

# The Road to Emmaus

**Bible Story: The Road to Emmaus** (The Life of Jesus) • *Luke 24:13-35*

**Memory Verse:** “I have come so they may have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way.” *John 10:10b, NIV*

**Bottom Line:** Live like Jesus is alive.

**Key Question:** How can you live like Jesus is still at work in the world today?

## Opening activity (10-15 minutes)

### 1. Take a Snapshot

[Live for God | Application Activity]

*Made to Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment*

**What You Need:** inflated balloons, permanent markers

### What You Do:

- **Give** each student a balloon and a permanent marker.
- **Form** two groups.
  - **Ask** one group to consider what thoughts Jesus may have had as He went to the cross.
  - **Ask** the other group what thoughts Jesus may have had as He rose from the dead.
- **Give** the students a couple of minutes to write their ideas on their balloons, but ask them to wait to talk until everyone is done.
- When the groups are finished writing, **invite** them to take turns sharing in this way:
  - Rub their balloon on their hair or shirt to create static electricity.
  - Use the static electricity of the balloons to attach it to their heads to create a “thought bubble.”
  - Read what’s written on the balloon then let them elaborate further if they would like.

**Pro Tip:** *Listen carefully as your students share. You may gain insight into their understanding of who Jesus is and what He has done for them, which will be helpful to know in future conversations.*

### Wrap Up and Say:

“We don’t know everything Jesus thought as He died for our sins. We don’t know what His exact thoughts were as He rose from the dead and walked out of the tomb. One thing we do know is that He prayed and encouraged others even in His pain. We know that He wanted people to believe He was alive and made sure His disciples saw Him after He rose from the dead. We can be sure that His thoughts were on God’s glory, power, and fulfilling His plan. Jesus died for our sins, but He didn’t stay that way. He’s alive and at work right now in every part of the world.”

## **Catch on activity (10-15 Minutes)**

### **2. Bible Story Extension**

#### **[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]**

*Made to Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and re-enactment*

**What You Need:** Bibles, “Emmaus Faces” (Activity Page)

#### **What You Do:**

- **Ask** students to each take one of the “Emmaus Faces” and look at it, without others seeing what it is.
- **Choose** someone to begin by making the face described on his card as the others **guess** the expression.
- Next, **tell** the student with “Emmaus Face” to turn to the person on his left. That person must copy the expression, and then both students turn and look at the others.
- **Invite** the rest of the group to hold up 1-10 fingers to indicate how closely the two faces match. (1=very little match; 10=exact match)
- With each person’s turn, **ask**:
  - Do you think this expression may have been on Jesus’ face as He spoke with the men on the Emmaus road? Why or why not?
  - Do you think it may have been on the faces of the men Jesus spoke to? Why or why not?
- **Continue** until everyone has had a chance to act out one or two of the “Emmaus Faces.”
- **Ask and Discuss:**
  - If you had the chance to walk with Jesus the way the men in today’s Bible story did, what questions would you ask Him?
  - What did Jesus want the men to understand and believe?
  - What are some things Jesus still wants people to understand and believe today?

## **If time allows**

### **3. Discussion Questions**

#### **[Talk about God | Application Activity]**

*Made to Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding*

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

#### **What You Do:**

##### **Ask:**

- We don’t have the *physical* person of Jesus here with us the way the men in our Bible story did. So what can we do to get answers to our questions when we don’t understand something about God?
- Why did Jesus have to die?
- What would it mean for us if Jesus died but didn’t rise from the dead?

- Why do some people want to know Jesus and others don't?
- If someone wanted to know how to become a Christian—a follower of Jesus—what would you tell him?
- How do we know that Jesus is alive and at work in the world today?

## **Pray and Dismiss**