

APRIL THEME



BIBLE STORY

Luke 24:13-35

More Than This | On the Road to Emmaus
Spark Story Bible, pg. 488-491
The Road to Emmaus

BOTTOM LINE

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

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, NIV

LIFE APP

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

BASIC TRUTH

I need to make the wise choice...and with
God's help, I can!

●● THEME OVERVIEW

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

God is so big. We'll never understand everything there is to know about God. Thankfully, though, along the journey of faith, God allows us to discover more about God through things we learn and experience. Even though we might not know everything there is to know about God, we should still keep asking questions and learning more about God and the plan God has for our lives.

In **Luke 24:13-35**, we find two followers of Jesus on their way to Emmaus. 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 his 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.

Bottom Line: There's always more to discover about God's plan. We pray this week's WOW @home, Family Guide, GodTime, ParentCue and FAITH5 will help us all discover that, through Jesus, God has a unique plan for our life and, as we follow God, we'll start to see where that plan will take us. We pray we will continue to grow in faith together as families and as individuals...no matter where we are in our faith journey.

●● THEME VIDEO

What You Do: Watch this week's video in the comfort of your family's @home prayer + worship spot. The video can be found on popmn.org/cm or [facebook.com/popchildrens](https://www.facebook.com/popchildrens). Then use this Family Guide, GodTime, ParentCue and FAITH5 daily devos to keep the conversation going...

●● BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

What You Need: Spark Story Bible (or any Bible/children's Bible)

What You Do:

• Read today's Bible story, "The Road to Emmaus" (pg. 488-491) in the Spark Story (or Luke 24:13-35 in any Bible/children's Bible).

What You Say: "So here we have two of Jesus' followers right after Jesus' death asking questions and wondering why he had to die. They were unsure about what happened and about God's plan. And who met them on the road? That's right! Jesus did."

What You Do:

• Ask some of the following questions...
—Why is it so hard for us to admit when we don't know something?
—Have you ever had questions about something? Maybe when you were learning something new? What did you do about those questions?

- Have you ever had someone tell you or teach you something you already knew? How do you show humility in that kind of situation? Did you say, “Yeah...I KNOW that!” or did you gratefully accept their help? Share how it went.
- How can you show humility when it comes to discovering new things? Brainstorm some ways as a family.
- In our Bible story for today, what do you think the two friends were thinking when they were running to tell the rest of their friends what had happened? What do you think they were feeling?
- What did Jesus teach them about God’s story? (*That his death and resurrection was God’s plan so we would know God’s love*)
- What is something you discovered about God’s story that you didn’t know before? About humility and our questions?
- If there’s always more to discover about God, how do we do that? (*Bible reading, prayer, mentor/wise person, worship, small group, application of what you’re learning*)

What You Say: “The whole point of this week’s **Bottom Line: There’s always more to discover about God’s plan** is that it’s OK to have questions. It’s OK to not know everything...about life, about faith, about God. In fact, that’s the point. Faith means trusting even when we don’t know. So when we have questions about what to do, we can pray and ask God to help us; we can read God’s word and see what it says to us; we can ask people who God puts in our life to help us. We don’t ever need to expect to know it all. In fact, we can be excited about growing and learning something new every day!

•• VALUE OTHERS

What You Need: Soft ball

What You Do:

- Read this month’s 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)*
- Give one person the ball and ask him/her to roll it to someone else and while he/she does, lead your family in saying the first word of the verse.
- That person will then roll the ball to someone else as your family says the second word of the verse.
- Continue until your family says the entire verse. Be sure to provide plenty of help as needed!
- Unpack the phrase “value others more than yourselves.” (*Suggestion below.*)
- Finally, lead your family in valuing others by calling someone’s name, saying something you value about them (*they’re kind, helpful, willing to share, a good friend, etc.*), and then rolling the ball to that person.
- Continue until everyone has been “valued.”

What You Say: “Philippians 2:3 tells us to: *Value others more than yourselves (NirV)*. 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, let’s look for ways to value others more than ourselves. When we do, we’ll be following Jesus’ example!”

•• PRAY

What You Say: “Let’s pray. Dear God, thank you so much that you are always with us. Help us to look to you when we feel unsure. Help us to remember it’s good to ask questions. Inspire us to keep asking, growing and learning. Amen.”

•• ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Download the **GodTime Card**, **ParentCue Card**, and **FAITH5** at popmn.org/cm. Use them this week to continue the conversation around our bottom line: **[Bottom Line] There is always more to discover about God’s plan.**

•• WHAT’S NEXT

Set a reminder to join us for WOW @home on Wednesday 4/29 at 6:00 pm live at [facebook.com/popchildrens](https://www.facebook.com/popchildrens) or on demand at popmn.org/youtube for a time of worship centered around next week’s theme.