

He's Risen!

I AM SET APART

April 20- Easter I am Set Apart Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Jesus is Alive- John 20:1-18

Bottom Line: I can believe the truth.

Leader Context: Today we're celebrating Easter! We get to share the incredible story of Jesus defeating sin and death when He rose from the dead. When Mary, Peter, and John discovered the empty tomb, they were changed forever. (Read John 20:18.) Kids can know today that believing in Jesus will change their lives forever!

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, "Allergy Alert" printable (1 per group), Play dough (several), Paper plates (1 per child), Disposable plastic gloves (several; optional), Stopwatch or timer (1 per group; optional), (Optional) Easter Play Dough mats, Springtime Shuffle Game on Roku

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

What a powerful story! Imagine how Mary, Peter, and John must have felt. They had seen Jesus die and knew He was buried in a tomb. Then, on the third day, the tomb was empty! The tomb was what? (Empty!) Jesus was alive! He had come back to life on the third day after He had died. When Mary realized Jesus was alive, she was overwhelmed with joy! Jesus was alive again, and He welcomed her into a relationship with Him.

Gospel Connection-

(Circle two) So, why did Jesus die in the first place? Well, all people sin against God. *Sin* is choosing to do what we think is best rather than following what God says is best. When we sin, we disobey God and His good commands. Because people sin, brokenness, pain, and death are in the world. *All* people sin, including you and me. And sin breaks our relationship with God. No matter how good we try to be or how hard we try to fix it, we can't repair that relationship on our own. Death and separation from God are the consequences and punishments for our sin.

(Circle three) But God had a plan to rescue us from our brokenness and make a way to have a relationship with Him! Because He loves us, God sent His perfect Son, Jesus. Jesus lived a perfect life, and He never sinned. Did Jesus ever sin? *(No!)* Even though Jesus never sinned or did anything wrong, He was arrested and sent to die on a cross. When He died, Jesus paid the punishment for our sins. But then, God raised Jesus back to life; Jesus defeated death!

(Circle one) Because He lives, Jesus offers us a new relationship with God and forever life with Him after death. We can have a relationship with God, which is what God designed from the beginning. When we trust and believe that Jesus did all this and that He's the only One who can forgive our sins, death is not the end of our story. Jesus made a way for us to have a relationship with God. Because He died on the cross for our sins, our end is forever life with God.

Jesus, our Savior who saves us from sin and separation from God, died for our sins. Mary realized Jesus died for her sins, and we can know the same thing! When Jesus rose to life, He called Mary by name. Mary knew the truth that God saved her from sin. Because Jesus is alive, you can be saved from sin too! Ask, "How?" *(How?)* You can respond by admitting your sin and asking Jesus to forgive you. *(Circle four)* You can turn away from your sin and commit to following Jesus with your life.

We can have faith, believing in God even though we can't see Him. Believing the truth sets you apart in this world as you love and follow God. Say, "I am set apart!" *(I am set apart!)* Jesus is alive, and you can believe in Him. Say, "I can believe the truth!" *(I can believe the truth!)* If you want to follow Jesus, come talk to me or your Campus Leaders! We would love to answer any questions you have!

The truth about Easter is real! Jesus is alive and saves us from sin! You can believe the truth. Say, **"I can believe the truth!"** *(I can believe the truth!)* When we trust and follow Jesus, we have forever life with God, and we live in a way that shows we are set apart and love Him more than anything. Say, "I am set apart!" *(I am set apart!)* Let's pray and talk to God in 3-2-1.

God, thank You for the truth about Jesus. You sent Your Son Jesus to die for our sins so that we could have a relationship with You. If we believe in You, You give us forever life. Thank You for loving us. Help us to follow Your good commands and follow You in a way that shows we are set apart and live for You. You love us, and we love You. Amen.

Gospel Circles Backpack Tag (20 minutes)

Big Goal: Remember that we can believe in Jesus.

