



WEEK FOUR – APRIL 2020 – PRETEEN

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

Key Question: *What have you discovered about God that surprised you?*

Memory Verse: *“Don’t do anything only to get ahead. Don’t do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves. Philippians 2:3 (NIRV)*

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

Basic Truth: *I should treat others the way I want to be treated.*

Summary: In Luke 24:13–35, we find two followers of Jesus on their way to Emmaus. From what we read, it seems they were sad and confused by Jesus’ death on the cross. Little did they know that Jesus was walking with them. He explained how Jesus’ death was the answer to years of God’s promises to the Israelites. They were shocked when they realized that this person was Jesus. They ran back to Jerusalem to tell everyone about what they had just seen.

OPENING DISCUSSION

1. Icebreakers / Zoom SetUp

What to ask:

- 2 people share: What has been the best thing you have done this week?
- 2 people share: What's one thing you miss being able to do right now?
- Leader share: What is one thing you look forward to during this Zoom call?
- Fun Activity
 - Challenge kids to come up with ways to “be upside-down.”
 - This could be upside down on a chair, doing a headstand, doing a handstand with a friend holding their feet, leaning over a table . . .
 - Any method goes, as long as they can stay safe while doing it!
 - Let kids have a few minutes to practice their methods of being upside down, then let everyone take turns showing off their methods.
 - Lead the group to vote on which method was the most creative, funniest, weirdest, etc. (Enlist kids' help in coming up with categories, too!)
 - The only rule with voting is that kids can't vote for their own methods.

What to expect:

- Leader: Set healthy standards for what this group time will look like, how much time you'll spend just catching up, and how much time you'll be engaged with the discussion questions -- NOTE: you want to prompt them to watch the weekend message BEFORE this call so they understand what is being talked about.

Recap the Weekend:

- Leader: Recap the story
- ***Consider having one of your the kids retell the story, then you can fill in the gaps

WEEKLY OVERVIEW

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Bottom Line: *What have you discovered about God that surprised you? God is so big. We'll never understand everything there is to know about Him. Thankfully, though, along the journey of faith, God allows us to discover more about Him through things we learn and experience. We want our preteens to discover that even though they might not know everything there is to know about God, they should still keep asking questions and learning more about Him and the plan He has for their lives.*

SMALL GROUP

1. Discussion Questions

[Application Activity]

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

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Ask:
 - Why is it so hard for us to admit when we don't know something?
 - If there's always more to discover about God, how do we do that? (Bible reading, prayer, mentor/wise person, application of what you're learning)
 - How can you show humility when it comes to discovering new things?
 - Have you ever had someone tell you or teach you something you already knew?
How do you show humility in that kind of situation?
 - Is it okay to let others know that you already know something?

2. Make it Personal with Prayer

[Prayer Activity]

Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Talk with the group about how it's against our human nature to put someone before ourselves. Why do you think that is? What can we do about it? We need to ask God for help!
- Instruct kids to partner up and ask how they can pray for each other.
 - What makes humility hard for them?
 - When do they need help putting others first?
- After they've had time to talk, gather everyone in a circle, and allow anyone who feels comfortable to pray aloud, specifically for the partner they just shared with.
- Go around the Zoom call, but tell kids they can "pass" if they'd rather not pray out loud.
- Close by praying over the whole group