



Lesson
34

2s & 3s

ROAD TO EMMAUS

April 11 & 12

**JESUS IS THE
WAY, THE TRUTH
AND THE LIFE**



LESSON GOAL:

Background: Two friends were walking to a village called Emmaus, feeling sad because Jesus had died. Jesus came and walked with them, but they didn't recognize Him at first. He explained the Scriptures and how God's plan had always included Him rising from the dead. Their hearts were filled with hope as they understood that Jesus had truly come to save them.

Lesson Goal: For kids to understand that God had a plan all along to save us and create a way for us to be with Him again one day. He sent Jesus to die on the cross for us so we can be with God in heaven forever!
Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life!

Luke 24:13-25

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WoodmenU Parenting Class @ MO
April 13, April 20, April 27

Kids Camp
Register today! June 8-11



KEY VERSE:

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6, NIRV

MISSION FOCUS:

SALT (Serving & Loving Teachers)

Through SALT, Woodmen's ACTS ministry is serving and loving over 1200 teachers and school staff in El Paso Country through morale boosting. This includes staff appreciation events for all school staff such as luncheons, conference treats, notes with words of encouragement, classroom support, school event support and more.

This weekend, we are coloring flowers that will be used as decor for an upcoming teacher luncheon to spread love and encouragement to these teachers in our community.



5:45-6:10pm
8:45-9:10am
10:45-11:10am

CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in time is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome by creating a welcoming environment.



WELCOME FAMILIES

As kids arrive to check-in, greet them and help them feel safe, seen and secure.

SAY:

I'm so glad to see you today, **(insert child/parent name)**! You can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

(Insert parent name), do you have a diaper bag or any other specific instructions for today? *(Respond accordingly)* Enjoy service!

DO:

Help kids feel **SAFE** (physically & emotionally), **SEEN** (known & understood) and **SOOTHED** (calmed & supported) so they can become **SECURE** in your classroom.



FREE PLAY

The goal of free play is to create space for toddlers to get adapted to the classroom so they can connect with the Ministry Partners and other kids.

DO:

As kids play with the classroom toys and games, take time to connect on their level. Initiate conversation by relating to something the child is doing, something you notice about him/her or an overview of what they can expect during class. The goal is to help them feel safe and connected.

Examples:

- That's a nice red shirt you're wearing! Is red your favorite color?
- I see you're holding a yellow lego. What are you building?
- I see that you're sad. Your grown ups went to church but they'll be back soon.
- We're going to learn about Jesus here. When we clean up our toys, we're going to do a craft.

6:10-6:25pm
9:10-9:25am
11:10-11:25am

EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



MAKE: Cross Magnet

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

Supplies: wooden cross with magnet on the back, heart and star stickers, God statement sticker, markers/crayons



DO:

Pass out one cross per child. Have them decorate it with markers/crayons and stickers. Help each child place a God statement sticker on the cross.



SAY:

Today we are learning about how Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. Jesus died for us on the cross for us. When we accept Jesus as our savior, we get to have a relationship with God. Let's make a special craft to remind us of our story today.



CONNECT: Why Does It Matter?

Help kids prepare for the lesson by discussing the Big 3 questions.



SAY:

Answer THE BIG 3 questions to help kids prepare for the lesson

1. Who is our story about today?

Jesus and two of His friends

2. What is the problem?

Jesus had just died on the cross and His friends were sad because they didn't fully understand what was happening

3. What will God do?

Jesus appeared to His friends as they walked to Emmaus and explained to them what God's big rescue plan was and why he had to die and rise from the dead.



CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to transition to Large Group by sitting quietly in the designated story area.