Supplies: Acrylic circle cut outs (1 per kid), Gospel Circle sticker (1 per kid), sharpie markers, key ring (1 per kid), Gospel Circles Sticker packs (1 per kid to take home)

Craft Instructions:

- Pass out a Gospel Circles sticker and acrylic circle to each kid.
- Kids will place the sticker under the acrylic circle and trace the image on the acrylic circle with sharpie markers. Younger kids can just peel the backing off the sticker and place it on the acrylic circle.
- On the other side of the acrylic circle, kids can use colored markers to add to the decoration. Younger kids can cover the back of their circle (opposite side of circle than the sticker side) with colors using sharpie.
- As kids draw each object, help them know what that has to do with the Bible story today and the gospel.
- Practice saying each part of the gospel as a group.

What To Do: Happy Easter! Today we celebrate a big day at the church and around the world. Today is the day we celebrate an empty tomb. Help me remember what the empty tomb meant in our story today. The empty tomb means that Jesus is not dead. It means that everything He said about Himself and others told about Him for 100s of years before, was true. Because this is true, each of us has the opportunity to believe. When you believe you are saying:

“At the beginning of time, God created the world and people perfectly.(World) Humans chose to run from God, also known as sinned, and chose their own way to do things. (Broken heart) When we did this, we turned away from God and lost relationship with God. So God sent Jesus to earth as a perfect man, to live a perfect life, die on the cross then raise in 3 days to show us that He is God. (The cross) When we believe these things about Jesus, we are new creations who can live and grow to know more about Jesus every day. (NEW!)”

Now using a sharpie marker you will draw each part of the Gospel Circles on your blank circle. If drawing the images is challenging you can stick your sticker on one side of the blank circle. On the back side (the opposite of the sticker or drawing) you can use colors to decorate your circle.

Keep It Going: Using the Gospel Circles script in the yellow box above, have kids repeat each of the sentences after you. As kids get comfortable saying each part of the words, allow them to take turns standing in front of everyone saying it.

Loud And Clear: Wow! You did a great job creating a backpack tag. I love seeing your work. It really makes celebrating Jesus easy because we can see and remember that Jesus died for us on the cross, but then He came back to life. I can believe in Jesus. Let's say that together. Ready? "I can believe in Jesus!" Great job! When someone asks about your backpack tag you can tell them what it means. You can also take home some extra stickers to share with other people. As you leave today, I have some extra stickers for you to take home to share with other people as you tell the Gospel Circles.

Discussion Questions:

- What's the most incredible and unbelievable thing you've seen or heard about? *(Allow the kids to answer, and share your own answer.)*
- The Bible tells us that when we believe the truth about Jesus, we live in ways that are set apart. Let's open our Bibles to **John 20:18** and read about it together. *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the verse aloud, or invite a kid who volunteers to read the verse aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the verse so everyone can follow along together.)* Mary had a lot of thoughts and emotions—fear, worry, sadness, and joy. How can we have faith and believe the truth of Jesus no matter what is happening? *(Allow the kids to answer, and share your own answer.)*
- Jesus personally showed Mary that He was alive, and He would later do the same for the disciples. How can remembering Jesus wants to know us personally help us believe the truth about Him? *(Allow the kids to answer, and share your own answer.)*
- Before He died, Jesus told His disciples that He would come back to life. *(See Mark 9:30-32.)* Jesus' words proved true, and the disciples saw the empty tomb! How can this help us have faith when we cannot see God? *(Allow the kids to answer, and share your own answer. Jesus' words are always true.)* What is your story about believing in Jesus, or is that something you would like to do today? *(Allow kids to answer.)*
- The Bible tells us that we are set apart. When we believe the truth, we can step up in faith and tell the world about Jesus. What is something encouraging you will remember from today? Is there anything you have questions about? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)* Let's talk to God by praying. *(Lead the group in prayer. Consider using the following prayer prompt.)*

God, thank You for giving us the truth through the Bible and helping us have faith in You. Thank You for calling us each by name into a relationship with You. Because of You, we can believe the truth. Help us to step up and have such strong faith in You that we live set apart, pointing others to You. Amen.

Jesus is alive! You can believe the truth that He loves you and that, when you ask for forgiveness and follow Him, your life will change forever! You can respond to God's amazing love by putting your trust in Jesus, following His commands, and stepping up to live set apart for Him.

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.