



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 skills

What You Need: Bibles, Story Point Poster, tennis ball or other bouncy ball

What You Do:

- Invite kids to find Luke 24:13-35 in their Bibles.
- Toss a ball to one kid and ask her a review question.
- If she doesn't know the answer, she may pass the ball to another kid.
- When the question is answered correctly, toss the ball to another child and ask another question.

What You Say "Everything we read in Scripture points us to Jesus, so every time we read the Bible we can learn about God's rescue plan to save us from our sin. When we read the Old Testament, we can see the ways God worked through His people to show them their need for a Savior. Each story reminds us of God's promise to send Jesus. The New Testament teaches us who Jesus was and what He did to save us—He died on the cross for our sin and rose again to make the way for us to be with God forever."

2. Discussion Questions:

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss:

- **Where were the two disciples heading when they met Jesus on the road?** (*Emmaus, Luke 24:13*)
- **What did Jesus ask them?** (*What are you arguing about? Luke 24:17*)
- **Did the two disciples recognize Jesus? Why or why not?** (*No, they were prevented from recognizing Him; Luke 24:16*)
- **What did Jesus tell the disciples?** (Jesus taught that all the Scriptures point to Him, *Luke 24:27*)
- **When did the disciples recognize Jesus?** (*when He broke bread with them, Luke 24:30*)
- **What did the disciples do when they realized they had seen Jesus?** (*They went to Jerusalem to tell the rest of the disciples, Luke 24:33-34*)
- **What is our mission as believers?** Our mission as believers is to make disciples of all nations by the power of the Spirit.



3. Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Memory Verse Poster, dry erase board and markers, paper, markers, scissors, tape

What You Do:

- Make sure the words for the Memory Verse are visible either on the poster or the dry erase board.
- Before class, write the memory verse on a piece of paper.
- On the other side of the paper, write "The Great Commission" in a different color.
- Cut the paper into pieces.
- Hide the pieces around the room.
- Invite kids to search for the pieces of the memory verse.
- Once kids find all the pieces, lead them to put them together.
- Tape the pieces together and flip the page over to reveal the Great Commission.

What You Say "Our memory verse has a special name, "The Great Commission." A commission is a "command or instruction given to a person or a group of people." The Great Commission is a command that Jesus gave to His followers to tell people about Him.

Pray and Dismiss

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

What You Do:

- Distribute journal pages one to each kid.
- Ask the kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:
 - What does this story teach me about God or about the gospel?
 - What does this story teach me about myself?
 - Whom can I tell about this story?
- If time remains, take prayer requests or allow kids to complete the Bible story coloring page provided with this session.
- Pray for your group.

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