

# Three's Company!

**The Scene:** outdoors

**The Simple Setup:** Large open stage or long aisle. About midway on the road, drape a piece of gray or brown cloth over a low stool to make a rock for one of the characters to sit on.

**For Extra Impact:** Create a *flash* of light off stage when the Narrator mentions Jesus appearing and disappearing.

**Bible Story**  
Walk to Emmaus  
**Scripture**  
Luke 24:13-35

## The Characters

**Narrator:** a friendly storyteller

**Believer 1:** a guy or girl

**Believer 2:** a guy or girl

**Jesus:** a guy

**Other Travelers:** children willing to

walk back and forth, sometimes doing activities suggested by the Narrator

## The Skit

After assigning the roles of Jesus, Believer 1, and Believer 2, cast the rest of the children in the role of Other Travelers.

As the skit begins, two men walk slowly down a road. They are joined by a third man. Other Travelers are also walking back and forth on the path.



Start the “Walk to Emmaus” track on *The Hummingsong Book of Bible Skits for Children’s Ministry* CD (track 46). Set your CD player on “repeat” so the track repeats.

**Narrator:** Just after Jesus rose from the dead, two Believers were walking along a road between Jerusalem and the town of Emmaus. They trudged along slowly because they were SAD. See how they’re just POKING along? Those are two DEPRESSED hikers!

**Believer 1:** It’s just SO sad. I thought Jesus was going to be our KING.

**Believer 2:** Same here. I figured he’d be up on a THRONE, not on a CROSS.

**Narrator:** The two Believers were so busy talking that they hardly noticed when ANOTHER man walked up behind them. The third man was JESUS, but the Believers didn't RECOGNIZE him.

**Jesus:** Mind if I join you? We seem to be going the same direction.

**Believer 1:** Suit yourself, buddy, but we may not be very good COMPANY.

**Jesus:** I can see you're feeling glum. Why IS that?

**Believer 1:** Man, you must be the only person in all of JERUSALEM who hasn't heard the news!

**Believer 2:** YEAH! The whole town is buzzing about the TERRIBLE things that happened there last week.

**Jesus:** Really? WHAT things?

**Believer 1:** Things that happened to JESUS, the man from NAZARETH.

**Believer 2:** He was a PROPHET, you know, and he did wonderful MIRACLES.

**Believer 1:** AND he was a mighty TEACHER. He was highly respected by God AND man.

**Jesus:** Tell me about it.

**Narrator:** As they walked, they passed Other Travelers. But the two Believers didn't even NOTICE when the Other Travelers nodded a polite hello. The two Believers didn't notice when Other Travelers WAVED. The two Believers didn't notice when the Other Travelers did little TAP DANCES. The three men kept talking while the Other Travelers passed to and fro.

**Believer 1:** Jesus did GOOD things for people, like healing the sick and preaching about how much God LOVES us. But the religious leaders in Jerusalem had Jesus ARRESTED.

**Believer 2:** Then they handed Jesus over to the Romans. THOSE are some pretty tough guys. You don't want to mess with THEM!

**Narrator:** The three men kept talking, even though the Other Travelers stopped and did five jumping jacks each.

**Believer 1:** The Romans KILLED Jesus. They nailed him to a cross.

**Believer 2:** (*Shaking head*) We thought he was the MESSIAH and that he came to rescue our people, but you can't lead an army when you're nailed to a cross.

**Believer 1:** After they killed Jesus, they put his body in a tomb. That was three days ago.

**Believer 2:** And this morning some women from our group said that when they went to Jesus' tomb, it was EMPTY.

**Believer 1:** Yeah—they said there were angels. And when some men we know checked it out, THEY said Jesus' body was gone, too. We just can't figure it out...

**Jesus:** What is the matter with you foolish men?

**Believer 2:** Hey, buddy—no need to call us NAMES!

**Jesus:** ALL of this was written in the Scriptures. It says the MESSIAH would have to experience some very hard things before he was done here on earth!

**Narrator:** As they kept walking, Jesus quoted Scripture and explained what the Scriptures said about himself. But the two Believers still didn't recognize Jesus. It was getting late, so the two Believers invited Jesus to stay with them. And Jesus agreed—see Jesus NODDING?  
(*The two Believers and Jesus stop at stage right.*)

When it was time for the evening meal, Jesus sat down with them and asked a blessing on the food. Then Jesus took a small loaf of BREAD, broke it, and passed it to the two Believers. Suddenly the two Believers RECOGNIZED Jesus. Their eyes BUGGED OUT Their jaws DROPPED! And Jesus DISAPPEARED.

**Believer 1:** That was HIM! That was JESUS!

**Believer 2:** I knew SOMETHING was strange! I had this strange, TINGLY feeling back when he was talking about the Scriptures!



**Believer 1:** We've got to get back to JERUSALEM! We've got to let the other believers know about this! JESUS IS ALIVE!

**Believer 2:** But what about DINNER? I'm HUNGRY!

**Believer 1:** Dinner can wait! Come ON!

**narrator:** The two Believers ran back to Jerusalem. They didn't slow down when they passed Other Travelers. The Other Travelers stood off the path because the two Believers were moving so FAST. When the two Believers reached Jerusalem, they proclaimed it far and wide: THE LORD IS ALIVE!

**Believer 1 & 2:** THE LORD IS ALIVE!



## To Talk About

- ◆ The two believers were sad. When are times in your life when you're sad?
- ◆ Why do you think the two believers didn't recognize Jesus? How do you think they felt when they realized Jesus was alive?
- ◆ Why do you think Jesus called the two believers "foolish"? Could he call us "foolish" for the same reasons?

**Topical Tie-Ins:** Sadness, Crucifixion, Jesus' Resurrection