



# JESUS TAUGHT TWO DISCIPLES



### LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus is the Messiah and Savior.

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Luke 24:13-35

### SUGGESTED FOR THE WEEK OF

April 11

### UNIT VERSE

God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
*Romans 5:8 (CSB)*

### WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE

God has raised this Jesus; we are all witnesses of this.  
*Acts 2:32 (CSB)*



## LEADER BIBLE STUDY

If you are serious about counting steps and calories and earning credit for every step, you may have an app on your phone or device on your wrist. With it, you can join an online community of walkers, receive badges for goals achieved, and embrace more accountability. Meeting a goal of 15,000 steps translates to more than 7 miles. That’s how long the walk was from Jerusalem to Emmaus, the distance Cleopas and another disciple traveled on the first Easter.

As the two men talked, Jesus joined them, but they did not recognize Him. He asked a question that made them think He had been isolated from the events of the past three days. How was it possible, just now heading from Jerusalem, that He did not know what had occurred “concerning Jesus of Nazareth”? Did this stranger not know their chief priests and leaders handed over to be crucified the One they had hoped would deliver them? And had this stranger not heard the shocking news? The tomb was now empty, and the body was missing!

Immediately, Jesus pointed out that these two may have heard the messianic prophecy but did not believe it. He interpreted the Scriptures about Himself and then accepted their invitation to stay with them for the evening. It was not until Jesus blessed, broke, and gave them bread that they recognized Him! Then Jesus disappeared as quickly as He had appeared to them. They agreed their hearts were moved and burned within them while He was talking with them. They rushed back to Jerusalem and joined the remaining eleven disciples.

Does your heart burn within you when you hear the Word of God? Are you walking closely with Jesus the Messiah, your Savior?

How can you help the kids in your group understand that no matter what part of the Bible they read, it all points to Jesus as the Messiah who was sent to save us from our sin?



## PRACTICE BIBLE SKILLS

- › Form two teams and instruct teams to sit on opposite sides of the tape.
  - › As evenly as possible distribute the paper balls to both teams.
  - › Share that written on each paper ball is one book of the New Testament.
  - › On “Go,” teams will begin tossing the balls toward the other team. Players can toss balls back to the other team if they can reach them while still seated.
  - › After a few minutes, stop the game and instruct each team to place its paper balls in book order. **Note:** There will be gaps in the book order depending on where the paper balls fall. If needed, allow kids to look at the “Books of the Bible Chart.”
  - › Declare the winner as the first team to correctly place the books in order.
  - › Share that every book in the Bible tells of God’s plan to send a Savior—Jesus Christ!
- › Printables: “Books of the Bible Chart”
  - › marker
  - › 27 sheets of paper—Write 1 book of the New Testament per sheet. Wad each sheet into a tight ball.
  - › masking tape—Tape a line on the floor in the middle of the room.



## INTRODUCTORY ACTIVITY

- › Form groups of three to four kids. Give 10 craft sticks and a roll of tape to each group.
  - › Instruct each set of group members to build a house using the supplies.
  - › After giving groups some time to work, announce a “twist.” Say: “Sorry! I forgot to mention that these are supposed to be miniature houses. Your house needs to be as small as possible.”
  - › Allow kids time to regroup and continue before ending the activity.
  - › Discuss how kids felt when the plan changed. Ask if they would have done things differently if they had known the full plan from the beginning.
  - › Show the Teaching Picture and share that today kids will hear how God’s plan to send a Savior was always His plan. God did not keep His plan hidden. The Scriptures and prophets talked about Jesus long before He was born, died on a cross, and rose from the dead.
- › Teaching Picture 6
  - › craft sticks (10 per small group of kids)
  - › masking tape (1 roll per small group)
  - › **Option:** “Jesus Taught Two Disciples” coloring page (Printables)



## MISSIONS EMPHASIS

- › Display the “Fasolino Family Photos” and invite kids to read the captions.
  - › Explain that because the Fasolinos speak Spanish, they can share the good news of Jesus with other Spanish-speaking people of Toronto.
  - › Say: “One day you might be a missionary in another country and speak other languages, but right now you can tell others about Jesus. Tell someone this week what you know about Jesus.”
  - › Pray that Spanish-speaking people in Toronto would hear about Jesus and choose to trust Him as Savior.
- › Printables: “Unit 2 Missions: Toronto, Canada”—Print the missions story and the “Fasolino Family Photos.”



