



**MADE TO CREATE**

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**1. JESUS IS ALIVE BOOK**

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Jesus Is Alive Book" Activity Page, crayons or markers, scissors, stapler, staples

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Give each kid a "Jesus is Alive Book" from the Activity Page and a pair of scissors.
- Set out the crayons.
- Instruct the kids to color the pictures and cut them out.
- Review the story as the kids color and cut.
- Point out the numbers at the bottom of each card.
- Demonstrate how to assemble the pages, stacking one page on top of another in order to create a book.
- Help the kids staple the left-hand side of the book together in two places.
- Show them how to turn the pages in the book.
- Make sure each kid's name is on the back of their book.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Today we talked about some of the most important events to ever happen! I'm so glad we've made a book to help us remember them. (Show picture 1) First, we talked about how Jesus ate one last meal with His friends, which we call the Last Supper. (Show picture 2) Then, Jesus went to a garden to pray where He was arrested by an angry mob. (Show picture 3) Jesus was accused of doing wrong things and sent to die on a cross, even though He had done nothing wrong. He died. His friends were so sad. But that wasn't the end of the story!

(Show Picture 4) "Three days later, Jesus' friends went to the tomb where His body had been laid and it was empty! Jesus wasn't there, He had risen! Later, Jesus would appear to His friends several times to prove that He was alive! (Show Picture 5) One of those times, Jesus' friends had fished all night without catching a single fish! The next morning, Jesus called from the shore, telling them to throw their net in the water. They did, and the net became SO full, they couldn't pull it back in the boat. Immediately, they knew the Man on the shore was Jesus! (Show Picture 6) When Jesus' friends got to the shore, they found that Jesus had cooked breakfast for them. They were SO happy. Jesus proved He was alive. And because of that, when we put our faith or trust in what Jesus did for us, we can have a relationship with Him that lasts forever! Remember, **you can trust Jesus with your life.**"

**TODAY'S BIBLE STORY**

**Jesus Is Alive**  
John 18–21:14

**TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE**

**You can trust Jesus with your life.**

**KEY QUESTION**

**What does it mean to trust Jesus?**

**MEMORY VERSE**

**"Whoever believes in me . . . rivers of living water will flow from within them."**  
John 7:38, NIV

**BASIC TRUTH**

**I can trust God no matter what.**



**MADE TO EXPLORE**

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**2. RESCUE ME**

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** life jackets, life preservers, swimmies, water rings, pool noodles, kickboards, etc.; or “Flotation Devices” Activity Page

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Divide your group into two teams.
- Direct the kids to line up on one side of your small group area.
- If using the “Flotation Devices” Activity Page:
  - Provide one set of eight cards for each team.
  - Place the cards on the floor on the opposite side of your small group space.
  - On “Go!,” direct the first kid in line to move their arms as if they’re swimming while they run to the pile, pick up a picture, and “swim” back to tag the next kid.
- If using the physical objects:
  - Place a pile of each of the items for each team on the opposite side of the room.
  - On “Go!,” direct the first kid in line to move their arms as if they’re swimming while they run to the pile, put on a flotation device (or carry it with them), and “swim” back to tag the next kid in line.
- The first team to return with all of their flotation devices (or pictures of them), wins!
- Once both teams have finished, instruct the group to pile the items/pictures in the center of your small group space.
- Direct the kids to sit in a circle around the items/pictures.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

“Whew—that was fun and just a little exhausting! Imagine if you had to really swim from one end of a pool to another to grab these! What are all of these items used for? (Pause for responses.) Yes! They can help us float in the water. In some cases, like with this (hold up items) life jacket or this life preserver, they can actually be used to help us when we need to be rescued. Jesus came to rescue you and me. He took the punishment for our sin so we could have a relationship with Him forever. God loves you SO much that He sent Jesus as your Savior. That means that **you can trust Jesus with your life.**”

**[Make it Personal] (Tell the kids about when you put your faith and trust in Jesus. Were you a kid? Were you an adult? Briefly tell kids about what led you to make that decision to trust Jesus and how trusting Jesus has changed your life forever.)**

**NOTE TO SGLs:** Talking about what Jesus has done for us through His death on the cross and His resurrection is the most important conversation we can have with our kids. However, it’s the Holy Spirit who moves in the hearts and lives of children to lead them to follow Jesus! Pray before the kids arrive today that the Holy Spirit will work through



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## **(2. RESCUE ME, CONTINUED)**

*you. You are planting a seed today that may one day grow into a full-blown faith! What a privilege. And remember, for parents who are believers, we never want to lead kids to make a decision without including them. Talk about what we've learned today, answer any questions the kids have, and then follow up with parents if a kid seems ready to make a decision.*



### MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



### 3. MAKING WAVES MEMORY VERSE

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bible marked at John 7:38, a beach ball or bean bag

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Invite a volunteer to open the Bible to John 7:38.
- Read the verse out loud to the group.
- Lead the group in reciting the Memory Verse several times.
- Instruct the kids to line up, one in front of the other.
- Give the beach ball/bean bag to the first kid in line.
- Explain that the group will be passing the ball from one kid to the next making waves as you say the words of the verse together.
  - Instruct the first kid to pass the ball over their head to the kid behind them.
  - Instruct Kid #2 to pass the ball between their legs to Kid #3.
  - Instruct Kid #3 to pass the ball over their head to Kid #4 behind them.
  - Encourage the kids to pass the ball over and under all the way down the line to “make waves.”
  - Direct the kids to say the verse and reference as they pass the ball.
  - When the ball/bean bag gets to the last kid in line, instruct the kid to pass the ball back to the front of the line in the opposite way they received it.
- Once the kids have said the whole verse and reference, take the ball/bean bag and say, “Switch!”
- Encourage the kids to find a new spot in line when you say, “Switch!”
  - Explain that you will count down from five to one.
  - The kids are to be in their new spots in line by the time you get to one.
- Repeat the verse three or four times in the same way.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

“You made waves all the way down the line and back! Good job, friends. I’m so glad that God sent His son Jesus to rescue us. Remember, **you can trust Jesus with your life**. When you do, you’ll have access to that living water we’ve been talking about—you can be the closest of friends with Jesus forever!”



**MADE TO REFLECT**

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



**4. PRAY AND DISMISS**  
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Swag Bracelets with today's symbol, "Prayer Card: Day 3" Activity Page

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Give each kid a prayer card and a Swag Bracelet (if provided).
- Point out the "life preserver" symbol on the prayer card and the Swag Bracelet.
- Remind the kids that just like a life preserver can rescue someone who needs help in the water, Jesus came to rescue us by going to the cross to pay for our sins so we can be His friend forever. **You can trust Jesus with your life.**
- Lead the group in prayer.

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"God, thank You for Jesus. Thank You for loving us so much that You sent Your only Son so we could have a relationship with You that will last forever. We love You so much and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

**Travel Time**

As you travel to the next track, use the following questions to keep the conversation going and to keep kids thinking about what they're learning!

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

- Have you ever used something to float on water—like in a pool or lake? What did you use?
- What's your favorite thing to eat for breakfast?
- Have you ever eaten breakfast on the beach?



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## GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

### GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

Prepare ahead of time for Small Group Rotation for VBS:

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- "Flotation Devices" Activity Page—two sets of images per group

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