



HOPE KIDS

Small Groups

BLOCK PARTY - APRIL - WEEK 1

Story Recap

Bottom Line: You can have joy because there's a bigger story. Luke 24:13-35

Two of Jesus' followers were walking along a road feeling sad and confused after everything that had happened. They thought the story of Jesus was over.

As they walked, Jesus came up and started walking with them, but they didn't recognize Him. Jesus listened as they shared their sadness. Then He began to explain how everything that had happened was actually part of God's bigger plan. Step by step, He helped them see that the story wasn't over at all.

Later, when they stopped to eat, Jesus broke the bread—and suddenly, they realized it was Him! Right away, Jesus disappeared, but everything had changed. The two friends hurried back to tell others the good news. They had joy again because they understood that God was telling a bigger story—and Jesus was alive.

Note overview

- Book: Luke
- Chapter: 24
- Verse: 13–35
- Old or New Testament: New Testament

What did you learn about God today?

- God has a plan for my life.
- Even though life can be hard sometimes its apart of God's plan.
- I can have joy even in the sad times

What is today's Bottom Line?

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

What do I think God wants me to do?

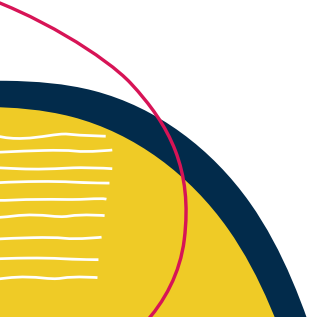
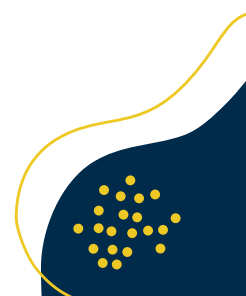
- Trust his plan
- Believe that he will guide my steps
- Have joy no matter what because it all has a bigger purpose



Ice breaker Question

When in your life have you been sad or mad with God?

Examples to help:

- Family member passes away
 - Someone is being mean at school
 - Their dog dies
 - A grandparent gets cancer
 - Move to a new state
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Prayer time

1. Give every kid an index card and a pencil or pen.
2. Let the kids take a minute to choose one category that they really need God's help with right now.
3. Invite them to sit and reflect.
4. Encourage them to pray to God silently, out loud, or write or draw a prayer on the index card.
5. "God, thank You that You see the whole picture. Thank You that You're writing a good story. We give You these hard things today. Help us to trust You. Fill us with Your joy, and remind us that You are with us, You will help us, and You are always working for good. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name.

Amen."

Activity

1. Pass out one piece of the "Road to Emmaus"
2. What You Do:
3. Tell the kids today they will be doing a puzzle
4. Let the kids know they all will be working together to solve the puzzle.
5. Pass out an equal number of puzzles pieces to each student (it is ok if some kids have more than others)
6. Have them work together to make photo.

Memory Verse Activity

Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!

Philippians 4:4

1. Write out the memory verse on a white board then have all the kids say it together.
2. Slowly remove a few of the words from the verse and have them recite the whole verse with the missing words.
3. Keep doing this until you do not have any more words left on the white board and have them recite the whole verse

Discussion questions!

1. If you were walking with Jesus, what questions would you ask Him?
2. Why do you think Jesus chose to show up right in the middle of the two friends' sadness instead of waiting until they felt better?
3. How do you think Cleopas and his friend were different after their walk with Jesus compared to before it?
4. How does knowing that Jesus is alive help you have joy—even in confusing or painful times?
5. What is one way you can look for God's bigger story this week?

Question Dice

Grab your question dice and say -
Alright everyone, we're going to play a game with our question dice. We're going to take turns rolling the dice, and whatever question you land on, you get to answer it. While someone is answering, let's all listen and not interrupt, because we want to put others first. After one person answers, we'll go to the next person and keep taking turns until everyone has had a chance. Remember, this is a safe place, so there are no wrong answers. Let's have fun and learn together!"