## STUDY THE BIBLE

### 1. BIBLE STORY

- » Sing “The Savior King.”
- » Invite a volunteer to read Isaiah 53:4-6 to the group.
- » Remind the group that the Old Testament prophets and Scriptures told how the Messiah would suffer for our sins. Two disciples, on their way to a village called Emmaus, were reminded of this truth, too!
- » Open the Bible to Luke 24 and tell the Bible story.

#### **BIBLE STORY: JESUS TAUGHT TWO DISCIPLES**

Two of Jesus’ disciples were on their way to a village called Emmaus. They were talking about everything that had happened in Jerusalem when Jesus had been crucified. As they were talking, Jesus Himself began to walk with them. At this time, the men did not recognize Him. Jesus asked the men what they were talking about.

“Haven’t you heard what has happened these last few days?” one of the men asked Jesus.

Jesus replied, “What things?”

So, the two men shared all that had happened. They explained that Jesus, a Prophet who spoke many things about God, had been handed over by their chief priests to be crucified. The men had hoped that Jesus was the One who was sent to save Israel. Then the men shared that this was not the end of the story. They explained how three days after Jesus had died, women from their group arrived early at the tomb where Jesus had been buried, but Jesus’ body was not there. Instead, the women saw angels who told them Jesus was alive!

Jesus listened intently to the disciples’ story, and then He said, “Didn’t the Scriptures say that the Messiah would have to suffer before entering into His glory?” Then Jesus taught the men everything in the Scriptures that was written about Him.

When they came near the village, the men invited Jesus to stay with them for the night. As Jesus sat at a table with them, He took bread, blessed it, and gave it to the men. When they saw this, the disciples immediately realized that the man was Jesus. At that moment, Jesus disappeared from their sight. The two disciples were amazed. They talked about how their hearts felt like they were on fire when Jesus explained the Scriptures to them.

That very hour, the men got up and returned to Jerusalem. They found Jesus’ eleven disciples and shared all that had happened on the road with Jesus. The men exclaimed, “The Lord has certainly been raised from the dead, and He appeared to us this day!”

— BASED ON LUKE 24:13-35

- » Pack Items 12, 13, 16: “Unit 2 Banner,” “Unit 2 Verse,” “Review and Reveal”
- » Teaching Picture 6
- » Music
- » Videos
- » dark-colored 3-inch sticky notes (6 for each pair of kids)—Prior to the session, place a sticky note on top of each answer box on the “Review and Reveal” sheet. Prepare 1 sheet for every pair of kids.
- » fine-point permanent markers
- » ziplock bags (1 per person)
- » crafts sticks (10 per person)
- » masking tape

## 2. REVIEW

- › Pray, thanking God for His plan to send Jesus to pay the penalty for sin.
- › Lead kids to find partners. Direct partners to sit together.
- › Give each pair a prepared copy of “Review and Reveal” and a fine-point marker.
- › Instruct kids NOT to look underneath the sticky notes.
- › Invite kids to work with their partners to write on the sticky notes the answers to the Review Questions.
- › When all of the partners finish, ask each question one at a time and invite volunteers to share answers. Then guide the partners to pull off the sticky note for that question and check their answers.
- › Continue in the same way with each Review Question.
- › Remind kids that, from the very beginning of the world, God always planned to send His Son to rescue people from sin. This truth can be found throughout the entire Bible. God did not hide His plan to send a Savior and Messiah.
- › **Option:** Show the “Notebook Bible Story” video.

## 3. LIFE ACTION

- › Show the “Unit 2 Banner” and invite kids to read the unit title together.
- › Remind kids that God fulfilled His promise! He sent His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment for our sin by dying on a cross. After three days, Jesus rose from the grave. He is alive and lives in heaven today!
- › Ask: “Does knowing this give you hope? Why?”
- › Share that there are many people who do not have this hope.
- › Challenge kids to ask God to help them share the good news that Jesus is alive with someone this week.
- › Pray and thank God for His plan to send Jesus to pay the penalty for sin. Ask God to help the kids boldly tell others that Jesus is alive!
- › **Option:** Show the “Mooseberry Life Action” video.

## 4. UNIT VERSE

- › Show the “Unit 2 Verse” and ask a volunteer to read the verse.
- › Give each person ten craft sticks and a ziplock bag.
- › Instruct kids to tape the sticks firmly together.
- › Then lead kids to flip the sticks over and use fine-point permanent markers to decorate and write the verse on the other side.
- › After each child finishes, direct him to remove the tape from his sticks and place them in the ziplock bag.
- › Invite kids to exchange bags with someone else.
- › Challenge kids to put the other person’s verse sticks together in order.

