



# 3. SMALL GROUP Lesson

## JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD

PROPS: Jelly beans for each group (or Easter-type candy)

### LESSON:

- (Hold the jelly beans up.)
- When I see jelly beans, it reminds me of Easter.
- Easter is when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.
- Of all the people that have lived, no one else has ever died and risen from the dead, except Jesus.
- Lazarus was raised from the dead, but he died again.

### POINT TO MAKE:

- Jesus was raised from the dead and He did not die again.
- We celebrate Martin Luther King's birthday and George Washington's birthday, but Jesus is the only person that we celebrate His birthday and His resurrection day.

### DISCUSS:

- One of our core beliefs is that Jesus rose from the dead.
- There are 3 arguments against His resurrection:
  1. The "Fainting Argument"
  2. The "Body Snatchers Argument"
  3. The "Thief Factor"

### QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. Why is Easter a special day? (celebration of Jesus raising from the dead)
2. Has anyone, other than Jesus, died and lived again? (no)
3. When Jesus' disciples went to His tomb what did they find? (it was empty)
4. Where was Jesus? (He had risen from the dead)



Small Group Notes

## SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE

1. Pre-Service Activity
2. Bible Time
3. Small Group Lesson
4. Dismiss

## THE CORE JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD

### MEMORY VERSE:

Luke 24:6, "He isn't here! He has risen from the dead." (NIV)

### BOTTOM LINE:

Jesus Rose From The Dead



Scan for additional lesson.



# 1. PRE-SERVICE Activity

- During the Pre-Service Activity, group leaders will direct conversation and games to help kids make friends at church.
- As a group leader you have the choice of Ice Breaker Questions or Game to use as the children arrive.

## ICE BREAKER Questions:

### QUESTION #746:

- Who is your best friend?
- Why?

### QUESTION #216:

- What famous person would you like to meet?
- Why?

## ICE BREAKER

### Game:

#### FINISH THE STORY

- Have children get in a circle.
- Pick one child to start.
- They begin "The Story."  
Example: Once upon a time....
- The next person adds to the story.  
Example: Once upon a time, a puppy was born...
- It continues around the room.
- You can go around as many times as you would like.

# 2. BIBLE Time

## READ THE BIBLE: Matthew 27:62-28:10

- *1st-2nd Grade:* Use picture Bible.
- *3rd Grade and up:* Have each child read one verse out loud. Go around the room.

This works best if everyone uses the same, easy-to-read translation of the Bible. We recommend the NIV Bible for 3rd to 5th Grade and a picture Bible for 1st to 2nd Grade.

## BIBLE STORY:

*Jesus Lives!*

## BIBLE CONNECTION:

*Jesus died on a cross. His disciples saw His body. Three days later He was not in the tomb. Jesus was alive and lives forever.*

## BIBLE QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Pilate command the tomb to be sealed? (people thought Jesus' disciples would steal his body)
2. Why were Martha and Mary afraid? (they thought Jesus was a ghost)
3. What happened to Jesus' body? (He rose from the dead)

**Point To Make:** Another thing that makes Jesus different from others is that He died, and rose again from the dead. He lives now.