

SESSION 3

Two Men Met Jesus

BIBLE PASSAGE

Luke 24:13-35

LIFE POINT

People can tell that Jesus is alive.

CHRIST FOCUS

People saw that Jesus is alive!

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus died on the cross and then came back to life.

SUGGESTED USE DATE: April 19**BIBLE VERSE**God loved the world and gave His Son. John 3:16 (*Paraphrase*)For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (*CSB*)For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16 (*KJV*)For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (*NIV*)For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (*ESV*)For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16 (*NKJV*)**SCHEDULE AND PROPS****Huddle Ups** (*optional; time varies*)Props (*per each small group*):

- “Tell Stories about Jesus”—several children’s picture Bibles, Bible storybooks, teaching pictures or other books and pictures of Jesus
- “Two Men Met Jesus”—coloring supplies, coloring sheets
- “Sad or Happy?”—2 sheets of construction paper, marker, masking tape

Countdown Video (*3 minutes*)

Props: none

Worship Song (*3 minutes*)

Props: none

Welcome and Prayer (*5 minutes*)

Props: none

Miss Lindy’s Library(*3-5 minutes*)

Props: none

Connection Point Game(*10 minutes*)

Props: marker board or large sheet of paper, dry erase marker

Worship Song (*3 minutes*)

Props: none

Bible Story (*10 minutes*)

Props: Bible, friendship bracelet

Worship Song and Offering(*3 minutes*)

Props: none

Connection Point Bible Verse(*5-8 minutes*)

Props: none

Connection Point Missions(*5-8 minutes*)

Props: none

Real Life Connections(*3-5 minutes*)

Props: none

MUSIC AND MEDIA

- **Countdown:** *Countdown* video
- **Worship Song:** “Oh, Happy Day, Jesus Is Alive”
- **Welcome and Prayer:** *Life Point* and *Bible Verse* slides
- **Miss Lindy’s Library:** *Miss Lindy’s Library* video
- **Connection Point Game:** *Connection Point Game* slide
- **Worship Song:** “Shout Hallelujah, Shout Amen”
- **Bible Story:** *Bible Story* and *Christ Focus* slides; *Bible Story Time* video (*optional*)
- **Worship Song and Offering:** Worship song of your choice
- **Connection Point Bible Verse:** *Connection Point Bible Verse* and *Bible Verse* slides
- **Connection Point Missions:** *Connection Point Missions* slide; “Connect with Love” missions video
- **Real Life Connections:** *Real Life Connections* and *Life Point* slides

HUDDLE UPS (OPTIONAL)

Huddle Ups are for churches that have a drop-off time before the session begins or a pick-up time as parents arrive at the end of the session. It's a great time for interaction with a small group leader through games, conversations, or review questions. Play the countdown video to signal the end of Huddle Ups and the beginning of the session.

- ➡ Estimated time: varies according to schedule
- ➡ Tech: none
- ➡ People: Small Group Leaders
- ➡ Supplies (*for each small group*):
 - “Tell Stories about Jesus”—several children’s picture Bibles, Bible storybooks, teaching pictures or other books and pictures of Jesus
 - “Two Men Met Jesus”—coloring supplies, coloring sheets
 - “Move to Sad or Happy”—2 sheets of construction paper, marker, masking tape

TELL STORIES ABOUT JESUS

Prep: Gather a variety of Bibles, books, and pictures of Jesus that will prompt children to remember the stories they know about Jesus.

- Form groups of two or three kids.
- Invite the children to look at the Bibles, books, and pictures of Jesus.
- Invite preschoolers to talk about the pictures and tell each other the Bible stories they remember.
- Comment that today’s Bible story is about two men who walked along a road and talked about Jesus.

TWO MEN MET JESUS

Prep: Print a coloring sheet for each child.

- Tell preschoolers they will hear a Bible story about two men who walked home after Jesus died and came back to life.
- Distribute coloring supplies and coloring sheets.
- Invite preschoolers to color their pages while they wait for the session to begin.

SAD OR HAPPY?

Prep: On 1 sheet of paper draw a sad face and write I feel sad. On the other paper draw a happy face and write I feel happy. Tape the papers on opposite walls.

