



The Emmaus Disciples

April 11- 3rd Grade - 5th Grade

BIBLE PASSAGE: Luke 24

KEY PASSAGE: 2 Corinthians 5:17

BOTTOM LINE: The Holy Spirit calls me to believe in Jesus and trust Him.

CHRIST CONNECTION: The whole Bible is about Jesus. When Adam and Eve sinned, God began working out His plan to send Jesus to rescue people from sin. All of the Old Testament points forward to Jesus' life, death, and resurrection—the time when Jesus would bring God's promised salvation for sinners.

Context

Jesus' death and resurrection should not have surprised the disciples. Sometimes Jesus spoke metaphorically about His death and resurrection. (See Matt 12:39; Mark 14:58; John 2:19; 3:14-15.) Other times, Jesus plainly told the disciples that He would be betrayed, crucified, buried, and resurrected on the third day. (Matt 17:12; Mark 8:31; Luke 9:22) In fact, Jesus had spoken so frequently of His death and resurrection, the chief priests and Pharisees asked Pilate to place guards at the tomb in case the disciples stole Jesus' body. (See Matt 27:62-66)

On resurrection morning, the angel at Jesus' tomb asked the women, "Why are you looking for the living among the dead? (Luke 24:5) Even when Peter and John ran to the empty tomb to see if for themselves, Peter was amazed but uncertain (Luke 24:12), while John believed (John 20:8)

That same day, two disciples were walking to Emmaus, arguing about recent events. Jesus began walking next to them, but God prevented them from recognizing Jesus. (Luke 24:16) Jesus simply asked them what they were arguing about. They stopped walking. How could He not have heard about what happened over the last three days?

The two disciples had hoped Jesus was the Redeemer of Israel. Their hopes were crushed when Jesus died. Now Jesus explained to them why the Messiah had to die, starting with Moses and Prophets. Jesus showed how the Scriptures point to Him. (Luke 24:27; John 5:39)

Remind kids that the Bible is not a collection of unrelated stories. The whole Bible is about Jesus. When Adam and Eve sinned, God began working out His plan to send Jesus to rescue people from sin. (Gen 3:15) All of the Old Testament points forward to Jesus' life, death, and resurrection- the time when Jesus would bring God's promised salvation for sinners.

TAKEAWAYS

- The Bible isn't a series of unrelated stories. It is the story of God's plan to rescue the world.
- After Jesus was raised again from the dead, he met many people so they would believe in Him and tell others about Him.
- When he met two friends on the road, they didn't recognize Him because they didn't understand God's plan.
- Jesus taught them what the Scriptures said about Him.
- They believed that Jesus is who the Bible says He is and told the disciples about seeing Him alive.
- **BOTTOM LINE:** The Holy Spirit calls me to believe in Jesus and to trust Him.

Small Group Prayer: “Father God, thank you for each of the kids in our circle today. God as we learn about you guide our conversations and help each kid to see you in a better way today. Thank you for Jesus and the promise to rescue us. We love you and want to worship you with our whole lives. In Jesus name, Amen.”

Social Activity: I Spy Activity Page or What Can You Build

What You Need: Week 1 I Spy Activity page (1 per kid), clothes pins, popsicle sticks, other miscellaneous building supplies, pencils, crayons

What You Do:

Give each kid an I spy activity page to complete as others arrive. They can circle or color in the pictures as they find the objects. See who can complete the page fastest.

OR

Using clothes pins, popsicle sticks and other building supplies kids will work together to build the tallest structure, the widest structure, the structure with the most peaks, etc. Encourage kids to use their creativity and work together with everyone to build a unique structure.

What You Say: As kids are coming in, set up the game and ask kids to join you as you play the game. Games are a great way for kids to engage with each other and you as you get to know each other. Use this time to ask them questions about their week and any other important follow up questions to things you have talked about in the past.

Play a Worship Song or 2 from your Worship DVD/Roku
Play the Large Group teaching DVD/Roku

Application Activity: Minute to Win It

What You Need 20 cups of one color, 2 cups of different colors, Minute to Win It Game Instruction Printable (1 per group)

What You Do:

- Separate the group into 2 teams.
- Give each team 10 cups +1 cup of different color.
- Encourage the team to start play when you say “Go”. Do not give any instructions.
- Give them about 5 minutes to figure it out before you ask if they want instructions on how to play the game.
- Point out if you notice someone is playing according to the instructions on your printable. “Way to go Sam. You are going to win.” See if the other team can figure it out by watching each other.
- After several tries, read the instructions given on the printable. Then say “Go.”

What You Say “Which is easier, playing the game with instructions? Or playing the game without instructions? How about in other areas of life? With instructions? Without instructions?

Many times in life, the world around us will try to crowd your mind with thoughts and beliefs that do not agree with God’s Word. We have to clear away the wrong messages, weeding out the lies, to see God’s way clearly. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus will help you understand God’s Word when you read it so you can know the truth from the lies.

Jesus taught that all Scriptures point to Him. Everything in God’s Word points to Jesus as the Savior God promised.

Key Passage Activity:

As you read the key passage together, encourage kids to help put the correct words in the blank together as you say each of the highlighted words while reading...

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here! **2 Corinthians 5:17**

Why are these words important? These words show us the focus of this passage in the Bible. Therefore = transition, pay attention now , anyone= everyone has the chance to believe , in= joined to Him by faith in Him as Savior , creation= reborn and renewed by the Holy Spirit , old= the previous moral and spiritual condition , here=because spiritual awakening brings a new life

Discussion Questions:

- **What were the two disciples talking about as they walked, and why were they upset?** Lead kids to recall that the disciples were very sad about Jesus' death. All of Jerusalem had witnessed Jesus' triumphal entry and then His death on the cross. Jesus' disciples had scattered when He was arrested, but the two disciples traveling to Emmaus had heard rumors that Mary and the other women had seen Jesus alive. But they didn't know what to believe! (Luke 24:6-7)
- **How is the Bible all about Jesus?** Help kids recognize that Jesus was God's plan all along. Adam and Eve sinned, so God worked out His plan to send Jesus to rescue people from sin. The Old Testament points forward to Jesus' life, death, and resurrection- the time when Jesus would bring God's promised salvation for sinners. (Genesis 3:15)
- **How do you think the disciples must have felt to finally realize the person they saw was Jesus?** Invite kids to share their thoughts. Compare the disciples' recognition of Jesus to the transformation we might experience when we trust in Him for salvation. When Jesus saves us, He brings light into our dark lives. We were dead in sin, but He makes us alive. (John 5:24)

Cup Stacking Minute to Win It Instructions

What you need: 22 solo cups per group (20 red and 2 blue)

How to Play: Split the group into 2 teams. Give each team a stack of 10 Cups of one color (red), then one on the top of the stack that is a different color (blue).

When the timer starts, players put the blue cup on the bottom and start restacking the cups until they get the blue cup back up to the top of the stack