The Emmaus Road

BIBLE PASSAGE

Luke 24:13-35

CHRIST FOCUS

Jesus died on the cross and is alive.

LIFE VERSE

God loved us and sent His Son.

-1 JOHN 4:10

OPTIONAL WEEKLY VERSE

Psalm 107:1

LOBL

Jesus

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Have you ever seen a friend or relative in an unexpected place? Did you have a moment when you had to think if you knew the person? Something like that happened to two of Jesus' disciples.

Read Luke 24:13-24. The two traveling down the road to Emmaus had been with Jesus. As the men traveled, Jesus joined them. But they did not know Jesus. They simply did not recognize Him. What did Jesus ask? Cleopas expressed surprise that this "stranger" did not know about the recent events. Anyone living in or around Jerusalem should have been aware of what had taken place. They told about Jesus and His powerful words and actions. They told of the events of His death. They had heard that Jesus was no longer in the tomb but struggled to accept the truth.

Read Luke 24:25-27 in several translations. Jesus responded by calling the men unwise or foolish. The Greek form of the word used here denotes weakness, dullness, or lack of understanding. He reproached them for not seeing and believing what He and the prophets had

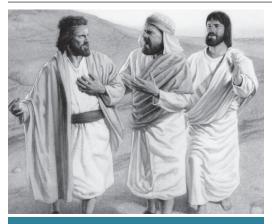
taught. He now explained and applied these prophecies to Himself.

Read Luke 24:28-35. What happened when they arrived in Emmaus? As Jesus broke the bread, recognition dawned.
They knew He was Jesus! At this recognition, Jesus was gone. But the two disciples knew what they must do. The men rose up that same hour and went to find the eleven apostles. They felt an urgency to tell their friends that they has seen the Savior!

What does Jesus' resurrection means to you personally?

How will the knowledge that Jesus is alive make a difference in the way you live?

How will you tell families the good news of Jesus?



TWO MEN SAW JESUS

—Luke 24:13-35

Two men were walking on the road to a village near Jerusalem called Emmaus. They were talking and arguing about events of the past week.

As they walked, Jesus joined them, but they did not recognize Him. Jesus asked the men why they were arguing. One of them, Cleopas, said, "You must be the only one who doesn't know what has been happening in Jerusalem." The two men began to tell Jesus about the recent events.

"Jesus was performing miracles and telling people about God," they said. "The government leaders decided He should die. He died on a cross. Three days later some women went to the tomb. It was empty. An angel said that He was alive! Some of the people with us went to the tomb and did not see Him."

Jesus began telling the two men all that was written in the Bible about Himself. As they came near Emmaus, the men invited Him to stay with them. They still did not recognize Jesus. As the three men sat the table, Jesus took the bread, prayed over it, and tore a piece for each one. Then the men recognized Him. Jesus was sitting at their table! Suddenly, Jesus was gone.

The men returned to Jerusalem that night to find the disciples. They said they had walked with Jesus on the road but did not recognize Him. But when He blessed the bread and broke it, they knew who He was. They had seen Jesus-alive!

GROUP TIME



- Sing and clap. Play "Jesus Is Our Hope" from the CD. Encourage the children to clap as the song plays and to sing any words they know.
- Hear the Bible story. Open your Bible to Luke 24. Tell the Bible story in your own words.
- Recall the Bible story and make the Life Point. Show the Teaching Picture (CD). Help the boys and girls recall facts from the story. Comment that the men told others that Jesus was alive. Lead the children to name people who tell them that Jesus is alive.
- **Practice the Life Verse and pray.** Open your Bible to 1 John 4 and read verse 10. Prompt the boys and girls to say it with you several times. Lead the boys and girls in saying the verse while clapping on each word. Say and clap several times by clapping overhead, near their feet, or behind their knees. Pray, thanking God for loving us and sending Jesus.

