



## Jesus' Resurrection

Matthew 27-28

### God Statement: Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life

**KEY VERSE:** "Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."  
(John 14:6, NIRV)

## CHECK-IN

*Classroom Teacher*

**(until 15 minutes after the start of each service)**

*As kids check-in, please have them wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before entering your classroom. Then they can participate in the various activities and games in your classroom. 10 minutes after the start of your service time, ask the kids to clean up their activities and toys so you can begin the Explore Activity at 15 minutes after the start of service.*

## EXPLORE ACTIVITY

*Classroom Teacher*

**(15 minutes)**

*The Explore Activity is a chance to get the kids thinking about the upcoming Bible story for the day. Encourage your kids to engage with the activity as they prepare for the lesson.*

### **DISCUSS: Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life**

In today's lesson, we are going to learn about how Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life!

**SAY:**

Do you know what today is? It's a very special day of celebration. **Let kids respond – Easter!** Do you know why Easter is such a special day of celebration? **Let kids respond.** Is it because of all the yummy candy and Easter eggs? Is it because we get to wear pretty outfits at church? No! It's because Jesus is risen! We get to celebrate that Jesus rose from the dead!

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life! Let's say that together: Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life! Before we do our first activity, let's pray and thank Jesus for dying on the cross and rising from the dead for us – because He loves us!

*Invite a kid to pray to open the time together or pray for the class.*

### MAKE:

To get the kids thinking about the lesson, they can do this activity!

#### He is Risen Sticker Frame

**Supplies:** One colored frame per child, He is Risen sticker, one sticker sheet per child, markers

**Say:** *Today we get to learn about how Jesus died for our sins and rose again. He is Risen! He is Alive! Let's create a picture to get us ready for our story today.*

**Directions:** Pass out one frame per child and one sticker page per child. Have them create a scene in the frame using the Easter Resurrection Story Stickers. Children can color their frames using markers or crayons as well. Pass out one He is Risen sticker to each child to put on the front of their frame.

## LARGE GROUP

### (25 minutes)

*Each week, Large Group will consist of an introduction, worship, the Bible lesson, worship response, and the blessing.*

### WELCOME & EXPECTATIONS

#### Host

Depending on your age group, either find a designated space in your classroom or join the other classes for Large Group in the specified location.

As children enter into Large Group time, welcome and greet the children, telling them you're excited to have them joining this evening/morning.

#### Expectations Slide

Once everyone has found their seat, the host will use the Large Group expectations slide to go over the rules. Encourage various children to take turns reading the rules.

*\*\*\* After Expectations, transition the power point to the "Worship" slide.\*\*\**

### KEY VERSE

#### Host

Before you start worship, introduce/review the key Bible verse for the quarter. This is a great

opportunity for you to talk about the importance of God's Word and encourage the kids to work on memorizing the verse each week.

***Use the Key Verse Motions Video on Plex (or sent in weekly email) to learn the motions prior to Large Group.***

**“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”  
(John 14:6, NIRV)**

***\*\*\* After the Introduction, transition the power point to the Worship songs and invite the Worship Leader up front to lead the kids in worship.\*\*\****

## **OPENING WORSHIP**

### ***Worship Leader***

While the video is playing the opening worship songs, encourage the kids to sing and dance along. Don't forget to set the example by participating alongside them!

Kids may participate in the worship however they feel led. Encourage kids to find a way that helps them worship best but remind them that it's not time to goof off or talk to friends. If you have someone leading the worship up front, you can even invite a few kids to help.

### **TODAY'S WORSHIP SONGS:**

- Christ is Enough
- Happy Day
- Closing: Glorious Day

***\*\*\* After Worship, transition the power point into the Bible Story video where the kids will hear about the lesson for the day.\*\*\****

## **BIBLE STORY**

### ***Lesson Video***

Remind the group before starting the video to follow the expectations for Large Group.

### ***THIS WEEK'S LESSON: Jesus' Resurrection***

Encourage kids to listen and engage with the lesson as they watch the teaching video.

***\*\*\*After the video finishes, turn on soft worship music (with or without lyrics) to transition into Worship Response. This should be background music to help set the tone for a quiet reflection time with God.\*\*\****

## **WORSHIP RESPONSE**

### *Host*

Worship Response is an opportunity for the kids to apply what they just learned and to respond to what God is doing in their life. *Have the kids sit in a place where they can be still and reflect independently.* Then read through the Worship Response prompts below as you lead the kids through the time.

