

EMMAUS ROAD

Easter Lesson #4

Luke 24; John 20:19-29

Lesson Memory Verse: Luke 24:6 “**He is not here, but is risen:** Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee.” (Grades 1 & 2 memorize the part of the verse in **bold**.)

Lesson Aim: Since Jesus Christ conquered death by rising from the grave, we should be thankful that He also can give us victory over death and we should tell others about the good news.

Lesson Plan: Use the KEY – HE – SEE – WE – BE plan (explained in the Introductory Notes).

KEY (for Attention): Has anyone seen a dead bird or a dead animal? (Have the children tell what they have seen that was dead.) Did the dead thing make any noise? Did it walk or fly? Did it eat? No, because there was no longer any life in its body.

When a person dies, his life leaves his body and his body no longer talks or moves or eats. When a person's life leaves his body, his body is dead. This happened to Jesus.

When Jesus was on the cross, His life left His body, and His body was dead. They took His body off the cross and put it in a grave. Then they took a stone and rolled it in front of the grave so that no one could sneak in and take Jesus' body. Then they had many Roman soldiers guard His grave so that no one could even come near Jesus' body without their permission. Nevertheless, Jesus' life came back into His body and He was alive once more. In our lesson today, we will find out what His disciples thought and did when He was made alive once more.

HE (for Authority): God tells us in our Bible memory verse that two angels told some good women, who had come to Jesus' tomb early Sunday morning, that Jesus was not in the grave any longer, but that He was risen. That meant that He was alive. That meant that He had conquered death just like He had said He would. That was good news and they hurried back to tell the disciples that Jesus was alive. Let's find out what happened.

SEE (for Apperception) and WE (for Application): Tell the story of the disciples not believing the women, of Peter going to the tomb and wondering, and of Jesus walking on the Emmaus Road with two of His disciples after He had risen from the dead. Also, tell of His two meetings with the eleven disciples in a room in Jerusalem. Use whatever following facts and applications will help you to present the lesson most effectively to your class. **Be sure to read the story from the Bible several times before teaching it.**

I. Angels (Luke 24:1-12)

Two angels told the women that Jesus had risen from the dead. The angels reminded them that Jesus had already told them that He would rise from the dead three days after He was crucified. Then they remembered that this is what Jesus had said many days before.

WE: We do not have angels to tell us about Jesus rising from the dead, but we do have God's own Word to tell us. Which is more certain to be true – the angel's word or God's Word (Bible)? We must remember what God has told us in the Bible. The women became sad because they had forgotten Jesus' promise that He would rise again. How can we best remember the many things in the Bible? (Listen to the Bible carefully, read it often and memorize as much of it as possible.)

The women hurried to tell these things to the disciples, but they did not believe them (24:9-11). So Peter went to the tomb to find out for himself what had happened,

WE: We should tell others what we know about Jesus Christ. Even though people may laugh at us or may not believe what we tell them about Jesus, someone may become curious like Peter and try to find out the truth. Will we witness even if people don't believe us and laugh at us?

II. Approach (Luke 24:13-35)

Two sad disciples were walking toward a town (Emmaus) that day and Jesus approached them and began to walk with them. They did not know it was He. By asking the right question, Jesus, still unknown

to them, got the disciples to tell Him all the things that were troubling them concerning Jesus' death. Then Jesus gave them the answers to all of their troubles from the Bible.

WE: Jesus is with us all the time if we are Christians. Do we always remember that? We should. Jesus wants us to tell Him all of our troubles (1 Peter 5:7) because He cares for us. Jesus will answer all our questions from the Bible if we let Him. That is how He talks to us. Have you let Him talk to you today?

Jesus remained with the disciples for fellowship when they invited Him to stay. He made Himself known to them at the evening meal when He broke bread, which undoubtedly reminded them of the Last Supper (24:30, 31; cf. 22:19). The Scriptures Jesus had used on the way to Emmaus had worked in the disciples' hearts (24:32). The disciples immediately told the other disciples of their good news (24:33-35).

WE: Jesus wants to be included in everything just as the disciples included Him in their meal that evening. Can we think of anything that we do that would make us ashamed to invite Jesus to be with us? Jesus especially wants us to remember Him when we have the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is to remind us of His broken body and shed blood until He comes again. (Explain the meaning of the Lord's Supper if you use this application.) Jesus wants us to listen to God's Word so He can use it to work in our hearts. Then when we really believe God's message about His death and His rising again from the dead, we will want to help others to believe that story, too!

III. Appearance (Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-29)

Twice Jesus met with His disciples in a room in Jerusalem after He arose from the dead. He met with them on Sunday both times (Luke 24:36; John 20:19, 26). The first time Jesus came, the disciples were afraid He was a spirit (24:37). Jesus showed His disciples that He was a real Person and not a spirit (24:38-43). Thomas was not in the first meeting so the other disciples told him that Jesus was alive, but he would not believe that Jesus was really alive until he could touch Him. In Jesus' second meeting, He told Thomas to touch His wounds and then Thomas believed (John 20:24-29).

WE: Jesus wants to meet with us in a special way each Sunday. How does He meet with us? (He talks to us through the Bible and we talk to Him in prayer as we meet in Sunday school and church.) Do not forget to meet the Lord when you come to church. Have you met Him this Sunday? Do not be afraid of Jesus, as His disciples were at first, unless you are trying to hide your sins from Him. Jesus is a real Person, even though we have never seen Him with our eyes. We should believe that He is real because the Bible says so. Will we witness to our friends like the disciples did to Thomas? Our friends may not believe, but if we witness, Jesus will talk to our friends, like He did to Thomas. We are not asked to convince our friends that Jesus is alive, just tell them and Jesus will do the rest.

IV. Assignment (Luke 24:44-53)

Jesus told His disciples that they were to be witnesses to the world that He had died and rose again as the Bible said He would (24:44-48). Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to help them be His witnesses. Then He took them to Bethany and blessed them, and after blessing them, He went up to heaven. The disciples worshipped Jesus and then returned to Jerusalem to be His witnesses.

WE: We are witnesses for Jesus today. Do we believe He died and rose again? Do we believe that when Jesus died, He died to take away our sins and that no one else can do it? Do we believe that when Jesus arose, He was given the power to give eternal life to everyone who receives Him as his Savior? If you believe these things, have you asked to be saved from your sins? If we have been saved, are we telling these things to others who do not believe? The Holy Spirit will help us to be good witnesses of Jesus, if we will obey Him. Jesus is in heaven, but He will return someday. Do you look for Him? If you have trouble witnessing for Jesus, fall on your knees and worship Him. Thank Him for saving you from hell. Think about His great gift until you want everyone to know about Him. Then go out and tell someone about Jesus and how He can save them.

BE (for Action): Who first learned that Jesus was alive after He had been crucified? (Women) Who did they tell about Jesus? (The eleven disciples) How many disciples walked with Jesus on the road to Emmaus? (Two) When did they discover that the stranger with them was Jesus? (At the breaking of the bread) Who did they tell about Jesus? (The eleven disciples) When Jesus met with His disciples in the

room, which one was missing? (Thomas) Who told him about Jesus being alive and meeting with them? (The other disciples) What did Jesus want His disciples to do for Him? (Be His witnesses) What does He want us to do for Him? (Be His witnesses) Will you be His witness?