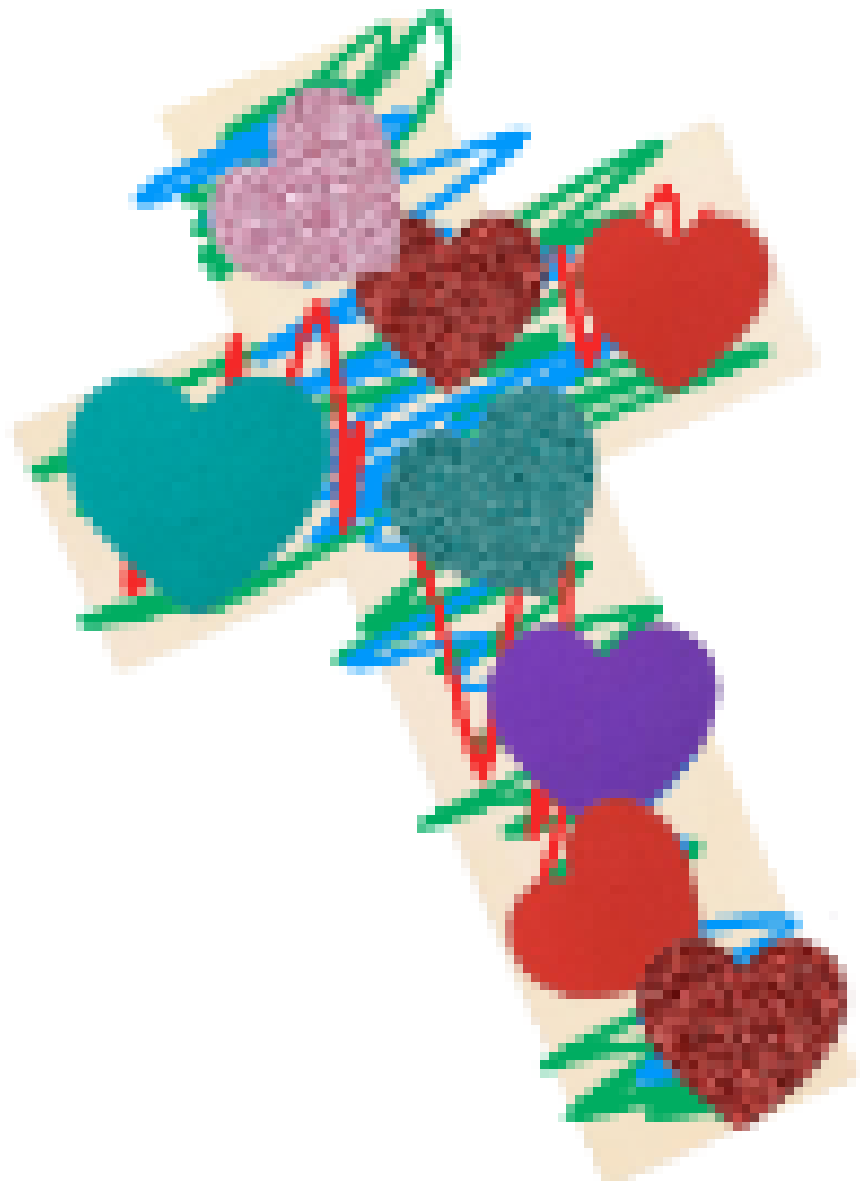
SAY:

Let's all work together to clean up so we can hear our Bible story for the day. We can sing a song as we clean!

Sing: "Clean up, clean up, everybody do your share. Clean up, clean up, everybody everywhere."



Craft Example



6:25-6:40pm
9:25-9:40am
11:25-11:40am

LARGE GROUP

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow in their relationship with God through Worship, an engaging Bible story and a time of response.



EXPECTATIONS

As you begin Large Group, play the Church Today Expectations video ([Plex > Videos > EC > 2s & 3s](#))

SAY:

We're glad to be at church today.
We will listen, we will pray.
We'll sit quietly in our spot.
We'll tell Jesus we love Him a lot!

DO:

PRAY before transitioning to worship.



WORSHIP

Use the Little Kids music videos on Plex to sing some simple songs with your class. To access these videos, go to [Plex > Videos > EC > 2s/3s](#) folder.

SONG 1: This Little Light of Mine

SONG 2: God is With Me

SONG 3: I've Got the Joy



BIBLE STORY

Use the Hamilton puppet to help read the Bible story (see script on page 4). Use the flipbook provided.



WORSHIP RESPONSE

Help kids reflect on the lesson by providing a quiet space for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts as they think about how it applies to them personally.

Supplies: Jesus poster

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life! God loves us so much that He sent Jesus to rescue us. When we follow Jesus, He shows us the way, He leads us in truth, and He gives us life forever with God! Let's practice following Jesus right now! ***Invite kids to stand and form a line. Take turns having kids walk (or skip or hop) to the poster of Jesus as they say out loud "Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life!" When they get to the Jesus poster, have the kids touch it as you say "Jesus loves you!"***



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.