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Pack Item	14:	"Bible
Markers"		

Teaching	Picture	(CD)
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CD

LIFE VERSE

God loved us and sent His Son. 1 John 4:10

LEARNING ACTIVITIES



Teaching Picture (CD)	DESIGN A MAP
Old mana manan	Christ Focus: Jesus died on the cross and is alive.
Old maps, paper, crayons or markers	Bible Focus: The men were walking down a road when they saw Jesus.
crayons of markers	• Invite a child to make a map. Refer to the maps in the center. Suggest children
	draw roads. They may want to include buildings and trees on their maps.
	•Talk about the Bible story as children work. Remark that the men walked 7 miles
	from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Talk about some places that are 7 miles from your church.
	• Offer to print the Life Verse at the bottom of each child's map. (<i>Puzzles and Manipulatives</i>)
Kids Activity Page (CD)	MAKE "BREAD"
Dlay dayah shaa hay	Christ Focus: Jesus died on the cross and is alive.
Play dough, shoe box	Bible Focus: After Jesus tore the bread for each man, they recognized Him.
	• Give each child a generous portion of play dough. Invite the children to form
	loaves of bread from the play dough. Provide a shoe box for an oven.
	• Tell the Bible story as children work. Review the Life Verse with each child.
	 Help a child completed the activity on the Kids Activity Page. Pray, thanking God
	for sending Jesus. (Science and Nature)
Pencils, markers, paper,	EXPLORE COMMUNICATION
envelopes, stickers,	Christ Focus: Jesus died on the cross and is alive.
telephones, walkie-	Bible Focus: People told that Jesus was alive.
talkies, computer keyboard	 Invite boys and girls to use the communication materials. Explain that people can use many ways to tell about Jesus.
	• Talk about the Bible story as children play. Comment that they can tell people that Jesus is alive.
	 Guide children to practice methods of communication such as typing an email, writing a letter, or talking on phones or walkie-talkies. (<i>Dramatic Play</i>)
Wooden blocks, toy cars	BUILD BLOCK ROADS FOR CARS
	Christ Focus: Jesus died on the cross and is alive.
	Bible Focus: The two men were traveling from Jerusalem to Emmaus.
	• Encourage the boys and girls to build roads on which they can drive the cars.
	•Comment that the men in the story were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus.
	Today people travel in cars, boats, or planes to tell about Jesus.

• Talk about how the men told others that Jesus was alive. Pray, thanking God for people who tell that Jesus is alive. (*Blocks*)

MAKE SPIN ART

- Christ Focus: Jesus died on the cross and is alive.
- **Bible Focus:** Two people met Jesus on the road to Emmaus.
 - Cut paper to fit the turntable. Put rolled tape on the back of one sheet of paper and attach it to the turntable.
 - Invite two children to sit across from one another with the turntable between them. Explain that one child will spin the turntable as the other child draws on the paper. When that child is finished drawing, replace the paper on the turntable. Invite the other child to take a turn at drawing while the first child spins the turntable.
 - As the boys and girls work together, comment that two people walking on the road to Emmaus met Jesus. (*Art*)

BONUS ACTIVITIES

DRAW JESUS

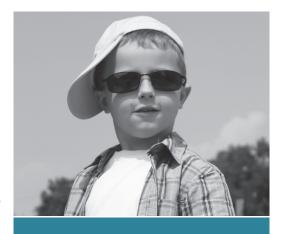
Provide markers, crayons, and paper. Invite children to draw a picture of Jesus as you tell the Bible story. Offer to print the Life Verse on each child's paper. Read the verse together.

WORK FLOOR PUZZLES

Provide floor puzzles such as *New Testament Map* and *Into All the World*, or provide puzzles about Jesus. As children work puzzles, talk about the Bible story.

CLEAN UP

Play a selection from the CD as a signal for kids to begin cleaning up.



Notes

Turntable, heavyweight paper, tape, markers or crayons

LIFE VERSE

God loved us and sent His Son. 1 John 4:10

BONUS TEACHING HOUR

for 3s-Kindergarten

EASTER

Your teaching partner(s)

Thank you for serving!

DATE OF USE _____

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LIFE POINT

People told that Jesus was alive.

