



The Emmaus Disciples

Bible Passage: Luke 24:13-35

Key Passage: “ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” **Matthew 28:19-20**

Big Picture Question: What is our mission as believers? Our mission as believers is to make disciples of all nations by the power of the Spirit.

Bottom Line: I can get to know Jesus by reading the Bible.

Christ Connection: Jesus prepared His disciples for a life of ministry. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with us until He returns.

LARGE GROUP: Communicating God’s truth in engaging ways.

Say This: As we prepare for Easter, we are nearing the climax of the entire Bible, Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection. Now we are going to take a look at all that happened right after Jesus rose from the dead and before He went back to heaven. Did you know Jesus went back to heaven? He didn’t leave His followers alone though. Uh-oh! I’m getting ahead of myself. Let’s take a look at today’s story.

In today’s Bible story, two disciples were walking to Emmaus when Jesus joined them. The disciples were talking about everything that had happened to Jesus in Jerusalem just days before. Jesus joined them on their walk, but they did not recognize Him. Maybe it was because they had more to learn.

Our Big Picture Question for today is, **What is our mission as believers? Our mission as believers is to make disciples of all nations by the power of the Spirit.** Let’s watch this and see what we learn about this mission.

Watch Video:

The disciples had been with Jesus for 3 years, but when they met Jesus on the road, they were prevented from recognizing Him. They were shocked to discover someone had not heard about what had happened to Jesus in Jerusalem. Of course the disciples share with Him. Then it was Jesus’ turn to share with them.

Jesus explained to these two men how He fulfilled all the prophecies about Him found in scripture and all of the promises God had made to His people. Do you know the answer to our Big Picture Question? What did Jesus explain to the disciples on the road to Emmaus? Jesus explained how the Bible is about Him. The stories in the Old Testament point to Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection in the New Testament.

When the two disciples saw Jesus thank God for the bread at dinner that night, they suddenly realized He was Jesus! They remembered Him giving thanks and breaking the bread at the Passover meal they had shared three days before, and just like that, Jesus disappeared. They couldn’t wait to share the news with the other disciples. What they had heard about Jesus was true! Jesus had risen from the dead!

Christ connection

You see, the whole Bible is about Jesus. When Adam and Eve sinned, people were separated from God,



unable to live the way He wanted us too. Instead of leaving us alone in our sin, God began working out His plan to rescue us. He sent Jesus to live a perfect life of obedience. Then, despite never sinning, Jesus died to save us from sin. He rose again on the third day to show that death was defeated. All of the Old Testament points forward to Jesus. The New Testament explains who Jesus is and what He did to rescue us from sin

Let's pray together and head out to small group.

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect (Small Groups, 40 minutes)

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

1. Bible Story Review/Skills

What You Need: Story Point Poster, Bibles

What You Do:

- Distribute Bibles and remind kids that Jesus taught that all the Scriptures point to Him.
- He began with Moses, who wrote the first five books of the Bible.
- Challenge kids to name the first five books of the Bible. (*Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy*)
- For an added challenge, prompt kids to name the books of the Old Testament prophets.
- Encourage boys and girls to find Luke 24:13-35. Lead them to refer to the passage as they answer the following review questions:

2. Discussion Questions:

- **Two of Jesus' disciples were talking to what town?** (*Emmaus, Luke 24:13*)
- **What had the disciples hoped Jesus would do for Israel?** (*set Israel free, Luke 24:21*)
- **When did the disciples recognize Jesus?** (*at dinner when He broke the bread, Luke 24:30-31*)
- **Where did the disciples go after Jesus disappeared?** (*back to Jerusalem, Luke 24:33*)

Now guide kids to discuss these questions:

- **How do you think the disciples must have felt to finally realize the person they saw was Jesus?**
- **Why do you think Jesus appeared to His disciples after His resurrection?**
- **What can we do when we read something in the Bible that we don't understand?**

3. Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Memory Verse Poster, large world map, sticky tabs

What You Do:

- Write 1 or 2 words from the key passage on the sticky tabs and then stick them in random places on a large world map.
- You can tape the map to a wall or lay it on the floor/table.
- Invite kids to travel the globe by grabbing sticky tabs one at a time in the correct word order and sticking them to the top of the world map.



- If they grab the wrong tab, they must put it back and try again.
- After kids finish, read the memory verse together.

What You Say: “When Jesus gave His disciples the Great Commission, there were nations beyond the Mediterranean Sea that the disciples had never seen before. Jesus wanted them- and all Christians- to go into all the world and share the gospel with people. When we share the gospel, people have the opportunity to believe in Jesus for life.”

Pray and Dismiss

What You Need: Prayer journals, Journal page (1 for each kid), markers/crayons, Bibles

What You Do:

- Distribute journal pages and pencils.
- Guide kids to think about and answer the questions listed on the page:
 - What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
 - What does the story teach me about myself?
 - Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God’s glory and my good?
 - Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
 - How does this story help me to live on mission better?
- As kids journal, invite them to share their ideas and write in your small group journal.

What You Say: Pray, Thank God for His Word. Ask for the Holy Spirit to guide kids as they read the Bible and help them understand God’s great plan.

As adults arrive to pick up, tell kids to recite the memory verse to them.