



For Preschoolers and Toddlers

Monthly Image: Cross

Early Childhood Essential: I am a sinner who needs Jesus

Memory Verse: “While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” – Romans 5:8

Bible Story Focus: Jesus and Thomas | John 20: 19-29

Lesson Overview:

In this lesson, kids will hear of Thomas’s doubt in the resurrection. Children will see that we too are often like Thomas- we doubt God’s promises and we sin against him. This is why we need Jesus. Jesus didn’t just come to save his disciples, or the people who saw him on earth, he came to save all who trust in him.

Pre-Video Discussion:

Have you ever heard about something that sounds too good to be true?

[**WATCH OUR WEBISODE HERE**](#)

I Wonder Questions (Post-Video):

I wonder...

What did Jesus do after he died?

*He visited his friends, the disciples.

Which friend had a hard time believing that Jesus was alive?

*Thomas doubted that Jesus was alive.

Even though we can’t see Jesus, can we believe?

*Yes, because he is our Forever King and we can trust in him.

Early Childhood Family Activity Idea:

Have your child close their eyes (*or blindfold them*), then describe something in the room. See if your child can “see” what it is without actually seeing the object. Remind your child that even though we can’t physically see Jesus, we can believe in him!

For Elementary

April 19 Elementary Lesson | The Road to Emmaus

Lesson Overview:

This week children will learn about one of Jesus’s many appearances to his followers after the resurrection. After Jesus died on the cross, two of his followers were walking on the road to Emmaus discussing everything that had happened. Though they didn’t immediately recognize him, Jesus appeared to them and explained how everything that had happened fulfilled what God had promised in the Old Testament. They finally realized who Jesus was and returned to Jerusalem to tell the eleven disciples that Jesus was alive. After watching the teaching video and the Bible story video, children can make a representation of the story showing/telling something they learned out of play dough, legos, or any craft/building supplies you have at home.

Key Verses: Luke 24:13-35

Teaching Video Link: <https://vimeo.com/408157753>

Curriculum Video Link

- The Gospel Project for Kids—The Emmaus Disciples <https://vimeo.com/398882671>

Post-Video Discussion:

- **How did Cleopas and Jesus’s other follower feel after Jesus died?** (*Sad, afraid, confused, overwhelmed, etc...*)
- **Who was the third person who joined them on their walk and what did he do?** (*It was Jesus! He explained that everything that had happened fulfilled what God had promised in the Old Testament.*)
- **Did they recognize Jesus?** (*Not at first, but after he explained everything to them and broke the bread like he had done with his disciples before his death, they realized who he was.*)
- **What did they do when they realized it was Jesus?** (*They hurried back to Jerusalem to tell the other eleven disciples that it really was true! Jesus is alive!*)

Independent Activity for Kids:

Pick one activity listed below to show what you learned:

- Make a representation of the story of something you learned out of play dough, legos, or any craft/building supplies you have at home.
- Draw a picture of your favorite part of the story using art supplies or outside using sidewalk chalk.

Bible Study for 4th and 5th graders:

[Click HERE](#) to be taken to a printable document your 4th or 5th grader can use to learn more about how Jesus fulfilled the promises of God. Don't have a printer? Open the document for your child and allow him or her to create a similar chart on a sheet of paper or in a journal.