CHRIST FOCUS

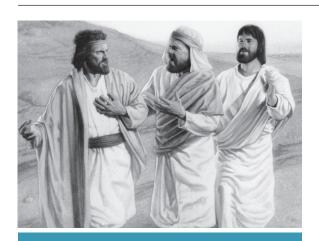
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BIBLE FUN ACTIVITIES (





SNACK

After children wash their hands, distribute the snacks. Pray, thanking God for the snack.

MOVE TO GROUP TIME

Begin singing verse 1 of the song below to signal group time.

TALK ABOUT THE BIBLE STORY

Open the Bible to Luke 24. Tell the story in your own words.

• Two men were walking on the road to a village

- near Jerusalem called Emmaus. They were talking and arguing about what happened to Jesus in Jerusalem that week.
- As they walked, Jesus joined them, but they did not recognize Him. Jesus asked the men why they were arguing. One of them, Cleopas, said, "You must be the only one who doesn't know what happened in Jerusalem." The two men began to tell Jesus about the recent events.
- They explained that Jesus had performed miracles. They told about Jesus' death on cross and how the women had seen Him alive.
- Jesus began telling the two men all that was written in the Bible about Himself. As they came near Emmaus, the men invited Him to stay with them. As the three men sat the table, Jesus took the bread, prayed over it, and tore a piece for each one. Then the men recognized Jesus, sitting at their table! Suddenly, Jesus was gone.
- •The men returned to Jerusalem that night to find the disciples. They said they had walked with Jesus on the road but did not recognize Him. But when He blessed the bread and broke it, they knew who He was. They had seen Jesus—alive!

SING TOGETHER

Sing these words to the tune "The Farmer in the Dell":

- "Oh, Jesus is alive. / Yes, Jesus is alive.
 Praise Him, the Son of God. / Yes, Jesus is alive."
- "Men saw Him on the road.
 Men saw Him on the road.
 Praise Him, the Son of God.
 Men saw Him on the road."
- "The men said they saw Him.
 The men said they saw Him.
 Praise Him the Son of God.
 The men said they saw Him."
- 4. (Repeat verse 1.)

SAY THE LIFE VERSE

Open the Bible to 1 John 4:10. Read the verse "God loved us and sent His Son." Lead the children to echo the words after you say each one. Say the verse together several times.

PRAY

Say a prayer thanking God for sending Jesus and for people who tell that Jesus is alive.

BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Talk about the Bible story and say the Life Verse as children play.

- **A. Draw with chalk.** Provide chalk and dark construction paper. Lead the children to draw a picture of something that is alive. Help the children print the Life Verse on their papers.
- **B. Play a friends game.** Pair off the children. Say: "Friends, foot to foot." Each pair stands with feet touching. Then say: "Friends, knee to knee." Pairs touch knee to knee. Continue calling out body combinations. Comment that we can play with friends, and we can tell them about Jesus, just as the two men in our Bible story told about Jesus.

- C. Walk and talk. Assemble two or three pairs of children to go for a walk around the room. Partners may link arms. One pair can lead the others for a turn around the room, choosing a path and a funny way to walk (hopping, skating, waving their free arms, and so forth). At each corner of the room they should say, "Jesus is alive!"
- **D. Listen to music.** In a quiet corner of the room, play soft music and suggest that kids lie on their backs, hold their hands up in the air, and sway to the beat of the music. They may hum along. End by praying with open eyes: "Thank You, God, for for people who tell others about Jesus."

CLEAN UP

Challenge each child to use his two hands to help clean the room. Walk around and thank each child for helping.

PLAY "GUESS WHO?"

Explain that this game is like "Twenty Questions." Give a clue to a "Guess Who?" question to which the answer is always "Jesus." Clues could include "I'm thinking of a person who ... rode a donkey to Jerusalem; walked on the road to Emmaus with two men; performed miracles; told people about God; died on the cross and is alive; prayed over bread." Allow children to continue the game by asking questions about any subject they wish. For example: "I'm thinking of an animal that has sharp teeth and swims in water." (a shark)

DISMISS

Give each child his belongings and today's Kids Activity Page. Mention that you are happy they were here today and hope they will be back next week.

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