

# KIDTOWN GUIDE

1st-5th Grades

DATE: 11/15/20

SCRIPTURE: Luke 24

LESSON: The Emmaus Disciples



## INTRO

**Parents say to your kid(s)** - Last week we talked about something special that happened to Jesus' tomb. Do you remember what that was? That's right! It was empty! Jesus' friends didn't know He had risen from the grave. Today we are going to talk about more people who thought Jesus was gone forever.

**Now You See It** - Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This activity is a simple object lesson to help your kids interact with the Bible story they're about to learn.



What do you see in this picture? A young woman looking away from you? Can you see an older woman in it too? Do you see her mouth and her eyes?

**Say** - When we first looked at this picture all we could see was the young woman, but once we knew there was another picture in it, we began to see that woman too. That is a little what it was like for Jesus' followers when He talked to them in our story today. They did not realize at first it was Jesus talking to them because they weren't looking for Him. But once He told them who He was, they could see it!



## LESSON - THE EMMAUS DISCIPLES

Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [The Emmaus Disciples](#)

**Story Point #1:** (Kids repeat!)

**The Emmaus disciples didn't understand Jesus' resurrection.** (Kids repeat!)

Like we saw with Mary, Peter and John last week, these disciples didn't have a category for dead people coming back to life. After Jesus died, they were deeply saddened and assumed they would never see him again.

When Jesus came and started walking with them on the road, they didn't recognize him because in their minds, he was dead. There was *no way* they could be talking to Him again. Even though Jesus had predicted that He would die and rise again, they couldn't believe it even as they were seeing Him alive and in the flesh right in front of their eyes.

**Story Point #2:** (Kids repeat!)

**They didn't understand how the Old Testament was all about Jesus.** (Kids repeat!)

While they still didn't recognize Him, Jesus started teaching them. He unpacked for them how everything in the Old Testament was pointing forward to Him. Can you imagine getting personal, Bible teaching from Jesus? Nobody knows more about the Bible than Him because the whole Bible is about Him!!

This moment where Jesus shows the Emmaus disciples that the whole Old Testament is really about Him is a really, really big deal. This is why we teach you every week about how the Bible points towards Jesus. If you don't get this, you might think the bible is just a bunch of old rules, or facts about history. But that's not it. The whole Bible is pointing our hearts and our minds toward Jesus!

**Story Point #3:** (Kids repeat!)

**They didn't understand until Jesus opened their eyes.** (Kids repeat!)

At first, these disciples didn't understand Jesus' resurrection or the Old Testament. But something was starting to change for these disciples as Jesus walked with them and taught them. When they got to Emmaus, they asked Jesus to eat with them and He did. At dinner he took bread and broke it, giving thanks to heaven... just like He had done when He fed the 5000! And just like He did at the last supper!

Immediately, the Emmaus disciples realized that they had been talking to Jesus the whole time and that He was alive! They thought back about how their hearts had burned within them as Jesus taught them all about the Old Testament!

And right when they had figured everything out, Jesus disappeared!! Which further proved it was Him. Cause no one else can do that.

**Christ Connection!** (Kids repeat!)

**We need Jesus to open our eyes to see how the whole Bible and the whole UNIVERSE is all about Jesus!** (kids repeat)

Just like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we don't see correctly unless Jesus opens our eyes. In John 9, Jesus tells the Pharisees that anyone who can't see their sin and their need for Jesus is spiritually blind. That's all of us! Until Jesus opens our eyes to see our sinfulness and our need for Him, we're blind.

But just like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, Jesus wants to open our eyes! He wants to help us see Him. He wants to teach us how the whole Bible is all about Him.

He wants to show us how all of life and the whole universe is really all about Him.

When we believe that Jesus is right about our sin and our need for Him to be our Savior, He opens our eyes to see everything else like He does!



## RESPONSE

**Sing:** [Live](#) (Key Passage Song)  
[He Humbled Himself](#)

**Pray:** Lord, thank You for giving us Your Word. Help us trust You. Give us wisdom to understand Scripture and the ways it teaches us about You, Your Son, and ourselves. Amen.

**Discuss:**

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Non-spiritual answers are okay--we want them to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
  - Did the two disciples know Jesus was talking with them? *No, Luke 24:16*
  - What did Jesus use to teach about Himself? *All of the Scriptures, Luke 24:27*
  - What is your favorite Old Testament story, and how does it point to Jesus? *Guide kids to discuss stories they enjoyed learning about from the Old Testament. Help them to see how those stories point to Jesus*
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing?
  - *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. Affirm their question and let them know that you don't know but will try to find out.*
  - *If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at [kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com](mailto:kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com).*



## BONUS ACTIVITIES

**Coloring Sheet** - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#) of Jesus talking with the disciples.

**Parent Share** - What is your favorite story from the Old Testament? How does that story point to Jesus?

**Freeze Dance** - Turn on some tunes and get to dancing! But be careful, when the music stops you have to freeze! If anyone moves while the music is off, they are out.