



The Emmaus Disciples

April 11- 3 year olds and 4 year olds

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.

Social Activity: What's Missing

What You Need: 6 items, tray, towel

What You Do:

Lay all 6 items on the tray. Show kids the items. Then cover the items and remove one of them. Tell children to close their eyes while you remove an item. The children open their eyes when you say "Open", then tell you as a group what's missing. Do this same thing with another item, until they are all missing. When you are finished, place all the items in a ziploc bag. **Say:** That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's pray and listen to our story today."

Small Group Prayer: "Dear God, thank you for making me, thank you for loving me and thank you for sending your son, Jesus to be my savior. We love you, Amen."

Introduce the Story

"Two of Jesus' friends were walking to the city of Emmaus. They were talking about Jesus. They were confused! While they were talking, Jesus began walking with them. They did not know He was Jesus! Jesus asked, "What are you talking about?" One of the men said, "We thought Jesus was God's Special King, but He died on the cross. This morning, some of the women said Jesus is alive!" Jesus told them about God's words. God's words said the special King, the Messiah, would die and come back to life. The two friends asked Jesus to eat with them. When Jesus prayed and broke bread, they knew He was Jesus! They hurried back to Jerusalem to tell the other friends what happened."

Play a Worship Song or 2 from DVD or Roku

Play the Teaching Video on DVD or Roku

Application Activity: Jesus Memory Game

What You Need: Jesus Memory Game Cards(printed on cardstock and cut apart- One game set per table)

What You Do:

- Mix up the cards and then place them face down on the table.
- Take turns choosing two cards to turn over at a time.
- If the two pictures match, the preschooler will keep those two cards.
- If the pictures do not match, he will turn them back over, and it will be the next child's turn.
- Continue until all the pictures are matched.
- Comment on the pictures as they are turned over briefly reviewing the stories. Arrange the cards faceup for younger preschoolers.

What You Say "Do you remember these stories about Jesus from the Bible? The whole Bible is about Jesus. All along, God had a plan to send His Son to rescue people from sin. No matter what part of the Bible we read, it all points to what Jesus did for us in His living, dying and coming alive again."

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)