

He's Risen!

I AM SET APART

April 27

I am Set Apart Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Jesus gave the great commission- Matt 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-18; Luke 24:48-52; Acts 1:4-8

Bottom Line: I can share the truth.

Leader Context: After Jesus rose from the dead but before He returned to heaven, He gave His followers a mission. (Read Acts 1:7-8.) Jesus told His disciples to share the truth “to the ends of the earth,” and He tells us to do the same. Let’s help kids see that they can share the truth about Jesus near and far. When they share Jesus, they can be confident they are stepping up and living set apart.

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.

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page, Blank paper (several), Markers or crayons (several), Timer or stopwatch (1 per group), Dumbbell weight (1 per group), Bible (1 per group)

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.”

Social

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This

What an awesome story! Jesus came back to life and gave His disciples a very important mission—a special, lifelong task. They would share the truth about Jesus, why He had come, and how other people could follow Him. Jesus promised that He would be with them every day. Jesus promised His disciples He would return one day but, until He did, He gave them the mission to share the truth about who He is and why He came.

Jesus gives us the same mission! The same what? (Mission!) And He is with us too! Say, “He’s with me!” (He’s with me!) We have the same mission to share the truth about Jesus. Say, “I can share the truth!” (I can share the truth!)

Videos

Gospel Connection-

But what if you aren't sure what to say or how to share the truth about Jesus? What if you're not sure what the truth about Jesus even *is*? Let's walk through it together.

(Circle one) The truth is, God created everything perfect—including the world and people. People had a perfect, loving relationship with God, and they believed the truth about God and obeyed His good commands.

(Circle two) So why are things not like that now? It is because of sin. *Sin* is when we do what we think is best rather than follow what God says is best. The first people God created sinned, and since then, all of us sin. When we sin, we step outside of God's good commands. Sin leads to pain, brokenness, and death. Because people sin, the world is no longer perfect. All people have broken their perfect relationship with God. Even when we try to be really good, we can't be good enough to fix our relationship with God because we still struggle with sin. Our sin deserves punishment, and that punishment is death and separation from God forever.

(Circle three) However, there is good news! God loved and still loves broken people, so He sent His Son, Jesus. Jesus lived a perfect life and obeyed God every minute of every day. Jesus died on a cross and paid the cost of our sins, taking the punishment we deserved. Three days later, He came back to life, defeating death and showing that He's the King over everything! Now, when we turn away from our sins, ask Jesus to forgive us, and believe in Him as our Savior who saves us from our sins, we can have a relationship with God that lasts forever!

This is the truth the disciples knew and shared with others. We can know and share this truth too! *(Circle four)* When you step up and share the truth about Jesus, you show that you are set apart and that God has a mission for your life. Having hope for a forever life with God in a broken world makes you stand out. Say, "I am set apart!" *(I am set apart!)* This truth is too good to keep for yourself. Say, "I can share the truth!" *(I can share the truth!)* Jesus is alive, and He is with you always! God guides you in how to share the truth. God overcame death, so He can certainly help you overcome any fear you have about sharing truth. He loves you! If you have questions or want to know how to follow Jesus, your Team Leaders and I would love to talk with you!

Jesus told the people who follow Him to share the truth about who He is and why He came. He tells those of us who follow Him now to do the same thing. We have the amazing mission of telling other people about Him! Say, **"I can share the truth!"** *(I can share the truth!)* When you share the truth, you show that you love God and live in a way that sets you apart. Say, "I am set apart!" *(I am set apart!)* Let's pray and thank God.

God, thank You for sharing the good news with us. Thank You for providing a way, through Jesus, to have a relationship with You. Help us share with others who You are and what You've done. If we ever feel nervous or unsure about sharing the truth, help us remember that You are always with us. Amen.

Can You Crack Our Code? (20 minutes)

Kids will write their names using a secret code.

Big Goal: Learn that we help each other when sharing the truth about Jesus!

Leader Prep: Set out supplies.

Supplies: Blank paper (1 per child), Pencils (1 per child), Alphabet Poster and marker (1 per group)

What To Do: Today we are making a secret code! Say, “Oo-la-la!” (*Oo-la-la!*) I’ve written the alphabet on this poster. One at a time, I’ll call up a volunteer to draw a symbol underneath one of the letters. Your symbol could be a shape, a squiggle, a doodle, an upside-down version of the letter, or something like that! (*Allow time for this step. Try to have every kid draw at least two symbols.*)

Great job, everyone! Now, on your papers, write your first name using the code! (*Allow time for this step.*) Perfect! I will take your papers and shuffle them. (*Do this, then pass out the papers.*) Now, looking at the code, try to figure out whose paper you have! Decode the person’s name, and raise your hand when you’ve got it! Ready, set, go! (*Once everyone has decoded the names, have the kids read aloud the names and return the papers to the original owners.*)

Keep It Going: Write the Main Idea (*I can share the truth*) using the code.

Leader Tip: Demonstrate the code by writing your name on the board before starting the game.

Loud And Clear: We had to decode each other’s names, but we don’t have to decode the truth from the Bible! In the Bible, God makes the truth clear to us so we can share it with others. You found your friends who wrote their names in code, and we can find friends who join us to share the truth, like the disciples joined each other! Say to your teammates, “We can share the truth together!” (*We can share the truth together!*)

Discussion Questions:

- What is something you'd like to learn to do—like an instrument you want to play, a sport you want to play or another cool skill or activity? What would it take to be really good at that thing? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer. Share that, when it comes to sharing the truth about Jesus, it can take time and practice, but it is always worth it.)*
- The Bible tells us we are set apart and can live different from the world when we share the truth about Jesus. Let's open our Bibles to **Acts 1:7-8** and read about it together. *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage aloud, or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.)* Jesus told His disciples to share the truth about Him near and far. What are some ways that trusting God can help us share the truth about Jesus? *(Allow the kids to answer, and share your own answer.)*
- Why is it important to share the truth about Jesus—who He is, why He came, and why we need Him—with other people? *(Allow the kids to answer, and share your own answer. Answers may include God has given us forever life with Him, though we didn't deserve it; He loved us while we sinned against Him; in the same way, we love other sinners and tell them about God's eternal life too; and so forth.)*
- Jesus promised the disciples power through the Holy Spirit to share the truth about Jesus. How can this comfort us if we feel unsure about what to say when we are sharing about Jesus? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)*
- Jesus told us to share the truth about who He is and why He came. When we do, we show that we are set apart because we are following God. Since God is with us, let's step up boldly to share the truth! 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 pray and talk to God. *(Lead the group in prayer. Consider using the following prayer prompt.)*

God, thank You for sharing the truth about Jesus with us. Help us share the truth with other people! Lead us to people in our neighborhoods, schools, cities, country, other countries, or any place You might send us someday! Help us step up and tell others about You. We love You. Amen.

Jesus came so that, when we trust and follow Him, we can have a relationship with God. This is good news we can share with others! Trusting that God is with you, go with a friend and share the truth about Jesus with other people!

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.