

April 26: More Than This

Bible Story: More Than This (On the Road to Emmaus) • *Luke 24:13-35*

Bottom Line: There's always more to discover about God's plan.

Memory Verse: *Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves.* Philippians 2:3 (NIRV)

Life App: Humility—Putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve

Basic Truth: I need to make the wise choice.

Story Experience Outline

As the Story Experience Leader, you win when you engage kids' hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible story and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.

1. Intro (5 Minutes)

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- *Welcome*
 - "Hello, everybody! Welcome to [your environment's name]. We are so glad you're here!
 - Can 2-3 someone share the best part of their week? Thanks! I am so glad these things are happening. Sometimes life is great and other times it can be tough. That is why it is so important to serve and help each other.
 - "There are lots of times in life when we have to decide if we're going to dig in and try to get our way or if we can let it go and do what's best for someone else. We can remember how Jesus showed humility, because the way HE treated people pretty much turned the world upside down!
- A. *Scripture*
 - And the Bible talks about this:
 - *"Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves, Philippians 2:3 (NIRV).*
 - *Can we repeat this together?*
- B. *Bible Story Lead Up*
 - Today we're picking right up where we left off in God's Big Story. (*Hold up Bible.*) We're picking things up right after Easter, when Jesus died on the cross and then came back to life. However, this Bible story will be a little bit different. Use this question to help them engage with the video:
 - Let's learn about this more in our story today ...

2. Bible Story & Video (On-Screen 11:57)

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3. Reflection (5 Minutes)

A. Reflection

- The disciples were starting to get a better idea about just how big God’s plan really was. It was bigger and stretched longer and farther through history than any of them could possibly imagine.
- “Remember this, everyone:
- **CG: Bottom Line Slide**
- **[Bottom Line] “There’s always more to discover about God’s plan.**
- “The disciples thought they had seen the end of the story when Jesus died on the cross. But God’s plan was so much bigger than what they could even imagine! We can’t always see the full story of our own lives, but we can trust that God can. As we learn more about Him, we’ll learn to trust Him more and more.

A. Application

- “I can’t even imagine what it was like for those two guys to suddenly realize that it was JESUS walking with them the whole time . . . and then to see Him vanish right before their eyes! That would sure shake ME up! Those men could see that there was so much more to God’s plan than they ever thought was possible.
- Imagine what it was like for those guys to listen to Jesus as He explained about all of God’s promises spoken through the prophets long ago. All of them came true right then and there, through Jesus!
- How do you think they felt? Do you think were excited? Nervous? Shocked?
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- “Sometimes humility means that you admit you DON’T have all the answers. It’s a tough thing to admit that sometimes, but it helps us realize that we all have a lot to learn about God. And that’s okay! Jesus helped these men fill in the blanks and connect the dots about God’s plan. He showed them through the Scriptures that He really is God’s Son—the Savior of the world. Just like those men, you are never, ever done learning.

A. Pray

- “God, Your plan is so big! Thank You for always hearing our prayers. Thank You for being right by our side—even when things happen that we don’t totally understand. I pray that all of us—myself included—will never stop wanting to learn more about You. Please help us to be wise enough to listen and brave enough to admit that we don’t know everything. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

D. Close

- **CG: Bottom Line Slide**
- **[Bottom Line] “There’s always more to discover about God’s plan.**
- “What does that mean for you today? Well, it’s simple. **[Basic Truth] Make the wise choice** and see what you can learn about God. Ask lots of questions. Don’t ever stop discovering God’s Big Story for yourself.
- “Let’s head to Small Group now and continue the conversation!”

SFX: Play high-energy music as the kids exit.

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SETTING UP THE STORY

- Jesus died on the cross and came back to life
- Mary ran to get Peter and John and bring them back to the empty tomb
- Peter and John checked out the tomb, and all they found were the strips of cloth that Jesus was buried in
- That same day, two of Jesus' followers were headed to a village called Emmaus
- It was a long walk—about seven miles from Jerusalem
- On the way, the two men were talking about everything that had happened—how Jesus had died on the cross, the empty tomb, and maybe even the rumors that Jesus had come back to life

TRAVELING COMPANION

- As they were walking and talking, a Man started walking along with them
- It was Jesus; but God kept the men from recognizing Him
- Jesus asked them: [Luke 24:17](#)
- One of them, Cleopas, said: [Luke 24:18](#)
- Jesus said: "What things?"
- They said: [Luke 24:19](#)
- The men told Jesus the whole story of everything He had done

JESUS TALKING JESUS

- Jesus spoke: [Luke 24:25-26](#)
- He went on to remind them of all of the Scriptures that laid out God's master plan—how God had planned to send a Savior
- He talked about all of the Scriptures that predicted His birth, His life, and His death
- The two guys asked Him to stay with them, since it was getting late

CHECK, PLEASE

- Jesus agreed to stay with the men
- At the evening meal, Jesus took the bread, gave thanks, and broke it, and He started to give it to them
- Immediately, they realized that He was Jesus
- Then—in an instant—Jesus disappeared
- The men got up and started on the journey back to Jerusalem

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

- The two men must have been excited
- Once they figured out that Jesus Himself had been with them, they went all the way back to Jerusalem
- They found the 11 disciples and started telling them everything that happened
- It was all true; Jesus was alive!
- The disciples were starting to get a better idea about just how big God's plan really was

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- BL: There's always more to discover about God's plan.
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