

Use Week of: October 15

Unit 26 • Session 3 - THE EMMAUS DISCIPLES

BIBLE PASSAGE: Luke 24:13-35

KEY PASSAGE: Ephesians 2:8

MAIN POINT: Jesus is alive.

The Bible Story

Luke 24:13-35

Two of Jesus' friends were walking down the road. They were talking about Jesus. They were confused! All of a sudden, Jesus began walking with them, but they did not know He was Jesus. Jesus asked, "What are you talking about?" One man said, "We thought Jesus was God's special King, but He died on the cross three days ago. This morning, some of the women said Jesus is alive!" Jesus reminded the friends about God's promise in the Bible.

God had 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 the bread, they knew He was Jesus! They hurried to tell their friends what happened.

CIRCLE TIME (5 MINUTES)

Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle. Read the key passage card. Open your Bible to Luke 24. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the story. Say the Main Point and Gospel Gems. Pray.

DECORATE JESUS' NAME

Provide construction paper for each toddler. Write the name JESUS in liquid glue. Invite toddlers to stick various media onto the name, such faux feathers, pom-poms, crumpled paper, or foam shapes. You may use stickers instead of glue for young toddlers.

SAY: Who is the Bible about? Jesus said the Bible is about Him. The Bible tells us that JESUS IS ALIVE!

PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Print the key passage card in the translation of your choice and cut it out. Stick a gift bow to the back of the key passage card. Pass the key passage card to each toddler and say it aloud. Invite the toddlers to cheer each time they hear the key passage.

SAY: Two friends saw Jesus alive. We read about Jesus in the Bible. We trust Jesus by faith because we have not seen Jesus. JESUS IS ALIVE. One day we will see Him and be with Him forever!

SERVE A MEAL

Provide toy food and toy dishes to play out eating a meal with friends. Briefly review the Bible story as toddlers play.

SAY: Jesus helped His friends understand God's plan. When Jesus gave them bread to eat, they realized JESUS IS ALIVE!

TRANSITION ACTIVITY: PLAY DOUGH ART

Provide play dough, play dough utensils, and heart-shaped cookie cutters for toddlers to play with as you review the Bible story.

SAY: Two friends saw Jesus alive. Jesus helped His friends understand God's plan. Jesus said the Bible is about Him. JESUS IS ALIVE today!

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church's security procedures. Give parents today's big picture card to reinforce today's Bible story, Main Point, or Gospel Gems throughout the week.