



I Am Loved

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March 31- Easter

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Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Jesus died and came back to life- Matthew 27-28

Bottom Line: Jesus is Alive

Leader Context: As we celebrate Easter through the story of Jesus' death and resurrection, we get to share the good news of the gospel and make room for conversations where kids can ask questions and make decisions to trust and follow Jesus.

THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS: Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

Social

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page,

What You Do:

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

Videos

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This

(Open the Bible) Jesus is alive! This is the biggest game changer of all because Jesus dyig and then coming back to life shows us that Jesus really is God's Son. When He took the punishment for your sin and my sin, and then rose again, that means He made a way for us to have a friendship with God. We can have a relationship with God when we believe in Jesus for life and then follow Him. But this also show us just how much we are loved by Him. Everyone say, "Jesus is alive!" *(Jesus is alive!)*

Let's pray together. Remember prayer is listening and talking to God.

God, you are a good God who loves us more than we can even imagine. Thank You for making a way for us to know You. Thank You for loving us enough not to leave us separated from You. Thank You for making a way for us to have new life that only comes from trusting You as a Savior. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Dig it and Get It (20 minutes)

What You Need: Dig It Kits (1 set per group per service), wood hammers and toothpicks, Gospel Bags and Coins (1 set per kid)

What You Do:

Set out the supplies.

Box 1: *(world)* God is perfect, holy and a loving God. He created the world perfect and He created people to love Him, follow Him and have a friendship with Him. After all, God made people, so He knows what's best for us. *(Allow kids to help you break the world out of the dig it kit. Lay it to the side when you find it.)*

Box 2: *(Broken heart)* When we choose to do what we think is best instead of what God says is best, the Bible calls that sin. And our sin separates us from God because He is holy and sinless. That's a big problem! Nothing we can do on our own can change that. But Jesus is the solution to our sin problem. *(Allow kids to help you break the broken heart out of the dig it kit. Lay it to the side when you find it.)*

Box 3: *(Cross)* Jesus came to earth, lived a perfect life- something all the rest of us have failed to do- and then died to take on the punishment for our sin. He didn't deserve to die, but we did. And because of His great love for us, He chose to die in our place. His death gives us life because now, our sin has been paid for! And Jesus proved He has power over sin and death because He's alive! Everybody say, "That's good news!" *(That's good news!)* Yes, that's the best news. *(allow kids to help you break the cross out of the dig it kit. Lay it to the side when you find it.)*

Box 4: *(new coin)* When we believe in Jesus and all He did for us, the Bible says we are a new creation- we have a new identity- child of God. We are new creations who follow Jesus to become more like Him and tell others about Him while we hold onto hope and promise that one day everything will be made new and every wrong will be made right. *(allow kids to help you break the new coin out of the dig it kit. Lay it to the side when you find it.)*

Say: "We have the opportunity to live with God forever because Jesus is alive! He loved us so much that He didn't let us stay separated from Him but made a way for us to know and love God forever. Everyone say, "I am loved." *(I am loved!)* There's no greater love than God's amazing love for us, and that is definitely a game changer! Jesus truly changes the game. Say it with me, "Jesus changes the game." *(Jesus changes the game!)*

Jesus changes everything. Without Jesus we are imperfect people whose sin separates us from a perfect God. We can't be good enough to be forgiven and have a friendship with God. He is a perfect and holy God, and we aren't perfect or holy. This would be terrible news for us without Jesus. But Jesus changes the game because Jesus is alive! His life gives us new life because, through it, we are given a new relationship with God.

We're all invited to have this relationship with God. If you want to know more or have any questions about it, talk to me or your campus leader today.

Now I am going to pass a bag out to you with a representation for each of the treasures we found in our dig it kits today. This is to help you know what you believe and help others know what it means to believe in Jesus. You can share it with grandma today or your friends at school. Everyone deserves to know about why Jesus is a game changer! Happy Easter! He is alive!

Discussion Questions:

- What is something someone says or does to make you feel loved? What kinds of things do you say and do to make others feel loved? When you look at a calendar, what days get you most excited and why? Is there a day you don't like? Why? What is special about Easter? *(Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer.)*
- Why do you think it is so important that Jesus is alive? *(His life gives us new life! When we trust in and love Jesus, we can live with Him forever.)* How can knowing this truth become a game changer? *(Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer. It changes how we live because we want to follow Jesus. We can know that we are loved no matter what. We have peace and joy in Jesus.)*
- God loved the world so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to earth to live a perfect life we couldn't live, die the death we deserve, and overcome death by rising again. This is good news! Jesus is alive, and His life gives us new life! All we have to do is believe and follow Jesus. Do you have questions about what it means to follow Jesus? Or any stories to share about following Jesus? *(Allow kids time to answer and share your own response.)*
- Why do we need Jesus? Why can't you fix your sin problem on your own? *(Our sin makes it impossible to fix our brokenness; Only someone perfect can save us from sin, and Jesus is the only perfect person.)*

Some days may seem kind of boring- maybe you do the same thing over and over again, and it gets a little old- but nothing is more exciting than knowing that Jesus is alive! He loved us so much that He died on the cross to pay the price for our sins. Jesus changed the game forever by rising again and beating sin!

Going Home

Pass out the coloring pages for kids to take home. Greet families as they arrive and tell them something about their child you saw today. Say goodbye and call everyone by name.