Preschool–Grade 6

# The Road to Emmaus

Sunday School Lesson for Preschool (Ages 3–5), 20–30 minutes

**Main point:** Jesus is alive!
**Bible passage:** Luke 24:13–35. Read it yourself before class.
**Memory verse:** "Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon." *Luke 24:34 (KJV)*. The old words mean: **the Lord** is Jesus, **risen indeed** means truly alive again, and **Simon** is Simon Peter.
**You need:** a Bible, a blanket, a paper bread shape or a small loaf of bread, crayons, and one take-home sheet for each child.
**Before class:** put a bookmark in your Bible at Luke 24. Spread the blanket on the floor like a table, and put the bread on it.

## 1. Opening game: Walk and Stay (5 minutes)

Everyone walks slowly around the room together, like going on a long walk. When you say, "Abide with us!" everyone hurries to sit down around the blanket. Say: "Abide means stay." Play a few times, walking fast, slow and on tiptoe. Say: "Today two friends of Jesus went on a long walk, and Jesus walked with them!"

## 2. Bible story (5 minutes)

Hold up your Bible open to Luke 24. Say: "This is true. It is in God's Word." Read each line slowly and do the motion. When you see **Say it with me**, the kids say the line back to you.

Two friends of Jesus walked to a village (Luke 24:13). *(Walk in place.)*
They were sad (24:17). *(Sad face.)*
Jesus came and walked with them (24:15). *(Keep walking.)*
But they did not know it was Jesus (24:16). *(Shrug your shoulders.)*
Jesus taught them God's Word all the way (24:27). *(Open your hands like a book.)*
It was getting dark. They said, "Abide with us" (24:29). That means, "Stay with us!" *(Wave "come in.")*
Jesus took bread, prayed and broke it (24:30). *(Pretend to break bread.)*
Then they knew Him! It was Jesus (24:31)! *(Open your eyes wide.)*
They went right back to Jerusalem to tell the others (24:33). *(Walk fast in place.)*
**Say it with me: "The Lord is risen indeed!"** (24:34)


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## 3. Questions to ask (3 minutes)

1. Who walked with the two friends? *(Jesus, Luke 24:15)*
2. What did Jesus do with the bread? *(He blessed it and broke it, 24:30)*
3. Is Jesus alive? *(Yes! "The Lord is risen indeed," 24:34)*

## 4. Memory verse (3 minutes)

Say: "When the two friends got back to Jerusalem, they heard happy news: 'The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.' That means, 'Jesus is really alive, and Peter saw Him!'" Teach the motion: point up on "The Lord," jump up on "is risen indeed," and shade your eyes like looking on "hath appeared to Simon." Say the verse with the motions three times: in a normal voice, in a whisper, and in a happy loud voice. Then say "Luke 24:34" and clap three times.

## 5. What this means for us (3 minutes)

Say: "God loves you! Everyone has done wrong things. That is called sin (Romans 3:23). Jesus is God. He came to earth as a man (1 Timothy 3:16). Jesus died for our sins. He was buried. Then He rose again (1 Corinthians 15:3–4)! The Bible tells us what to do (Acts 2:38). We repent: we tell God we are sorry, and we stop doing wrong. We are baptized in Jesus' name, down under the water, and our sins are washed away. And God gives us the Holy Ghost. That is God's own Spirit in us. When people are filled with the Holy Ghost, they speak in other tongues, words God gives them (Acts 2:4)."
*Pray with the kids, and encourage them to talk with their parents and pastor about being baptized in Jesus' name and filled with the Holy Ghost. Never pressure a child.*

## 6. Activity: Bread on the Table (5–10 minutes)

Give each child a take-home sheet. In the drawing box, help them draw a table with a round loaf of bread on it. While they color, ask: "What did Jesus do with the bread? Who did they run to tell?" Kids who finish early can take turns breaking the paper bread and saying, "It's Jesus! He's alive!"

## 7. Prayer

Say each line, and the kids say it after you:
"Thank You, God, that Jesus is alive!
Help me learn Your Word. Help me tell my friends. In Jesus' name, amen."

**Tips for little ones:** keep the story moving and happy. If you use real bread, check for food allergies first. Act out the walk, the "stay with us" and the run back to Jerusalem; little ones remember what they do. Send the take-home sheet home so parents can tell the story again this week.


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