





## **BIG IDEA**

Jesus is always with me.

# THE BIBLE

The Road to Emmaus: Luke 24:13-35

#### **WELCOME TIME**

Heroes meet in the Youth Room for worship.

## **ACTIVITY** | Animal Charades

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Before the kids arrive, prepare cards with a different animal on each card (see week four printable). Ask for volunteers to draw a card and then act like that animal while the rest of the kids try to guess which animal they are portraying. If no one volunteers, act out the animals yourself.
- In today's story, two disciples were walking along and someone joined them, but just like we had a hard time knowing what each animal was, they had a hard time knowing who had joined them.

#### **TEACHING TIME**

## THE BIG IDEA | Jesus is always with me.

 Our story today happens when two people were walking along the road talking about Jesus. Let's all walk around the room with a buddy and tell each other the Big Idea: Jesus is always with me!

## VIDEO | Level Up, Episode 4

• INSTRUCTIONS: Play this week's preschool <u>teaching video</u>. <u>Level Up Preschool Week 4</u> on Vimeo

## LEVEL UP | WEEK 4 PRESCHOOL LESSON

#### BIBLE STORY | Luke 24:13-35

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Enlist someone with the gift of storytelling to tell the story. The storyteller can be dressed in a Biblical costume, or just use a walking stick as a prop.
- Hi there, kids. My name is Cleopas and I want to tell you about the most exciting thing that happened to my friend and me. You see, we were walking along the road, heading to the town named Emmaus. We were sad because we missed Jesus.
- Suddenly, a stranger started walking next to us. "What are you talking about?" the stranger asked us. My friend and I were so surprised. Everyone was talking about Jesus these days! How could this stranger not know?
- So, my friend and I told the stranger all about Jesus. We told the stranger about all the
  wonderful things Jesus had done and all the things Jesus had taught us. But sadly,
  some people didn't like what Jesus was teaching so they punished Jesus —even
  though Jesus didn't do anything wrong! They put Jesus on a cross and then, Jesus
  died. A few days later, some of our friends went to visit where Jesus' body was... but
  Jesus wasn't there! But an angel was there, and told my friends that Jesus is alive.
  More of our friends went back to the tomb and found the same thing Jesus was
  gone!
- We had just finished telling the story when we arrived at our final stop: Emmaus. It was getting dark so we invited the stranger, our new friend, to stay with us. When we arrived at the place we were staying and sat down to eat, the stranger took the bread, broke it in half, and blessed it. Suddenly, we knew who the stranger was! This stranger, who had been walking and talking with us, was none other than our old friend, Jesus! And then Jesus disappeared. My friend and I were so amazed! It was really Jesus! And guess what? Jesus is never truly gone Jesus is always with us!

#### PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for coming to walk among us.

#### **DISCUSSION TIME**

## **ACTIVITY** | Talking with Friends

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Divide the kids into groups of two or three.
- Pretend you are the friends remembering what happened on the road to Emmaus.
   Remember the story by telling each other about meeting the stranger and what happened next. Think about these questions as you tell the story:
- What were you talking about?
- What did the stranger ask you?
- How did you feel while you were talking to the stranger?
- What did you do when you got to Emmaus?
- What was the big surprise?
- How did that make you feel?

## MEMORY VERSE | Hebrews 12:2



# LEVEL UP | WEEK 4 PRESCHOOL LESSON

• **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print multiple copies of the footprint printable from this week. Place them on the floor in a path. Ask the kids to walk along the path of footprints, saying the words of the verse as they do.

#### **PLAY TIME**

While you're waiting for parents to pick up their kids .

## **ACTIVITY** | Coloring Page

• **INSTRUCTIONS:** While the kids color, use this time to remind the kids of today's Bible story, the Big Idea, and the memory verse.

Encourage your preschoolers to help clean up the room while they wait for their parents