

# Upside Down: Jesus changes everything

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GRADES  
**K-1**

SMALL GROUP

PRELUDE

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## BIBLE STORY

### More Than This

On the Road to Emmaus  
Luke 24:13-35

## MEMORY VERSE

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to get ahead. Don't do it  
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Instead, be humble. Value  
others more than yourselves.  
Philippians 2:3, NIV

## LIFE APP

Humility—Putting others  
first by giving up what  
you think you deserve

## BOTTOM LINE

There's always more to  
discover about God's plan.

## BASIC TRUTH

I need to make the wise choice.

### PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

For Leaders Only  
Create the Environment  
Monthly Overview

15  
MIN

### SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arrivers  
A Surprising Journey

25  
MIN

### STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Opener  
Bible Story  
Worship  
Prayer  
Closer

10  
MIN

### WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

"Every Beat" from *Every Beat*  
"Thank You God" from *Can't Stop, Won't Stop*

25  
MIN

### GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Road to Emmaus  
Triv-ingo  
Value Others  
Prayer

### HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

GodTime  
Parent Cue

## GETTING READY

**SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION**

CHOOSE ONE OR BOTH OF THESE ACTIVITIES.

**EARLY ARRIVER IDEA***Made to Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding***WHAT YOU NEED:**

- An offering container

**A SURPRISING JOURNEY***Made to Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment***WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Chairs (optional)

**GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT**

CHOOSE AS MANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES AS YOU LIKE.

*\* If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #1.***\* 1. ROAD TO EMMAUS****[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]***Made to Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group***WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Print the "Road to Emmaus" Activity Page on tan or brown cardstock; 20 for each small group
- Print the "Discover More About Jesus" Activity Page on colorful cardstock; five for each small group
- Print the "More" Activity Page on colorful paper and cut apart; one set for each small group
- Die
- Bible
  - Tuck the "More" cards into the Bible like bookmarks.

**2. TRIV-INGO****[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]***Made to Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group***WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Print the "Triv-ingo" Activity Pages on cardstock; one card for each kid
- Print the "Trivia" Activity Page and cut apart the strips; one set for each small group
- Basket or bowl
- Plastic Easter eggs; 16 for each small group
  - Place a "Trivia" strip inside each and set the eggs in the basket or bowl
- Small game tokens, buttons, or similar items; 16 for each kid

**3. VALUE OTHERS****[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]***Made to Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body***WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Bibles; for Kindergarteners, mark Bibles at Philipians 2
- Ball

**PRAYER****[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]***Made to Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application***WHAT YOU NEED:**

- No supplies needed

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:**

- Make copies on cardstock or email this week's GodTime and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv** and the **Parent Cue app**.

## BIBLE STORY

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## CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

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Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

*Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Pray for the kids who typically feel like they know everything already and those for whom learning and school come naturally. Ask God to give them attitudes of willingness to learn. Pray that kids would leave today having learned something new about God and that they would understand there's always more to discover about God and about life itself.*

## LIFE APP

**Humility—Putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve**

### 1. EARLY ARRIVER IDEA

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Offering container

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Invite kids to place their offerings in the container.
- Ask: If you could go anywhere for a vacation, where would you go? Why? How would you get there?
- Let kids act out their answers and pretend to be on their dream vacation!

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## IMAGINE

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## 2. A SURPRISING JOURNEY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Chairs (*optional*)

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Lead the kids on a pretend bus ride.
  - To begin, guide the kids to sit in rows of two—one row behind another. (The kids can sit on the floor or in chairs.)
  - As you travel, pretend to see and hear a variety of surprising things.
  - Provide plenty of prompting in your conversation, but allow the kids to share what they imagine, too.
  - A portion of a sample journey is provided below.

### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Good morning! Welcome aboard [your church or ministry's name] Bus 252. Today we're traveling from [your town] to [faraway location]. As we begin our journey, you can look to your left where you'll see (*describe a scene appropriate for the location you described*). Oh wow! Is that a (*describe something surprising, such as a purple polka-dotted elephant*)? Who would have thought that we would see THAT?"

