

# VOLUNTEER DEVOTIONAL

## RISE & SHINE

### STUDY

This month we're celebrating the incredible story of Easter. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection is the core of our faith. So, before you share the beautiful news of Jesus with kids, spend some time reading the stories with fresh eyes. If you find yourself pausing at a certain part of the story, ask yourself who you identify with in the story or why God might be causing you to pause in this place. Jesus' love is for you just as much as it is for the kids you spend time serving.

To get ready for this series, **spend a few minutes reading the story of Easter.** As you do, think about what God has taught you (and is still teaching you) about who Jesus is and what his love means through these passages. Ask yourself how these Big Ideas have been true in your life.

**WEEK 1: I can stick with Jesus when my day is dark.** Matthew 26:31-35, 57-75; Philippians 2:5-11

**WEEK 2: Jesus is alive today and every day!** Matthew 27:45-28:10; Psalm 118:21-24

**WEEK 3: I can meet with Jesus every day.** John 20:19-31; 1 Peter 1:3-9

**WEEK 4: Jesus is there for me every day.** Luke 24:13-35; Psalm 23

**WEEK 5: I can share God's love every day.** John 21:1-17; John 10:1-10

### PRAY

There's a rhythm to every day. Just like the sun rises and sets, we can count on Jesus to be the same yesterday, today, and forever. How does the miracle of Jesus' resurrection empower you to live differently each day? Not every day is bright and full of hope, so how do we stick with Jesus in those moments? Read through the Big Ideas that you'll be sharing with kids this month. Say them out loud and then pray them as your own. Your faith will grow as you encourage others.

#### **Which passage of Scripture or Big Idea from this month is most relevant to you right now?**

Spend a few minutes asking God to show you how you've already grown in this area, plus the next step you need to take in order to keep growing.

### GROW

So, what's your next step? How can you stick with Jesus daily, even when your days are dark? What does it mean to you personally that Jesus is alive? Maybe you need to prioritize more moments to meet with Jesus, who is always there for us. Do you see ways Jesus wants you to share God's love? Jesus wants all of us to share God's love not just today but every day. How can you do that better?

**Whatever your next step is right now, take it. Then help kids do the same.**