



## **THE GOSPEL PROJECT PRESCHOOL Jesus on the road to Emmaus**

**Date:** Sunday April 12, 2026 **Teachers:** Julianne K, (lead), Lesly P

**Props: From home:** buns, or bread (if necessary use arrowroot) **At centre:** activity sheet

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** Luke 24:13-35 **KEY PASSAGE:** 1 Cor. 15:2

### **Review Rules:**

**One Mouth speaking at a time (Teacher points to mouths/kids point to their mouths)**

**Two Hands kept to myself (kids wiggle hands and keep them to themselves)**

**Two Feet kept to myself (kids cross legs)**

**Speak Kind words like our God three in ONE!**

### **INTRO BIBLE STORY: materials: (none)**

Tell preschoolers that you will describe someone in the class. When they think they know whom you are describing, they should point to that child. Describe several children or all if time permits. You recognized who we were speaking of because you know them. In today's Bible story, Jesus joined some of His friends as they were walking. Even though these disciples knew Jesus, they did not recognize Him. Listen to our Bible story to hear what the friends did when they realized they had been with Jesus.

### **THE BIBLE STORY (VIDEO)**

#### **GOSPEL GEMS**

**Two friends saw Jesus alive.**

**Jesus helped His friends understand God's plan.**

**Jesus said the Bible is about Him.**

#### **SING A SONG:**

Sing the chorus of "If You're Happy and You Know It":

"Jesus died for you and me, but He's alive! \*[Clap, clap] [Repeat]

Jesus is God's Son; and He loves ev'ryone!

Jesus died for you and me, but He's alive! \*[Clap, clap]

\*Substitute simple actions in subsequent rounds.

SAY: Jesus helped His friends understand God's plan for Him to die on the cross and come back to life. Jesus said the Bible is about Him. JESUS IS ALIVE today!

#### **KEY PASSAGE VERSE: play the key passage verse**

**1 Corinthians 15:2 "He was raised on the third day, according to the scriptures."**

**He was raised.** According to the scriptures, our Bible story today tells us that Jesus was showing how the scriptures point to Him and his rescuing love.

#### **OBJECT LESSON: "Which way?" materials: (activity sheet with lesson)**

Ask a child to help you follow the path on the activity sheet Our story today is about some disciples that were walking on the road to Jerusalem and they were sad about the news that Jesus had died (they had not heard Jesus

is alive). Jesus appeared to them, but they did not recognize him. Jesus said, the Bible is ONE big story and it's all about Me!

**ACTIVITY "Jesus is Alive!"**

Line up kids on one side of the room and call a preschooler by name and invite her to run back and tell her friends that Jesus is alive as you say it with her. If she is non-verbal, she can give a friend a hug or a high-five as you tell the good news. Two friends saw Jesus alive, and right away they went to tell the other friends the good news. JESUS IS ALIVE!

**ACTIVITY "Breaking bread" materials: (\*\*bring in a few buns or bread from home OR use arrowroot's)**

Jesus was having a meal with the disciples he had just been walking on the road with. They wanted him to share more with them about God's word and all the stories telling about Messiah Jesus. Jesus broke bread and gave it to them and their eyes were opened and they saw Jesus as the one who came to rescue them. When Jesus broke the bread- they would see the scars on his hands that were scars of his act of rescuing love on the cross. (break bread and hand a small piece to each child)

**ACTIVITY: "Silly walks" materials: ( none)**

Invite preschoolers to suggest silly walking styles as the group walks around the room. Examples include duck walk (walking in a squat), bear crawl (walking on hands and feet, facing the floor), crab walk (walking on hands and feet, facing the ceiling), high knees (walking while bringing knees up to the chest), and so forth.

In today's Bible story, two of Jesus' friends were walking down the road to a village called Emmaus. The Bible doesn't say they walked with a silly walk, but the Bible says that their hearts burned (have everyone touch their heart) in a good way when they heard Jesus tell about the stories in the Bible pointing to him. They were so excited here (touch heart) that they probably wanted to jump and dance! The Bible is a ONE beautiful love story that leads to Jesus and his rescuing love.

**PRAYER: *Father, open our eyes like you did your disciples to see Jesus as our Saviour. Amen***

**COLORING SHEET/ SNACK/ FREE PLAY**