

MAY 2 & 3, 2020 KIDCITY ONLINE

# KID CITY

UPTOWN FAMILY CONNECTION



## BIBLE STORY

The Road to Emmaus, Luke 24:13-35



## BIBLE STORY SUMMARY

After Jesus died on the cross, the disciples were confused by the way things had turned out. They were discouraged and had lost hope. Two men were walking on the Road to Emmaus when Jesus joined them. The men didn't realize it was Jesus until later that night when they were having dinner with him and Jesus broke bread with them. The men found out that God had a bigger story.

Jesus helped them to connect the dots to see the bigger story. They were so focused on the fact that Jesus had died that they couldn't see what God was doing through and because of it.

Sometimes we do this too when bad things have happened. We lose hope and stop believing that something good can come out of something bad. But when we remember John 16:33b ("In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world."), we're not so caught off guard when things go wrong and we are more able to see what God might be up to and believe that He wants what is best for us.

# FAMILY ACTIVITY



## WHAT YOU NEED

Bibles, jigsaw puzzle



## WHAT YOU DO

Read Matthew 6:25-27.

Give your kids 2 or 3 pieces of the puzzle and have them try to put it together. (Give them pieces that won't give away the bigger picture.) Have them try to guess what the picture is using only the 2 or 3 puzzle pieces you gave them. After a while if they can't guess what it is, give them all the puzzle pieces and complete it as a family.



## WHAT YOU SAY

Was it hard trying to guess what the picture was?

When you don't have all the pieces, it's REALLY hard to know what the big picture is. The same is true in our lives. We may not be able to see or know what is going to happen in our lives. Sometimes good things happen, and other times bad things happen.

God knows what the big picture is for our lives. He holds the end result and can see the box with the image on it. Yet, He only gives us the puzzle a piece at a time. So we just have to trust Him, and let Him guide us through as we figure out how everything fits and falls into place. When we truly trust the puzzle designer (God) and place our lives in His hands, we can have hope knowing that in the end things will work, even if not as we expect.

The best we can do is live one day at a time and let God be in control.



## PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us hope. Help us trust You and remember that we have no reason to be afraid because you have a bigger story for us, and it is good! Amen.

## MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY



### MEMORY VERSE

In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged!  
I have won the battle over the world.

John 16:33b



### ACTIVITY

Memorize the verse. Then fill your mouth up with water and try to recite the verse without spitting any water out. If you have more than one participant, have a contest to see who can say the verse the fastest without spitting any water out.



### JESUS ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS - MAZE

Can you walk with the men to Emmaus and on the way, spell the name of Jesus, the man who walked with them? Print the page and draw a coloured line along the right road, without crossing other letters. There are four other names within the maze; can you find those too? Bring the page with you to Razmatazz next time you come to earn extra points.



Emmaus

Name .....

# PARENT CORNER

## Weekly

TODAY: MAY 2-3

**Bible Story:** More Than This (On the Road to Emmaus) *Luke 24:13-35*

**Big Idea:** God has a bigger story.

**Memory Verse:** "In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world." *John 16:33a, (NIV)*

**Life App:** Hope—believing that something good can come out of something bad.

### Bible Story Summary:

After Jesus died on the cross, the disciples and other people who knew Jesus were confused by all that had happened—by the way things had turned out. In our story today, Jesus joins two guys walking on the Road to Emmaus. Later at dinner as Jesus breaks bread, they realize who He is and what's really happening (Luke 24:13-35, Romans 15:4). The men found out that God has a bigger story.

These men were discouraged. They thought things would turn out differently, but until Jesus helped them to connect the dots, they just couldn't see the bigger picture. They'd lost hope. They were so focused on the fact that Jesus died, they couldn't see what God was doing through and because of it. We do this too in dark and confusing moments—we focus so much on the negative things that have happened, that we stop having hope and we stop believing that something good can come out of something bad.

But when we remember and believe that this week's memory verse is true ("In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world." John 16:33b), we're not so caught off guard when things go wrong and we're more able to see what God might be up to and believe that He wants what is best for us.