May you stand firm in Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life. He loves you and rescues you!

BIBLE STORY

Hamilton's Prop: cross



INTRODUCTION - HAMILTON

Use the Hamilton puppet to introduce the lesson topic and get the kids engaged.



SAY:

Hi Hamilton! **Hamilton is jumping up and down excitedly.** What is it, Hamilton? You seem very excited! **Hamilton whispers in your ear.** You have a special story you want to share with us today? **Hamilton nods excitedly and holds up the cross.** It must have something to do with Jesus rescuing us from our sins, since you brought a cross! **Hamilton nods excitedly.** Friends, if you're ready to hear our Bible story, can you wiggle your ears with me? **Wiggle ears together.** Let's dive in!



BIBLE STORY

Use the Hamilton puppet to help read the Bible story. Use the story cards in your curriculum folder as you read the story.



SAY:

Two friends were walking down a road together. They were very sad. They were confused. Their friend, Jesus, had just died on the cross. **Hamilton holds up cross.** They did not understand God's big rescue plan yet...

A man showed up and started walking with them. **Hamilton jumps up and down excitedly.** Hamilton, do you want to tell everyone who that man was? **Hamilton nods and points to sky.** That's right, it was Jesus! But, the friends didn't know it was Jesus yet.

Jesus listened to the two talk. He walked with them. Then, Jesus told them God's big rescue plan. He told them, "God loves His people very much. God sent a Savior, Jesus! It was God's plan all along. God sent Jesus to save you from your sins!"

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, friends. Jesus is the way to God! Jesus is the truth - everything He says is true. Jesus is the life - we can have life forever with God because of Jesus!

This was good news for the two friends, and it's good news for us too! God loves us so much He sent Jesus to rescue us. We can trust that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

6:40-6:55pm
9:40-9:55am
11:40-11:55am

RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



SAY IT OUT LOUD!

Help the students remember the God Statement for the day by repeating it aloud and doing simple motions to help them remember the phrase.



SAY:

Today our God statement is **Jesus is the way, the truth and the life!**
Let's say it together in a fun way to help us remember it.

Say it loudly, softly and in a fun voice. Then do the hand motions.



DO:

Use simple hand motions to help kids remember the God Statement as you say it together.



ACTIVITY- Walk Towards Jesus

If you have extra time at the end of your lesson and small group time, the students can participate in this activity that reinforces the daily lesson.

Supplies: Velcro footprints, image of Bible/praying hands/church, Jesus poster (from Worship Response)



SAY:

Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. This means Jesus is the only way for us to be with God again! He saves us from our sins and He wants us to follow Him. There are things that help us walk towards Jesus like reading our Bible, going to church and praying. Let's practice following Jesus and walking towards Him!



DO:

Hang the Jesus poster on the wall and adhere the velcro footprints in a line so the kids can walk on the path towards Jesus. Place the images (Bible, praying, church) along the path to represent how these things help draw us closer to Jesus. One at a time, encourage kids to walk the path toward Jesus noticing the images along the way.



6:55-7:10pm
9:55-10:10am
11:55am-12:10pm

EAT & PLAY

The goal of this time is to provide a snack, introduce kids to structured classroom games, have free play and to encourage interaction and participation with others.



SNACK

Check your classroom roster to ensure none of your kids have allergies, then offer each child a snack and water (provided in your classroom).



GAME IDEAS

While your class can participate in free play for most of the remaining classroom time, please try to lead at least one structured activity with your class.



DO:

- Face Copy Game (happy, sad, silly)
- Picture Naming (“What do you see?”)
- Stuffed Animal Toss
- Read a book or a story out of picture Bible
- Gather paper and crayons and practice drawing
- Follow the Leader (walk like animals, tiptoe, march)
- Body Part Pointing (“Where’s your elbow?”)
- Animal Movements (hop like a frog, slither like a snake)
- Organizing toys (by item, by color, by shape)
- March + Stop (march until you say “STOP!”)

As parents
arrive after
service

CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



DO:

Encourage kids to finish their Explore craft, utilize the prayer station or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any upcoming events or announcements while handing their parent the announcement card or flyer.