spirit arrives.

[Scene] raises hands in blessing and leaves.

[Narrator] After blessing his disciples Jesus was taken up to heaven to be with God. The disciples were alone once again, Jesus seemed to have left them like before but this time the disciples understood much better what God was doing.

[Disciple] What just happened. Why did Jesus leave us again?

[Peter] I think that I understand. Jesus has gone to be with God, but as he is with God he is still with us. He's showing us that we can do what he started here on earth. He's showing us that we can each do the work of telling people about God. If he hadn't left we'd probably just try to get him to do everything so, maybe this is really good!!

We'll have to show people what he showed us, that God loves everyone and what that means.

[Disciple] So what do we do Peter?

[Peter] What Jesus told us to do. Let's go back to Jerusalem and wait for the holy spirit. I'm not sure what that means yet, but I think that a good place to wait would be in the temple.

[Scene] Disciples leave and walk back.

[Narrator] So the disciples took off for Jerusalem to tell the people there about Jesus and what he had taught and showed them about God's love for everyone. They waited in Jerusalem and spent time rejoicing in the temple. What were they waiting for? Well, next time we'll see.