***Supplies:*** *worship song in PowerPoint, ribbons/musical instruments if available*

When Jesus died on the cross, the people were very sad. How would you feel after Jesus died if you were one of Jesus' really close friends? ***Let kids respond.***

But the good news is that Jesus didn't stay dead! God had a plan and 3 days later, Jesus rose from the dead. By doing this, Jesus showed us that He really is God! And Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life! Let's say that together: ***Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.***

#### **PRAISE & WORSHIP ACTIVITY:**

Jesus is the hope that everyone was waiting for. He is the way for us to get to God! And Jesus is alive! That makes me very happy! Imagine how Jesus' disciples felt when they found out He was alive. How would you react? Show me on your faces.

The best part of all is that because of what Jesus did on the cross and when He rose again, we now can all be a part of God's family! We can ask Jesus into our hearts and have new life in Jesus Christ! What good news is that?

Let's celebrate that Jesus is alive by worshipping God through singing and dancing together!

***Play last worship song "Glorious Day" in the PowerPoint***

***Close time in prayer after song is over.***

***\*\*\*After Worship Response, transition the power point to the closing Worship videos and invite the Worship Leader to come back up.\*\*\****

### **CLOSING WORSHIP**

#### ***Worship Leader***

Play the closing worship song included in the power point and encourage the kids to sing and praise along.

This closing song is intended to be a transition for the kids to finish processing and reflecting on the lesson before transitioning to the small group time.

*\*\*\*After Worship or Bible Story, transition the power point to the “Compassion International” slide.\*\*\**

## COMPASSION & OFFERING

### *Host*

Before closing large group, take a moment to highlight and discuss each campus' Compassion sponsor child. Explain a little about the Compassion child's life and the impact their offering has for this child (info should be provided on cards in classroom). Then remind kids that if anyone brought offering, now is the time to come forward to donate.

***Ask a child to come up and pray for the offering and their Compassion child.***

*\*\*\*After Compassion & Offering, transition the power point to the “Blessing” slide. The host will lead the class in receiving the blessing for the day.\*\*\**

## BLESSING

### *Host*

*Read the verse and blessing over the kids before closing Large Group. Encourage the kids to stand and open their hands to receive the blessing as a truth that they can take with them this week and hide in their hearts.*

***May you believe that Jesus is alive! May you know that He is the way, the truth, and the life, and He loves you so much!***

## SMALL GROUP

### *Classroom Teachers*

**(10 minutes)**

#### **Younger Kids:**

This time is optional for younger kids, depending on if you feel like the kids are still listening and participating well.

1. **What did you learn about God from our story today?**
2. **Read/ Recap today's story: Matthew 28 Easter**
  - a. **What happened when Mary and Mary Magdalene went to the tomb to see Jesus' body?** (An Angel told them Jesus was alive and was not there)
  - b. **Where does Jesus say He will always be?** (With us!)

3. **Jesus died for our sins and then rose from the grave! He is Risen! Jesus told His disciples to spread the word and told them to share His truth with others. He is the way, the truth, and the life! Who is someone you can share Jesus with?**

**Close small group in prayer.**

**Older Kids:**

Encourage the kids to utilize their personal Bibles or the classroom Bibles to read the Scripture as a group.

1. **What did you learn about God from our story today?**
2. **Read scripture: Matthew 28:5-7**
  - a. **What happened when Mary and Mary Magdalene went to the tomb to see Jesus' body?** (An Angel told them Jesus was alive and was not there)
3. **Read scripture: Matthew 28:16-20**
  - a. **What did Jesus tell His disciples to do?** (To make disciples of all nations and spread the word of Jesus)
  - b. **Where does Jesus say He will always be?** (With us!)
4. **Jesus died for our sins and then rose from the grave! He is Risen! Jesus told His disciples to spread the word and told them to share His truth with others. He is the way, the truth, and the life! Who is someone you can share Jesus with?**

**Close small group in prayer.**

## RESPOND ACTIVITY

*Classroom Teacher*

(10 minutes)

### **DISCUSS:**

If you have extra time at the end of your lesson and small group time, the kids can participate in this activity.

### **PLAY: Resurrection Bingo**

**Supplies:** Resurrection bingo set

**Directions:** Pass out one bingo card per child Set out the clear bingo dots in front of the children. Play bingo by pulling out one card from the bag and reading off the item “B-crown of thorns, I-Jesus, O-Cross” etc. Play until someone gets 5 in a row and says “bingo!”.

**Say:** *Today we got to learn about How Jesus died for us and He rose again! Jesus died for us and He died for our sins. He is the way, the truth, and the life! Let’s play a fun game to help us remember how special this lesson is!*

## CHECK-OUT

*Classroom Teacher*

(end of service)

*As parents arrive for check-out, the kids can continue participating in the Respond Activities or the classroom games and toys.*