



# Small Group Leader Guide

## Today's Suggested Schedule

### Greeting & Prayer (5 minutes)

The leader greets the children and asks how they are doing. After a brief time of sharing, the group participates in a short prayer activity to prepare their hearts for the lesson.

### Small Group Activity (15 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

### Pray & Dismiss (5 minutes)

After small group time, the leader closes in prayer. Then the children are dismissed.



## Bible Story

### Easter (Crucified and Risen)

John 18\_20:23

## Bottom Line



## Monthly Memory Verse



K1 | W1

# Greeting & Prayer



## What You Need

- A Spinning Wheel
- Prayer Chart

## ① What You Do

Pray for your group before they arrive -> Pray for kids who will visit your group for the first time. Thank God that His love is for the whole world, and that includes you and every person you will ever meet. Recall an age-appropriate story about a time you were confused about God, and He met you in your questions. Ask God to help the kids in your group understand that “the whole world” means everyone. Pray they would know God loves them, He loves their family, He loves their friends, and He loves the new person at school.

- Choose a child to spin the wheel.
- Each color matches a prayer prompt on the chart.
- After spinning, the child finds the matching prompt, reads it, and prays.
- Let a few more children take turns spinning the wheel and praying.

## ② What You Say

“Prayer is how we talk with God, our loving Father. The Bible tells us to pray without ceasing—talking to Him anytime, anywhere. Whatever you do, begin with prayer. When you do, you can trust that God is in control and working in every situation.”

Transition -> Lead your group to the small group activity

ACTIVITY ONE

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# Easter Craft

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God



THINGS YOU NEED!



Peel off the sticker and stick it to the bottom of the cross.



Place the Jesus sticker as shown in the picture!



Place the sun sticker at the top of the cross, then add the 'HE'S RISEN' sticker as shown in the picture



Insert a pipe cleaner through the holes and tie a knot.



All done! Tada! You've made a beautiful reminder of the True Story of Easter!



### Inclusive Pro Tips

Use thumbs-up and thumbs-down if not all children can sit and stand easily.

# Pray and Dismiss



## What You Say

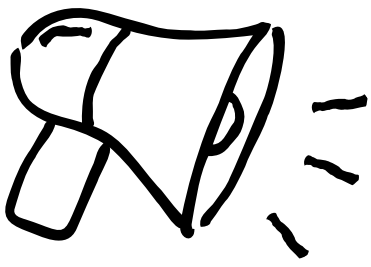
“God, we are so happy today! Thank You for giving us the best gift ever—Jesus. Thank You that Jesus is alive and that we can be friends with You forever. Help us to share this joy with everyone we meet. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Transition -> As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to share one promise from today’s Bible Story that God kept and remind the kids to share that *[Bottom Line]* Jesus is good news for everyone.

### Inclusive Pro Tips



Instead of praying silently, give options for the kids to write or doodle to God quietly.



He is  
Risen

