Preschool–Grade 5

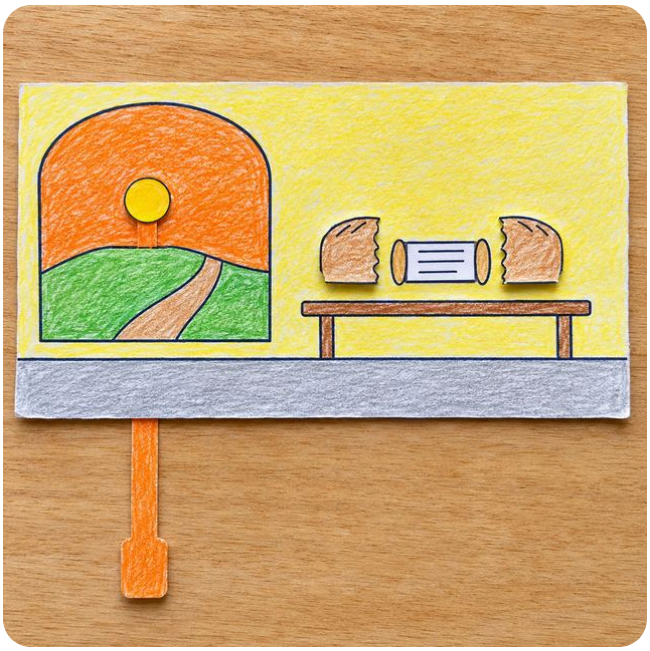
The Road to Emmaus Craft

The Lord is risen indeed · Luke 24:13–35 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



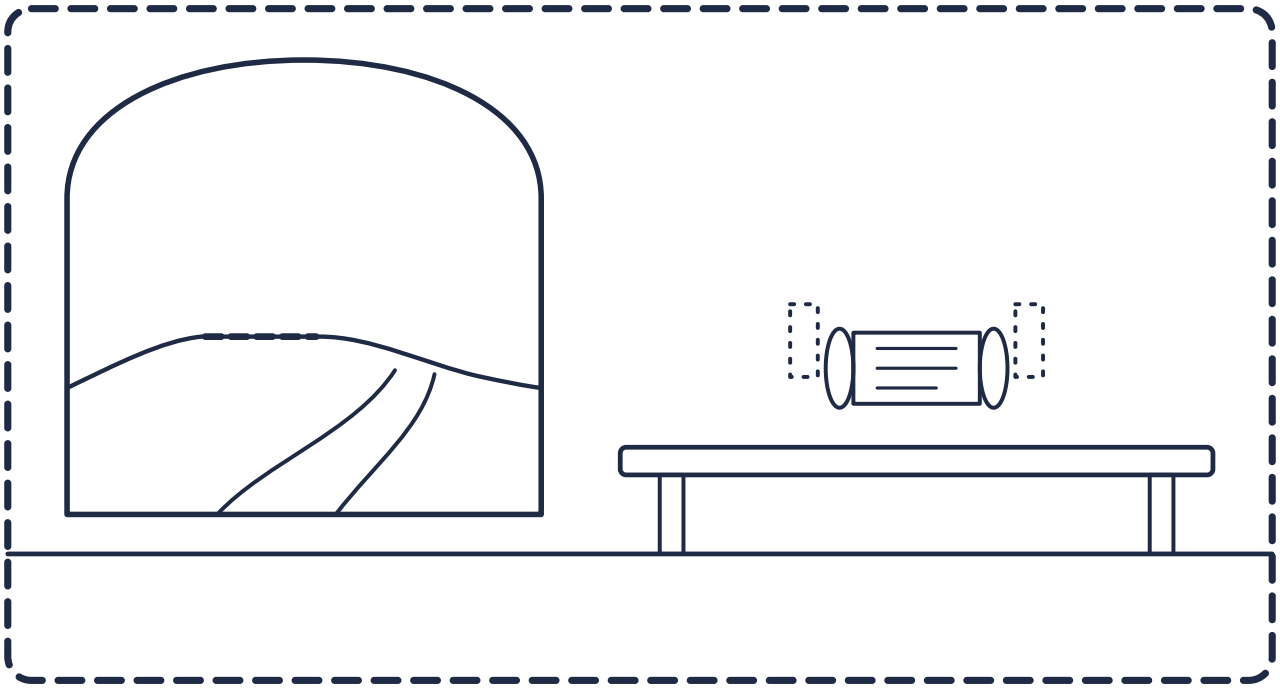
Harder

Both levels are a card of a room at evening in the village of Emmaus, with a light yellow wall, a gray floor and a brown table. In the arched window are an orange evening sky, green hills and a light brown road, the road the two disciples walked (Luke 24:13). On the table is a loaf of light brown paper bread in two halves. Break it open to find a scroll: "he opened to us the scriptures" (24:32). Medium (left): the card with the bread broken open. Harder (right): the same with a yellow sun on an orange pull strip, ready to set behind the hills, for "it is toward evening" (24:29).