- Invite preschoolers to pretend to be the two men walking down the road in today’s Bible story.
- Briefly retell the Bible story as the children walk.
- Pause the story at appropriate places and guide kids to determine how the men felt. Instruct preschoolers to indicate their answers by walking to either the happy paper or the sad paper.
- Continue the Bible story. Allow kids to move to a paper each time you pause.
- If time allows, gather children and lead them to think of something that happened last week (*got a new puppy, baby brother cried all night, grandmother was sick, went to the park*).
- Invite volunteers to tell the group what happened.
- Encourage the children to move to the paper that shows how they think their friend felt.
- Gather kids and choose another child to share something that happened to her.
- Remind the children that Jesus is alive today. He loves us and is always with us—in happy times and in sad times.

COUNTDOWN VIDEO

- ➡ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➡ Tech: *Countdown* video
- ➡ People: none
- ➡ Props: none

(Play countdown video to signal the beginning of worship time. Kids will count aloud as they join the large group.)

WORSHIP SONG

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: Music video, mics for singers, lights *(optional)*
- ➔ Music: “Oh, Happy Day, Jesus Is Alive” *(lead sheet available on DVD-ROM)* or download a worship song of your choice
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: none

WORSHIP LEADER

Jesus made many sick people well. He fed lots and lots of people. Jesus taught people about God. Jesus did so many good things! Let’s think about the things Jesus did as we sing together.

(Show the music video. Kids stand to sing.)

WELCOME AND PRAYER

- ➔ Estimated time: 5 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Life Point* and *Bible Verse* slides
- ➔ People: Bible Story Leader
- ➔ Props: none

BIBLE STORY LEADER

Hi! I am so glad you came to church today. Did you walk to church? *(Allow kids to respond.)* Let’s pretend to walk to church. *(Lead children to walk in a circle.)*

Did you come to church in an airplane? Let’s pretend we are in an airplane. *(Lead children to fly around the group time area.)*

Did you come to church on a train *(subway)*? Let’s pretend we are on a train. *(Lead children to chug around the group time area.)*

Did you come to church in a boat? Let’s pretend to row a boat to church. *(Lead children to row a boat around the group time area.)*

How did you come to church? *(Allow kids to respond.)* Most of you came in cars, vans, trucks, and buses. Let’s pretend to drive to church. *(Lead children to drive around the group time area.)*

Missionaries are “people who love Jesus and go tell others about Him.” Some missionaries may walk to tell people that Jesus is alive. They may ride in

airplanes, trains, boats, or cars. God sends missionaries to tell people the good news that Jesus is alive.

(Show Life Point Slide.)

People can tell that Jesus is alive. Say that with me: **“People can tell that Jesus is alive.”**

We can tell people that Jesus is alive. We can tell that Jesus is God’s Son. We can tell that God loves people and sent Jesus! Listen to today’s Bible verse, and then we will say it together.

(Show Bible Verse slide—select preferred version.)

(Say the verse. Lead kids to repeat it after you.)

BIBLE VERSE (SELECT PREFERRED VERSION):

- God loved the world and gave His Son.
John 3:16 *(Paraphrase)*
- For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16 *(CSB)*
- For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
John 3:16 *(KJV)*
- For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 *(NIV)*
- For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 *(ESV)*
- For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
John 3:16 *(NKJV)*

Good job! It is good news that God loved the world and sent His Son. Who is God’s Son? *(Allow for responses.)* God’s Son is Jesus! Missionaries tell people that Jesus is alive, and we can, too! Let’s pray and thank God that Jesus is alive.

God, thank You that You love people and sent Your Son, Jesus. Thank You that we can come to church and hear Bible stories about Jesus. We love You, and we love Jesus. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Miss Lindy always likes to talk about Jesus. Let's visit Lindy and her friends at the library.

MISS LINDY'S LIBRARY

- ➔ Estimated time: 3-5 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Miss Lindy's Library* video (optional)
- ➔ People: none
- ➔ Props: none

(Play the video.)

CONNECTION POINT GAME

- ➔ Estimated time: 10 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Connection Point Game* slide
- ➔ People: Connection Point Leader, 6 kids
- ➔ Props: marker board or large sheet of paper, dry erase marker

GAME INSTRUCTIONS:

- Choose 6 kids.
- Lead kids to stand across the front of the room.
- Write each player's name on the marker board to keep score.
- Describe an item in the room. Challenge players to find and touch the item.
- Give a point to the first child who touches the item. Choose easy items (such as a window) and some that require looking carefully (such as a girl with a rainbow on her shoe).
- Remind the children to look out for each other. Tell players they will not earn points if they push or hurt someone while racing to the item.
- Direct the audience to help by pointing to the item from their seats.
- Call the players to the front of the room and award points to the winning player.
- Describe another item and play again. Continue as your time allows. Congratulate the winner!