**Meal Time**  
Discuss as a family: What was the BEST part of your day? Now, what was the WORST part of your day? How did that make you feel? How can we make tomorrow BETTER? Remember, we can have hope knowing that God is in control!

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# God TIME

## DAY 2

**READ Psalm 25:4**

To teach means to show or to explain how to do something. As an elementary kid, you know a thing or two about teachers. Good teachers make learning fun; they care about you and they challenge you along the way. The fact that you can read these words right now is probably because a teacher taught you how to read. Your heavenly Father also wants to teach you. God loves you and wants to show you His plan for your life. But just like you have to listen and pay attention in order to learn from your teachers at school, you have to listen to God. Reading God's word, praying to God, and talking about Him with your friends and leaders at church are all great ways to listen to God and learn how He wants you to live.

Every time you pick up a pencil at home this week, say these words to God: "Teach me how to follow you." God wants to help you follow Him with hope, understanding that there's always something new to learn."

Write down one thing that God has been teaching you:

ASK God to teach you more things about Him.

## DAY 1

**READ Psalm 143:10**

What is the very first word of today's verse?

King David, who wrote these words, isn't asking God to teach him some fun facts or information. He's asking God to teach him to be obedient, to do what God wants, instead of going his own way. David faced a lot of tough stuff in his life. In this Psalm to God David humbly asks God for help in following Him so that he can avoid making big mistakes.

When we disobey God and go our own way, we face some not so awesome consequences. David knew that God's way was better. Just like David, when we discover how God wants us to live and we follow His way in obedience, we'll be on the smoothest path for sure.

The next time you're riding in the car and you hit a bump in the road, remember this verse. Ask God to teach you to do His will, knowing that He will lead you on a level path, even through the bumps of life.

**THANK** God that he teaches us how to live through His word.

# DAY 3

READ Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Did you know that your parents, or the people who take care of you, had a life before YOU existed? It's hard for us to imagine life before we were around, but it did exist. Go find a parent and ask about what life was like for them before you were born, or what their childhood was like.

Write one surprising fact about their life:

It's hard to imagine what your parents' lives were like before you came along or what your life will be like when you're their age. But what's most amazing is that God's story is even bigger than that! His story extends into eternity — He has never, not existed!

LOOK at God's story and have hope that He's always been at work in the world!

## HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

# parent CUE:

Want to know what your child is learning at church? Download a free app called **Parent Cue**.

This app is put out by The reThink Group who writes the curriculum we use in Uptown as a guide to what our kids learn.

Parent Cue has parenting articles, blogs, and ways you can live out your faith at home. Week by week you will be given cues so you can make the most of your time with your kids for God.

There are additional resources that Pathway will be providing for you during this time at <https://pccfw.org/covid-19/>

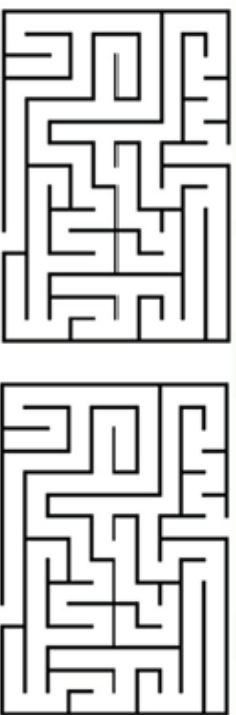


# DAY 4

READ Proverbs 16:9

Time yourself completing the maze below. Write your time here: \_\_\_\_\_  
Now, try it again, but this time you can look at the first maze to see how things are supposed to go. Write your second time here: \_\_\_\_\_

It's easier the second time, isn't it? It seems if life were like that, and we could skip ahead to the ending, things would be a lot easier. But thankfully, we serve a God who DOES see the whole picture. He knows the story because He wrote it.



KNOW that you can have hope because God knows how the story goes!

# at a GLANCE



## Bibles N Bucks Shopping:

We will be postponing Bibles N Bucks Shopping until we are able to meet again, in person! We cannot wait to see you then! Until that time, please save your GodTimes and UpTown Challenges.... You WILL be able to turn them all in for Bible Bucks!

## FACEBOOK:

Please check out our KidCity Facebook page! There will be additional videos, challenges, and EXCITING activities going on there!



Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_