



Lesson
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4s-K

ROAD TO EMMAUS

April 11 & 12

**JESUS IS THE
WAY, THE TRUTH
AND THE LIFE**



LESSON GOAL:

Background: Two friends were walking to a village called Emmaus, feeling sad because Jesus had died. Jesus came and walked with them, but they didn't recognize Him at first. He explained the Scriptures and how God's plan had always included Him rising from the dead. Their hearts were filled with hope as they understood that Jesus had truly come to save them.

Lesson Goal: For kids to understand that God had a plan all along to save us and create a way for us to be with Him again one day. He sent Jesus to die on the cross for us so we can be with God in heaven forever! Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life!

Luke 24:13-25

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WoodmenU Parenting Class @ MO
April 13, April 20, April 27

Kids Camp
Register today! June 8-11

THEME FOR THIS SERIES:

Reptile Rick



KEY VERSE:

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6, NIRV

MISSION FOCUS:

SALT (Serving & Loving Teachers)

Through SALT, Woodmen's ACTS ministry is serving and loving over 1200 teachers and school staff in El Paso Country through morale boosting. This includes staff appreciation events for all school staff such as luncheons, conference treats, notes with words of encouragement, classroom support, school event support and more.

This weekend, we are coloring flowers that will be used as decor for an upcoming teacher luncheon to spread love and encouragement to these teachers in our community.



5:45-6:10pm
8:45-9:10am
10:45-11:10am

CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome.

SAY:

I'm so glad to see you today, **(insert child/parent name)**! You can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

6:10-6:25pm
9:10-9:25am
11:10-11:25am

EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



DISCUSS: Jesus is the way, the truth and the life!

Help kids connect relationally and to the daily lesson by participating in the Bag of Wonder activity together.

Bag of Wonder: Cross

SAY:

We are going to take turns passing around this Bag of Wonder! It has something inside that helps us think about our lesson today. You can hold it, smell it, shake it, touch it...but no peeking inside! What do you think it could be? You each get one guess!

DO:

Pass the Bag of Wonder around until each child has had a turn holding it and guessing what's in the bag. Offer hints to help the kids guess the item.

SAY:

I *wonder* why this item is in our Bag of Wonder today! Our lesson is about how **Jesus is the way, the truth and the life**. This true story comes from the Bible in **Luke 24:13-25!** (*Open your Bible to show the kids the verse is in the Bible then read the explanation below*).

CONNECTION: When we see a cross, it reminds us of what Jesus did for us - He died to save us from our sins. Today's story helps us remember that Jesus is the only way we can be saved from our sins!



CONNECT: Why Does It Matter?

Help kids prepare for the lesson by thinking through the Big 3 questions and how the lesson relates to them, personally.



SAY:

Let's answer **THE BIG 3** questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

1. Who is our story about today?

Jesus and two of his friends

2. What is the problem?

Jesus had just died on the cross and His friends were sad because they didn't fully understand what was happening

3. What will God do?

Jesus appeared to His friends as they walked to Emmaus and explained to them what God's big rescue plan was and why he had to die and rise from the dead.



MAKE: Wooden Cross Craft

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

Supplies: wooden cross , colorful rubber bands, God Statement Sticker, markers/crayons



DO:

Pass out one cross per child. Have them decorate it with markers/crayons and colorful rubberbands. Give each child a God statement sticker to put on their cross.



SAY:

Today we are learning about how Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. Jesus died for us on the cross for us. When we accept Jesus as our savior, we get to have a relationship with God. Let's make a special craft to remind us of our story today.