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Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines



card: wall light yellow, floor gray, table brown; in the window the sky orange, the hills green, the road light brown. Scroll: leave the middle white, color the rolled ends light brown.



two halves of the bread: color them light brown; fold each tab back

Saying, The Lord is risen indeed,
and hath appeared to Simon.

Luke 24:34 (KJV)

verse strip: glue it on the back of the card

Color each piece the way its label says. Cut out the card, the two halves of the bread and the verse strip. Don't cut the short dashed line in the window; it is only for the harder level. Glue the tabs of the bread on the two dotted spots beside the scroll.

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✂ Harder level



sun: yellow strip: orange, on the front and the back pull tab: orange

How to add the setting sun

1. Make the card from page 2 first.
2. Color the sun yellow. Color the strip and the pull tab orange, on the front and on the back. Cut out the sun strip on the dashed line.
3. Ask an adult to cut the short dashed line on top of the hills in the window. That makes a slit.
4. From the front of the card, push the pull-tab end into the slit and pull it through behind the card, until the tab hangs out below the bottom edge of the card. The sun stays on the front, high in the orange sky.
5. Tell it: as they came near the village, the two disciples said, "Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent" (Luke 24:29). Pull the tab slowly, and the sun goes down behind the hills. Then break the bread: their eyes were opened, and they knew him (24:30–31).
6. Say: "They rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem" (24:33). Read Luke 24:34 on the back together.

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/road-to-emmaus-craft
Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), crayons or markers in light yellow, gray, brown, orange, green and light brown, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child and a yellow crayon.
Before class: for preschoolers, cut out the card, the two halves of the bread and the verse strip ahead of time. Fold the tabs and glue the bread on the card. For the harder level, cut the slits ahead of time if you can.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's pieces and glue the bread on the card. Kids color the card and the bread and open the bread as you tell the story. Help them glue the verse strip on the back.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, cut, fold the tabs and glue the bread. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the card like the medium level. Then add the setting sun from page 3 on a pull strip through a slit in the window, for "it is toward evening, and the day is far spent" (Luke 24:29). This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color:** color the wall light yellow, the floor gray and the table brown. In the window, color the sky orange, the hills green and the road light brown. Color the rolled ends of the scroll light brown and leave its middle white.
2. **Color the bread:** color the two halves of the bread light brown.
3. **Cut:** cut out the card, the two halves of the bread and the verse strip on the dashed lines. Don't cut the short dashed line in the window.
4. **Fold:** fold the tab on each half of the bread back on the dotted line.
5. **Glue the bread:** put glue on the back of each tab. Press the tabs on the two dotted spots beside the scroll, so the halves close over the scroll and make one whole loaf.
6. **Verse:** glue the verse strip on the back of the card, and read it together.
7. **Tell it:** point to the road. Two of them walked to Emmaus, and Jesus himself drew near and went with them, but their eyes were holden (Luke 24:13–16). They said, "Abide with us: for it is toward evening" (24:29). He took bread, blessed it, and brake it (24:30): open the bread. Their eyes were opened, and they knew him (24:31). Point to the scroll: "while he opened to us the scriptures" (24:32).

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Questions to ask while kids work

- Point to the road. Where were the two disciples going? *(To a village called Emmaus, about threescore furlongs from Jerusalem, Luke 24:13)*
- Who drew near and went with them? *(Jesus himself, 24:15)*
- Why didn't they know Him? *(Their eyes were holden, kept from seeing who He was, 24:16)*
- What was the name of one of the two? *(Cleopas, 24:18)*
- What did Jesus explain to them on the road? *(In all the scriptures, the things about Himself, beginning at Moses and all the prophets, 24:27)*
- Point to the window. Why did they ask Him to stay? *("For it is toward evening, and the day is far spent," 24:29)*
- Open the bread. When did they know Him? *(When He took bread, blessed it, brake it and gave it to them, 24:30–31)*
- What did they say about their hearts? *("Did not our heart burn within us," 24:32)*
- What did they hear when they got back to Jerusalem? *("The Lord is risen indeed," 24:34)*

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained: threescore furlongs** means about seven miles; **communed** means talked together; **holden** means held back, kept from seeing; **expounded** means explained; **abide** means stay; **far spent** means almost over; **sat at meat** means sat down to eat; **brake** means broke; **vanished out of their sight** means they could not see Him anymore; **risen indeed** means truly alive again.
- **What the Bible says:** Jesus "took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them" (Luke 24:30). Luke does not describe the house, the table, the window or the bread, and he names no other food. The room, the window, the scroll and the colors are the craft's simple picture of the story; the scroll stands for "the scriptures" Jesus opened to them (24:27, 24:32).
- **No one is drawn, and never Jesus:** the table has no people on it, because when their eyes were opened, "he vanished out of their sight" (24:31). Only one of the two disciples is named, Cleopas (24:18).
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything and glue the bread on ahead of time. Use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Let every child break the bread and find the scroll.
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free road to Emmaus lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/road-to-emmaus.

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