



Small Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

Greeting & Prayer (5 minutes)

The leader greets the children and asks how they are doing. After a brief time of sharing, the group participates in a short prayer activity to prepare their hearts for the lesson.

Small Group Activity (15 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

Pray & Dismiss (5 minutes)

After small group time, the leader closes in prayer. Then the children are dismissed.



Bible Story

On the Road to Emmaus
Luke 24:13-35

Bottom Line



Monthly Memory Verse



K1 | W2

Greeting & Prayer



What You Need

- A Spinning Wheel
- Prayer Chart

① What You Do

Pray for your group before they arrive -> Pray for kids who will visit your group for the first time. Thank God that His love is for the whole world, and that includes you and every person you will ever meet. Recall an age-appropriate story about a time you were confused about God, and He met you in your questions. Ask God to help the kids in your group understand that “the whole world” means everyone. Pray they would know God loves them, He loves their family, He loves their friends, and He loves the new person at school.

- Choose a child to spin the wheel.
- Each color matches a prayer prompt on the chart.
- After spinning, the child finds the matching prompt, reads it, and prays.
- Let a few more children take turns spinning the wheel and praying.

② What You Say

“Prayer is how we talk with God, our loving Father. The Bible tells us to pray without ceasing—talking to Him anytime, anywhere. Whatever you do, begin with prayer. When you do, you can trust that God is in control and working in every situation.”

Transition -> Lead your group to the small group activity

ACTIVITY ONE

GROUPS 1/4

Bigger Story Joy

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God



What You Do:

- Tell the kids that you're going to share the first part of today's true story from the Bible with them. Read Luke 24:13-19 out loud to the group.
- Invite the kids to color their road and people cutouts.
- Show them how to use the slit in the "Bigger Story Road" Activity Page to make the puppets "walk" along the road.
- Retell the story simply while the kids move their puppets:

- o "Two friends were walking and sad." (Move two friend puppets.)
- o "Jesus came and walked with them, but they didn't know it was Him!" (Add Jesus puppet.)
- o "Jesus told them the BIG story of how God loves us."
- o "They ate dinner together, and suddenly, the two friends knew it was Jesus!"
- o "They were so happy! They ran all the way back to tell their friends!" (Move puppets fast back down the road.)

What You Need

- Bible
- "Bigger Story Road" Activity Page
- "Bigger Story Puppets" Activity Page
- Coloring supplies

What You Say:

"You did a great job telling the story! The friends were sad because they only saw a small part of the story, which was that Jesus had died. So, all along the way, Jesus explained that. He explained how everything written in Scripture by Moses and the prophets pointed to Him and what He was doing.

"How incredible would that be to have Jesus Himself explain God's big story to you? Jesus showed them the bigger story—that He was rescuing everyone! [Bottom Line] You can have joy because there's a bigger story."



Inclusive Pro Tips

Use thumbs-up and thumbs-down if not all children can sit and stand easily.

Walk the Walk



What You Need

- "Action cards" Activity Page
- Painter's tape

What You Do:

- Use painter's tape to create a path on the floor. Place each action card along the tape path so kids can follow it step by step.
- Invite the kids to line up at the start of the tape path.
- Lead them on a walk along the tape line.
- When you reach a card from the "Action Cards" Activity Page, stop and have everyone do the action together.

- o **Jump for Joy: Jump up and down five times.**
- o **High Five: High-five a neighbor.**
- o **Spin Around: Spin in a circle one time.**
- o **Clap Hands: Clap three times.**
- o **Heart Hands: Make a heart shape with your hands.**

- Continue until you reach the end of the path.

What You Say:

"That was a fun walk! Great job, everyone! The friends in our story had a long walk too. But while they walked, they learned that God was doing something amazing, something big. The friends on the walk to Emmaus were living in a bigger story, and we are too!

"It's the best story that's ever been told. And it's all true. We're living in God's big story right now, God is still working towards it, and that means [Bottom Line] you can have joy because there's a bigger story!"

Inclusive Pro Tips



Print "Verse Motions" Activity Pages to support visual learners and readers who want to follow along on their own copies of the motions.

Pray and Dismiss



What You Say

"Dear God, thank You for the story of the friends on the road. Thank You that even when we're sad, we can have joy because we are a part of the best story ever that You are writing! Thank You for sending Jesus to be our Rescuer. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Transition -> As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to share one promise from today's Bible Story that God kept and remind the kids to share that *[Bottom Line]* Jesus is good news for everyone.

Inclusive Pro Tips



Instead of praying silently, give options for the kids to write or doodle to God quietly.

You can have joy because there's a bigger story.

On the Road to Emmaus • Luke 24:13-35



What to Do:
Print on cardstock and cut.
One for every kid.



"Bigger Story Road" Activity Page

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Jump for Joy:
Jump up and down 5 times.



High Five:
High five a neighbor.