CONNECTION POINT LEADER

(Show Connection Point Game slide.)

Are you good at finding things? I need six kids who can find things quickly. (Choose six players. Guide

the players to stand across the front of the room.)

I will describe something in our room. When I say: "Go," hurry to the item I described and touch it. The first player to touch the item will get a point. Be careful and don't push or shove. You will not earn points if you hurt someone as you race to the item.

Does everyone understand what to do? *(Answer any questions and play the game.)*

Wow! You found all the items! Sometimes it was easy to see the item. Other times it was more difficult. Today's Bible story is about two men who saw someone special. Let's sing, and then we will hear the Bible story.

WORSHIP SONG

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: Music video, mics for singers, lights (optional)
- ➔ Music: "Shout Hallelujah, Shout Amen" (lead sheet available on DVD-ROM) or download a worship song of your choice
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: none

WORSHIP LEADER

Let's stand and move to the music as we sing about Jesus. I am so glad that God loves us and sent His Son, Jesus! It makes me want to shout! Sing "Shout Hallelujah, Shout Amen" with me.

(Show the music video.)

(Lead kids to sit as song ends.)

BIBLE STORY

- ➔ Estimated time: 10 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Bible Story* and *Christ Focus* slides; *Bible Story Time* video (optional)
- ➔ People: Bible Story Leader
- ➔ Props: Bible, friendship bracelet

Option 1: Show the *Bible Story Time* video and conclude with a short prayer.

God, thank You for Jesus. Thank You that so many people saw Him alive. Thank You for the good news that He is alive today! Please help us tell others that You love the whole world and sent Your Son. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Option 2: Tell the following Bible story.

BIBLE STORY LEADER

(Show Bible Story slide.)

(wearing bracelet) I want to show you something special. *(Show bracelet.)* Look what my friend made for me. It's a friendship bracelet! My friend used all my favorite colors, and it is just the right size. I love my friend. We like to go places together, talk, and have fun. You probably like to do those things with your friends, too.

Today's Bible story is about two friends who spent time together and talked, too. Listen to hear what happened one day as they walked along a road.

(Open Bible to Luke 24.)

Two men walked along the road from Jerusalem to a village called Emmaus (*eh-MAY-uhs*). It was a very long walk. As the men walked, they talked and argued about all that had happened to Jesus. It had been three days since Jesus died on the cross and was buried.

(Read Luke 24:15.)

While they were discussing and arguing, Jesus ... began to walk along with them.

Wow! Jesus joined the two friends and walked with them down the road. The friends did not know that the man was Jesus!

Jesus asked the men what they were talking about. One of the men was named Cleopas (*KLEE-o-pas*). Cleopas was surprised that the man did not know what had happened to Jesus. Cleopas asked the man, "Are you the only person in Jerusalem who doesn't know what happened?"

Jesus asked them what had happened. The men said: "Jesus taught about God and did amazing things. Some leaders took Jesus, and He died on a cross. We are sad because we thought Jesus was the Savior. Now, we don't know what to think! This morning some women went to Jesus' tomb, but it

was empty. The women said an angel told them that Jesus is alive."

Jesus talked with the two men. He told them about God's promises and things God said would happen.

When they came near Emmaus, the two men asked Jesus to stay with them. It had been a long walk, and it was almost nighttime. The two men still did not know that they were with Jesus! Jesus agreed to stay with them, and they sat down to eat.

(Read Luke 24:30-31.)

[Jesus] took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then ... they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight.

Suddenly, the two men knew that the man they had walked and talked with was Jesus! They were so excited! They hurried all the way back to Jerusalem and told Jesus' helpers what had happened!

(Close Bible.)

(Show Christ Focus slide.)

People saw that Jesus is alive! Did you know the Bible says that many people saw Jesus after He rose from the grave? That's right—over 500 people! They told other people the good news. We can tell people that Jesus is alive, too!

Let's pray and thank God that Jesus is alive!

God, thank You for Jesus. Thank You that so many people saw Him alive. Thank You for the good news that He is alive today! Please help us tell others that You love the whole world and sent Your Son. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

WORSHIP SONG AND OFFERING

- ➡ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➡ Tech: mics for singers, lights *(optional)*
- ➡ Music: Use a favorite song or download a worship song of your choice.
- ➡ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➡ Props: none

WORSHIP LEADER

Those men walked a long way from Jerusalem to their village of Emmaus. They were probably tired!