*(Continue the conversation for the remainder of the ride, guiding kids to lean back as you go up hills and over bridges, lean left and right as you go around turns, and quickly lean forward as you suddenly stop for a giant herd of bunnies crossing the road!)*

"Wow! That trip was fun. We pretended to see some pretty surprising things, didn't we? **[Transition] In Large Group we'll hear about two men who saw and heard some AMAZING things while they were on a journey! Let's go to Large Group to learn more.**"

*Lead your group to the Large Group area.*

## TALK ABOUT GOD BIBLE STORY REVIEW



## PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

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### \* 1. ROAD TO EMMAUS

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Road to Emmaus" and "Discover More About Jesus" (Activity Pages), Bible with "More" cards (Activity Pages), die

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Lay the "Road to Emmaus" pages in a serpentine line.
  - If you can make the path go from your environment into a hallway or another room, that's great!
  - Place the "Discover More about Jesus" pages randomly throughout the path.
  - Designate one end of your path as "Jerusalem" and the other as "Emmaus."
- Guide kids to get into pairs and line up at "Jerusalem."
- Lead the first pair to roll the die and move the appropriate number of spaces.
- If they land on a "Discover More About Jesus" space, lead them to pull a "More" card from the Bible.
  - Read the card aloud and quickly paraphrase what the verse is saying about Jesus.
- Keep a quick pace, with pairs taking turns rolling the die and moving the spaces, one pair right after the other.
- When all the kids reach "Emmaus," lead them to run back to Jerusalem in excitement.
- Guide them to echo you as you call out, "Jesus is the Savior of the world!"

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

"In our Bible story today, the two Jesus followers walking on the road were confused that Jesus had died. They didn't understand that God's plan was for Jesus to die and come back to life so that He could be the Savior of the world. Even though they had spent time with Jesus, they still had more to discover about God's Big Story!

"In fact, that's the one thing to remember today: **There's always more to discover about God's plan.** It was true for the Jesus' followers on the road to Emmaus, and it's true for us today. There's always more to discover and learn at school. There's always more to discover about the world that God made. And **there's always more to discover about God's plan!**"

## LIVE FOR GOD APPLICATION ACTIVITY



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### 2. TRIV-INGO

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Triv-ingo" cards (Activity Page); prepared Easter eggs; game tokens, buttons, or similar items

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Lead kids in a mashup of trivia and Bingo!
- Give each child a "Triv-ingo" gameboard.
- Guide kids to identify the animals, and then invite volunteers to tell one fact they know about an animal.
- Give each child 16 tokens.
- Invite a child to pull an egg from the basket, open it, and read the clue. (If the child is a pre-reader, point to each word as you whisper the clue in his ear, and then invite him to say it aloud.)
- Lead kids to guess the animal that matches the clue. If the group names multiple animals, take a vote.
- Reveal the answer and guide kids to place a token over that animal on their card. Then lead them to echo today's Bottom Line after you: **There's always more to discover about God's plan.**
- When a child connects four animals in a row either horizontally or vertically, they call out, "Bingo!"
- Continue playing as time remains.

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Part of humility is always being willing and ready to learn and discover new things. Because there's always more to discover about so many things. There's always more to discover about animals, there's always more to discover about the world that God made, there's always more to discover about the things that you enjoy—like sports or dance or playing an instrument, and **there's always more to discover about God's plan!**"

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## HEAR FROM GOD MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY



## MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

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## 3. VALUE OTHERS

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bibles, ball

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Guide kids to look up and read the memory verse using the Bible Navigation Tips from Week 1.
- Guide the kids to sit in a circle and spread out a bit with their feet touching (or close to touching) each other's feet.
- Give a kid the ball and ask her to roll it to another kid, saying the first word of the verse as she rolls.
- That child will then roll the ball to someone else, saying the second word of the verse as he rolls.
- Continue until the kids say the entire verse. Be sure to provide plenty of help as needed!
- Unpack the phrase "value others more than yourselves." (Suggestion below.)
- Finally, guide kids to value others by calling another child's name, saying something they value about them (*they're kind, helpful, willing to share, etc.*), and then rolling the ball to that child.
- Continue until every child has been "valued."

### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Philippians 2:3 tells us to: *Value others more than yourselves (NIV)*. What do you think it means to value others more than yourself? (*It means to put others first; to think about other people before you think about yourself; to do kind things for other people; to think of other people as more important; etc.*) Great ideas! This week look for ways to value others more than yourselves. When you do, you'll be like Jesus!"



## PRAY TO GOD PRAYER ACTIVITY



## REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

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### PRAY AND DISMISS

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Guide kids to gather around you.
- Use the conversation below to guide kids into prayer.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"God made our world SO amazing that there's always more to discover! There's always more to discover about the world that God made, about the things that we enjoy doing, and about the things that we learn in school. Even more, **there's always more to discover about God's plan!**

"What's something that you can learn more about this week? **[Make It Personal] (Tell kids one thing that you'll seek to learn more about.)** Great ideas! Let's pray and ask God to help us.

"Dear God, thank You for the gift of learning. Thank You that there's always more to discover about Your plan! Help us have attitudes that are ready to learn more about the world You made, about You, and about your Son, Jesus. We love You so much, Lord! You are amazing! Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, guide kids to tell parents today's Bottom Line: **There's always more to discover about God's plan.** Encourage—but don't force—kids to name one thing they'll seek to know more about.