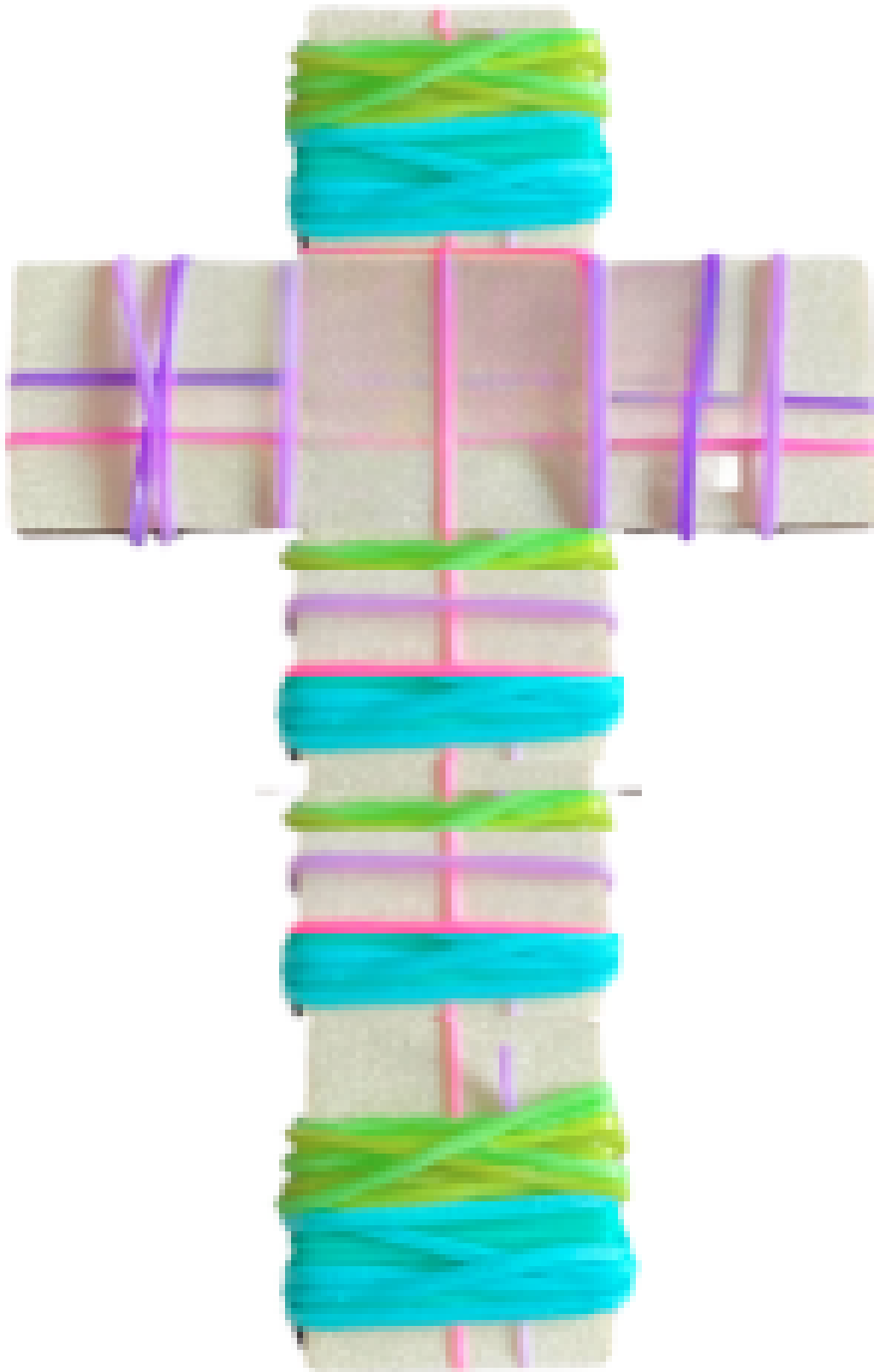


CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to line up and/or transition to Large Group.



Craft Example



6:25-6:50pm
9:25-9:50am
11:25-11:50am

LARGE GROUP

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow in their relationship with God by participating in Worship and hearing an engaging Bible story.



EXPECTATIONS

As kids transition to Large Group time, play the expectations video.



HOST MOMENT

After the Large Group expectations video is finished, the Host should welcome the kids in an engaging way and share the daily host content.



SAY:

Welcome! We're so glad you're here today! Let's take a few minutes to look at our Missions project for the day and our Key Verse.

MISSION FOCUS

Introduce or share an update about the current mission focus.

KEY VERSE

Introduce the key verse then have the kids watch the Key Verse video.

PRAY FOR WORSHIP & BIBLE LESSON



WORSHIP

Invite your Worship Leader to come up and play the worship song videos. Encourage kids to participate and be respectful to others.

SONG 1: The Way

SONG 2: My Hope is in the Lord



LESSON VIDEO

Play the daily Bible lesson video.



WORSHIP RESPONSE

Lead the kids through a quiet time of responding to what God is teaching them.



PRAYER

Help create a smooth transition from Worship Response by praying over the kids.



OFFERING

Highlight the opportunity to give back to God through our offering.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.

WORSHIP RESPONSE



REFLECT: Jesus is the way, the truth and the life!

Help kids reflect on the lesson by providing a quiet space for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts as they think about how it applies to them personally.

Worship Response Station

Supplies: Jesus poster (1 per group)



SAY:

Jesus' two friends did not recognize Him at first on the road to Emmaus. Jesus used this time to tell the two disciples how God's plan had always been for Jesus to rescue everyone by dying on the cross and rising from the dead. This is why Jesus is the only way, truth, and life!



DO:

- Ask the kids to quietly participate in the following activity. Say:
 - ***Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life!***
 - ***God loves us so much that He sent Jesus to rescue us. When we follow Jesus, He shows us the way, He leads us in truth, and He gives us life forever with God!***
 - ***Let's practice following Jesus right now!***
 - Invite kids to stand and form a line. Take turns having kids walk (or skip or hop) to the poster of Jesus as they say out loud ***"Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life!"*** When they get to the Jesus poster, have the kids touch it as you say ***"Jesus loves you!"***
 - ***Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life! When we believe that and follow Jesus with our whole hearts, we can have life with God forever!***



PRAY

Help create a smooth transition from Worship Response by praying over the kids.



OFFERING



SAY:

God gives to us...so we give back to God! Offering is an opportunity every week to give some of our money to God as a way to say "Thank you, God!" for all He has done for us.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.



SAY: *May you stand firm in Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life. He loves you and rescues you!*

6:50-7:10pm
9:50-10:10am
11:50am-12:10pm

RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



APPLY: Why Does it Matter?

Help kids process what they learned in the lesson by answering the Big 3 questions you asked at the beginning of class.



SAY:

Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

1. Who was our story about today?

Jesus and two of His friends

2. What was the problem?

Jesus had just died on the cross and His friends were sad because they didn't fully understand what was happening.

3. What did God do?

Jesus appeared to His friends as they walked to Emmaus and explained to them what God's big rescue plan was and why he had to die and rise from the dead.

4. Why does this matter to me?

Just like the friends, I might have a hard time understanding God's great rescue plan - that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. But, I can trust what Jesus teaches me in the Bible, God's Word!

5. How can I apply this to my own life?

Example: I can ask Jesus to be the savior of my life because He is the only way to get to God; I can tell others about the good news that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.



PRAY: Connect Relationally

Help kids understand the power of praying together.



SAY:

Does anyone have a prayer request they'd like to share? You can also share with a leader privately, if you don't want to share aloud.



DO:

Invite kids to pray for each other, then the leader closes in prayer.

As parents arrive after service

CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



DO:

Encourage kids to finish their activities or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any announcements while handing their parent the announcement card and the weekly **Lesson Card**.