

K-3rd

Large Group

April — Week 3

## Large Group Leader Guide

### Today's Suggested Schedule

## Large Group:

- Opener
- Bible Story
- Talk It Out!
- Memory Verse
- Prayer

### Transition to Small group:

Creating a safe place to connect.

✦ Need activities for a K-5th group? Check out the 2nd-3rd guide.

THIS MONTH



Today's Bible Story

Great Commission and Ascension

- **Matthew 28:16-20**

Bottom Line



Memory Verse



10 MINUTES

# OPENER

## ① Opener

“LEADER: “Hey, everybody! Welcome back to our Block Party! This room already feels like a party! Look around. Give somebody a fist bump. Yep ... this is a great day to be at church.

“This month our theme is, ‘Block Party: Celebrating Jesus and Joy That Never Ends!’

“We’ve been talking all month about the joy Jesus gives us, real joy, the kind that lasts no matter what happens. But before we get to all that ... we need to warm up. We need to get our energy going. We need to kick this Block Party into high gear.

“And to do that ... we’re going to play one of the silliest, spinniest party games ever.

SLIDE → Game\_Spin To Win Title

““This, my friends, is ‘Spin to Win!’

“Here’s what’s going to happen: I’m going to choose four volunteers. Each one will get a streamer roll. You’ll hold one end of the streamer, and when I say, ‘Go,’ you’ll spin in place as fast as you can. Just spin in place and let the streamer unwind behind you. The first person whose streamer completely unrolls wins!

“Let’s pick our four players! Raise your hand if you’d like to volunteer!

(Choose four volunteers from the kids who have their hands raised. Invite them to come up to the front of the room, and give each kid a streamer roll.)

“Alright, everyone, take your spots so you don’t bump into anyone! Hold your streamer out to the side. Audience, are you ready to cheer them on?

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**OPENER**

“And(Pause while audience cheers.)

“I don’t know ... that didn’t sound very ready. Let’s try again—are you ready to cheer them on?”

(Pause while audience cheers.)

“There we go! ‘Spin to Win’ begins in 3 ... 2 ... 1 ... GO!

(Play the game. Cheer on the players and involve the audience.)

“Look at those streamers fly! Nice spinning! Keep going, don’t stop now! Who’s going to unroll their streamer first? Oh wow, that one’s getting close!

(Continue playing until one of the kids unrolls their streamer.)

“And we have a winner! Great job! Let’s give them a huge round of applause! They were amazing! You all can get untangled and head to your seats!

(Gather and discard the streamer trash in the trash bag. Repeat for as many rounds as time allows. Ask for four new volunteers at the start of each round.)

“Wow, that was fun! You all were so joyful! This game reminds me of something else that brings LOTS of joy—and that’s sharing Jesus with others.

LEADER: “Did you know that the good news about Jesus isn’t just for one place or one group of people? The good news about Jesus is meant to be spread all around the world. And we’re going to learn more about that today in our true story from the Bible! Let’s go learn about what that means!”

# Story

## ③ Bible Story

SLIDE -> Story Lab W2

### WRAPPING UP THE STORY

LEADER: "What a wonderful story we heard today. Jesus spent time with His followers after He came back to life, and they got to see Him with their own eyes. Then Jesus gave them a big job to go and tell everyone the good news that He is alive and He loves them.

"But Jesus promised that He wasn't going to leave His friends alone. He promised the Holy Spirit would be with them and help them wherever they went. And just like our friends holding those balloons, the good news didn't stop with Jesus' friends. It kept going from one person to another. Jesus wants the good news that He is alive and He loves the world to keep spreading, and He invites us to be part of that.

"Let's take a look at our Bottom Line again.

SLIDE -> Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "You can share the good news about Jesus. Say that with me."

KIDS & LEADER: [Bottom Line] "You can share the good news about Jesus."

SLIDE -> Memory Verse



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5 MINUTES

## TALK IT OUT



Now, before we move on, I have a question for you... (lean in and whisper) do you know what time it is?

It's time to... (pause, cup your hand to your ear) **TALK IT OUT!**

That means it's your turn to do the talking! You get to share your thoughts, ask questions, and see how this story connects to YOUR life.

So, let's put on our 'thinking caps' ... zip up our listening ears... and get ready to Talk. It. Out!"

SLIDE -> Talk It Out

### Talk It Out Questions

**What amazing thing happened on Easter Sunday?**

☞ Jesus came back to life!

**After Jesus came back to life, how many days did He appear to people?**

☞ 40 days.

**Jesus gave His followers a big job. What was it?**

☞ Tell people about Jesus and help them follow Him.

**What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?**

☞ To follow Jesus and learn from Him.

**Did Jesus send His followers to do the job alone?**

☞ No. Jesus promised to be with them.

**What special gift did Jesus promise would come?**

☞ The Holy Spirit.

**Why did the disciples need the Holy Spirit?**

☞ To help them tell people about Jesus.

**Where did Jesus go after speaking with His followers?**

☞ He went up to heaven.

**What did the angels say Jesus will do one day?**

☞ Jesus will come back.

**10 Who can tell others about Jesus today?**

☞ We can!

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# Prayer

## Prayer

“Jesus, thank You for loving us so much. Thank You for coming to Earth, dying for us, and rising again so we can be Your friends forever. Now we have this good news of Your great love to share with others. We’re so glad that You’re alive and You’re with us. Please help us show Your love to others this week. Help us be kind, help us be brave, and help us tell people how amazing You are and how much You love them. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Transition → Move kids to do small groups activities.