## REVIEW QUESTIONS

- › Where were the two disciples going? *(to the village of Emmaus)*
- › What were the two men talking about? *(everything that had happened in Jerusalem when Jesus had been crucified)*
- › What did Jesus teach the two disciples? *(everything in the Scriptures that was written about Him)*
- › What did Jesus do at the table? *(He took the bread, blessed it, and gave it to the men.)*
- › What happened when the disciples realized the man was Jesus? *(Jesus disappeared from their sight.)*
- › What did the two men do after Jesus disappeared? *(They went back to Jerusalem, found the eleven disciples, and shared everything that had happened.)*

**Option for Unit Verse:**  
Teach the Weekly Bible Verse, Acts 2:32.



## LIVE IT OUT

### CHOICE 1

- › Pack Item 17:  
“Footprints”—Hide the “Footprint” cards outside, down a long hallway, or in a large room.
- › Kids Activity Pages
- › pencils

### CHOICE 1

#### ON THE ROAD

- › Remind kids that Jesus had already died on the cross and come back to life when He joined two disciples as they walked to Emmaus.
- › Invite kids to join you on a “walk” and task them to look for hidden “Footprint” cards along the way. Explain that some are statement cards with words. Some are image cards with pictures.
- › Guide kids to collect the cards. When kids find a card with a statement, direct them to take the card but not read it yet. When kids find a card with an image, challenge kids to determine what the image has to do with the Bible story.
- › After kids find all 12 cards, gather the group together and place the cards on the floor or table.
- › One at a time, invite volunteers to read the statement cards in order. After a volunteer reads a statement, lead the kids to decide which image card best goes with the statement.
- › Distribute the Kids Activity Pages and call attention to the Bible story on the back of the pages.
- › Challenge kids to retell the story to a family member or friend sometime this week.
- › Instruct kids to turn their pages to the front side and complete the activity “On the Road.”

### CHOICE 2

- › Pack Item 18:  
“Prophecy/Fulfillment Cards”

### CHOICE 2

#### PROPHECY FULFILLED

- › Share that Jesus reminded the two disciples that the Messiah would have to suffer in order to fulfill what the prophets had said.
- › Ask: “What does it mean if something is fulfilled?”
- › Explain that *fulfillment* is “when something that has been promised or predicted or desired happens.” Everything that the prophets and Scriptures said about Jesus’ life really happened!
- › Distribute the blue and green “Prophecy/Fulfillment Cards.” Depending on your group size, kids can each choose a card, work together in pairs, or a child could choose more than one card of the same color.
- › Explain that the green cards are prophecies about Jesus’ crucifixion that we read about in the Old Testament. The blue cards are the prophecies that Jesus fulfilled. We read about those in the New Testament.
- › Challenge kids to work together to match each prophecy card with a fulfillment card.
- › Guide kids to read aloud the matches and spend time looking up the verses on the cards together.

- » State that all along, God had a plan to send His Son, Jesus, to rescue people from their sin.
- » Remind kids that the whole Bible—from Genesis to Revelation—is about Jesus!

**CHOICE 3****LIFESAVER RELAY**

- » Group kids into two teams.
- » Instruct each team to form a straight line and spread out.
- » Give each person a spaghetti noodle and caution kids to be very careful not to break them.
- » Hand the first person on each team an unwrapped candy disc and share that the goal of this relay is to get the candy from the front of the line to the back of the line using only the noodles.
- » Explain that the only thing that can touch the candy is the noodle. If someone's noodle breaks, she must move to the front of the line to get a new noodle. Then she may start passing the candy back from the beginning.
- » Congratulate the winning team and give everyone a piece of candy for doing such a great job.
- » Share that Jesus is the Messiah and Savior. He is our "lifesaver." He died on the cross so that we could live forever with God. When we trust Jesus as Savior, He forgives our sins. We decide to let Him be our boss and guide us in all we do and think and say.
- » If time allows, lead kids to find a partner and work together to complete "The Bible Tells Us So" on their Kids Activity Pages.

**WRAP UP**

- » Pray, thanking God for His plan to send His Son, Jesus, as Messiah and Savior.
- » Give kids One Conversation pages.

**CHOICE 3**

- » Kids Activity Pages
- » uncooked spaghetti noodles
- » hard candy discs
- » pencils