



## LOW-ENERGY GAME

### Easter Unwrapped

[10 min]

#### Supplies

- rolls of toilet paper (1 for every 3 kids)
- upbeat music (optional)
- music player (optional)

#### Tips

- If you have any kids with sensory issues, being wrapped in the toilet paper might be a difficult experience for them. If a child is uncomfortable with being wrapped, allow him or her to skip it and instead wrap another teammate twice.

#### Wrap and Unwrap a Teammate

Say: **When Jesus died, his closest friends wrapped his body in a cloth before they moved him to a tomb. But that cloth didn't cover Jesus for long, and neither did the tomb! Jesus came back to life!**

**Let's play a fun cloth-wrapping game to remember and celebrate that Jesus is alive!**

- Form teams of three, and give a roll of toilet paper to each team.
- Have each team select a willing person to be wrapped in the toilet paper.
- Teams will try not to tear the toilet paper as they carefully wrap that person from head to toe—leaving eyes, nose, and mouth uncovered.
- Challenge kids to wrap as quickly as they can.

Say: **It seems like the game is over, right? It seemed like the game was over when Jesus died, too. But he came back to beat death! So let's keep our game going.**

- Challenge teams to be the first to unwrap the person and get the toilet paper back onto the cardboard tube.
- Play three rounds so everyone has a chance to be wrapped and unwrapped.
- If you'd like, play upbeat music while kids play.

#### Talk About It

Ask: • **What was it like to be unwrapped and free to move again after being wrapped up in toilet paper?**

Say: **Sin binds us, kind of like the toilet paper did. Sin is the wrong things we say and do, and it makes a big mess of our lives.**

Ask: • **Describe what it feels like when you know you've done wrong.**

Say: **We all do wrong sometimes, but God loves us and wants to be with us forever. Sin was getting in the way of that, so God sent Jesus to defeat sin and death. When we believe in Jesus and all he's done for us, we can have victory over sin and death and spend forever with God in heaven. Because of Jesus, sin loses and God wins!**



**TALK-ABOUT VIDEO**  
**The Hunt for Easter**

[10 min]

**Supplies**

- “The Hunt for Easter” teaching video

**Discuss and Watch “The Hunt for Easter”**

Ask: • **What’s your favorite thing about Easter?**

Say: **Let’s see what happens when our friends Peanut and Biscuit try to figure out what Easter is all about.**

Watch “The Hunt for Easter.”

Ask: • **Why do you think the different animals all had different ideas about the meaning of Easter?**

• **Why is Jesus’ resurrection better than Easter eggs, Easter baskets, bunnies, or dressing up?**

Say: **It’s not that getting your picture with the Easter bunny or hunting for Easter eggs is bad...but it’s not what Easter is all about. Easter is an amazing day because we celebrate that God wins! We have victory over sin and death because Jesus beat death, and that’s better than anything we could find in an Easter basket.**



## DEEPER BIBLE

### What Would the World Look Like if Jesus Had Stayed Dead?

[15 min]

#### Supplies

- Bibles
- 4 lamps, flashlights, or battery-operated tea lights

#### Introduce

Say: **Today we're learning that God wins. When Jesus came back to life, he beat sin and death.**

**But what if he hadn't? You might be thinking, "Even if Jesus hadn't come back to life, he still died for my sins, didn't he?"**

**But what would the world today look like if Jesus had stayed dead? Let's dig in to that.**

#### Dig Deeper

Have kids form four groups. Assign each group one of the following passages.

- 1 Corinthians 15:12-14
- 1 Corinthians 15:16-19
- 1 Corinthians 15:29-30
- 1 Corinthians 15:32

Give each group a Bible. Say: **As a group, you'll read your Bible passage and act out a scene about life today, based on what your verses say the world would be like if Jesus wasn't alive.**

As groups read and prepare their skits, turn on the four lamps.

When it's time for presentations, turn off the overhead light so only your four lamps are on. Then have kids present. After each presentation, turn off one of the four lamps. After all four presentations, your room should be pretty dark.

Ask: • **Considering everything you just saw, what would be the most depressing part of life today if Jesus hadn't come back to life?**

Say: **Without Jesus' resurrection, our lives would be hopeless. Even eating would be depressing and hopeless. We probably wouldn't even *have* church because our faith would be useless. There'd be no way for us to go to heaven.**

**But thanks be to God! We *do* have hope! God wins! Listen to this.**

Read 1 Corinthians 15:54-57, turning on a lamp after each verse you read.

Say: **God wins, so we have victory over sin and death. Our world is full of hope because Jesus beat sin *and* death! He's alive, and he's with us today! He gives us the chance to be his friend and join the winning team.**



## LIFE APPLICATION WRAP-UP

### Responsive Victory Prayer

[5 min]

#### Pray and Respond

- Read the following prayers. After each one, kids will shout as a prayer to God, “you win!”
- Pray: **We have hope because...**
- Pray: **We have the promise of eternal life because...**
- Pray: **We celebrate because...**
- Pray: **We have purpose because...**
- Pray: **We have faith because...**
- Pray: **We have victory over sin because...**
- Pray: **We have victory over death because...**
- Also let kids add their own prayer beginners, and let everyone respond with “you win!”

#### Wrap Up

Pray: **God, thank you that you win! Thank you for giving *us* victory over sin and death. In Jesus’ name, amen.**



## ACTIVITY PAGES WITH A POINT Victory Over Death

[10 min]

### Supplies

- “Jesus Has Victory Over Death” Activity Page (1 per reader)
- pencils
- crayons
- highlighters (optional)

### Older Kids: Do an Activity Page

Say: **Jesus beat death! Let’s cross out the words DEATH and SIN and see what message appears.**

Distribute the activity pages and pencils. Kids will cross out the words “DEATH” and “SIN” each time they appear, to reveal a hidden message.

Ask: • **What does this message mean to you personally?**

Say: **God wins, so we have victory over sin and death! That means that sin and death don’t control us anymore. We can live for Jesus!**

ANSWER KEY: WE HAVE VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

### Younger Kids: Color a Coloring Page

Distribute the coloring pages and crayons. Say: **God wins! Let’s color Jesus’ empty tomb—because he’s alive!**

Allow time for kids to color. If you have highlighters, kids can use them on the angel army.