The men were excited when they realized they had walked and talked with Jesus! They were so excited that they hurried all the way back to Jerusalem and told about what happened!

Let's sing a song about Jesus. When the music stops, tell a friend "God loves us and sent His Son, Jesus." (*Play the song and lead the children to sing along. Stop the song several times and encourage preschoolers to tell that God loves us and sent His Son, Jesus.*)

Optional Giving Segment:

We can tell about Jesus, and we can give offerings to help other people learn about Jesus. If you would like to give an offering today, ...

(*Give your own directions for how the kids can give their offerings. After collecting the offering, guide kids to stand for the worship song.*)

CONNECTION POINT BIBLE VERSE

- ➡ Estimated time: 5-8 minutes
- ➡ Tech: *Connection Point Bible Verse* and *Bible Verse* slides
- ➡ People: Connection Point leader, all kids
- ➡ Props: none

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS:

- *Select your preferred version of the Bible verse.*
- *Talk about the verse.*
- *Say the Bible verse and lead kids to repeat it.*
- *Lead kids to whisper the verse and say it loudly.*

BIBLE VERSE (SELECT PREFERRED VERSION):

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John 3:16 (*NKJV*)

CONNECTION POINT LEADER

(*Show Connection Point Bible Verse slide.*)

Today's Bible verse tells us why God sent Jesus. We know that Jesus is special because He is God's Son. Listen as I say the Bible verse, and then we will say it together.

(*Show Bible Verse slide—select preferred version.*)

(*Say the verse. Lead kids to repeat it after you.*)

Good job! I'm glad that God loves people and sent Jesus! Let's whisper the verse together. (*Lead kids to whisper the verse.*)

You did great, but this is good news. We should probably say it very loudly! Help me say the Bible verse loudly. (*Say the verse loudly.*)

Nice work, everyone! God loves (*name several children*). God loves everyone! God loves people and sent His Son, Jesus.

CONNECTION POINT MISSIONS

- ➡ Estimated time: 5-8 minutes
- ➡ Tech: *Connection Point Missions* slide, "Connect with Love" missions video
- ➡ People: Connection Point leader
- ➡ Props: none

CONNECTION POINT LEADER

(*Show Connection Point Missions slide and play the "Connect with Love" missions video immediately following the Connection Point Bible Verse activity.*)

The Julian family tells people in Brazil about Jesus. They meet with people in their backyard, in a bakery, and in coffee shops. The Julians teach college students that God loves them! Let's pray for the Julians and their church.

God, thank You for the Julian family and the work they do in Brazil. We pray that the college students will listen and learn about Your Son, Jesus. We pray that they will believe in Jesus as Savior. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

REAL LIFE CONNECTIONS

- ➔ Estimated time: 3-5 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Real Life Connections* and *Life Point* slides, microphone to take to individuals in group (optional)
- ➔ People: Bible Story Leader
- ➔ Props: none

BIBLE STORY LEADER

(Show Real Life Connections slide.)

Today we heard a Bible story about two men walking along a road. Do you remember where they were going? *(Allow kids to respond.)* That was a hard question. The men walked from the city of Jerusalem to Emmaus.

What did the men talk about? *(Allow kids to respond.)* Right. They talked about all that had happened to Jesus.

Who joined the men and walked with them? *(Allow kids to respond.)* Jesus walked with them, but the men did not know it was Jesus.

What did Jesus tell the men? *(Allow kids to respond.)* Jesus told the men about God's promises and things God said would happen.

What happened when the men sat down to eat with Jesus? *(Allow kids to respond.)* The men realized that it was Jesus, and then He disappeared!

What did the men do after Jesus disappeared? *(Allow kids to respond.)* The men realized they had walked and talked with Jesus! They hurried back to Jerusalem and told what had happened!

(Show Life Point Slide.)

People can tell that Jesus is alive. Let's say that together: **"People can tell that Jesus is alive."**

We can tell people that Jesus is alive, too! Let's name five people we can tell that Jesus is alive. *(Count up on your fingers and lead kids to do the same.)*

- One—We can tell mom and dad.
- Two—We can tell brother and sister.
- Three—We can tell grandma and grandpa.
- Four—We can tell our friends.
- Five—We can tell our neighbors.

There are so many people who need to hear about Jesus! I'm glad that we can tell them.

Thanks for coming to church today. I like hearing Bible stories and singing songs with you. Let's do it again next week!

Leader note: *If you plan to utilize the after-session Huddle Up, dismiss kids to their small groups.*