

LESSON 4

THE RESURRECTION

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: Jesus Is Alive!

SCRIPTURE: Luke 24

GOD'S BIG STORY: Three days after Jesus' death, God raises Him from the dead. Jesus is no longer dead! He is alive!

WORD OF WONDER: Jesus makes us new. —from 2 Corinthians 5:17

Object Lesson: A Cross

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Worship

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Designed for families to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!

Object Lesson: A Cross

SUPPLIES: pipe cleaners or craft sticks (2), tape (optional)

Before you begin, twist two pipe cleaners into the shape of a cross or tape two craft sticks together to make a cross.

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

Welcome! We're going to talk today about a cross. Hold up the cross shape. This is a cross. There's a very important part of God's big story when Jesus dies on a cross and comes back to life! Let's find out more and get curious. We'll hear all about it today.

Show the kids the cross and let them pass it around. Let them feel it and look at it. Ask them what they see. You may want to save the cross you made to use again in the God's Big Story time.

Activity: Jesus Is Alive!

SUPPLIES: table or chairs, blanket (optional)

Ahead of time, create a pretend tomb using the underside of a table, or set up chairs next to a table and put a blanket over them (like a fort). Tell the kids to lie down and pretend to sleep in the tomb.

When I shout the words, "Jesus is alive!" you'll jump up, go out of the tomb, and clap and cheer! Let's practice. Everyone pretend to be asleep. Hold as still as you can and close your eyes.

Encourage the kids to lie down and pretend to be asleep. Then shout, "Jesus is alive!" and encourage the kids to jump up and cheer.

It may have been hard to be so still and pretend you were asleep. We're going to hear today about a time when Jesus died and then came back to life. He wasn't asleep though. We can be excited and cheer too because of Jesus. We're going to celebrate Jesus today.

Our Wonder Truth today is: JESUS IS ALIVE!

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

JESUS—Put both arms out to your sides (as if your hands are on a cross).

IS ALIVE!—Jump up and down and cheer.

Worship

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: songs from the [Created New Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

Today we'll learn about how much Jesus loves us and how He overcame death. Jesus is the best! Let's sing and thank Him!

Play songs from the [Created New Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance with you.

God's Big Story

SUPPLIES: Bible, small wooden cross, plastic Easter egg, pipe cleaners or craft sticks (2, optional), tape (optional)

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: [The Resurrection God's Big Story Video](#), Bible Story Picture (optional)

If don't have a small wooden cross, you can use the one you created in the Object Lesson time or make one by twisting two pipe cleaners or taping two craft sticks together.

Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about Jesus. Encourage the kids to say "Jesus." **Let's find out from the Bible what happened to Jesus on the cross and what happened afterward!**

Read the story from the Bible, show the God's Big Story Video, or use the Script provided. You can also print the Bible Story Picture to give kids a visual depiction as you tell the story.

Even though Jesus didn't do anything wrong and didn't deserve it, people arrested Jesus. They said Jesus had to die. So some soldiers took Jesus away and He died on a cross. It was very sad. Show the kids the cross.

After Jesus died, one of His followers asked if he could bury Jesus' body. Some people took Jesus' body off the cross and placed it in a large tomb that was like a cave. Then soldiers rolled a big, heavy stone in front of the tomb.

Women who were friends of Jesus prepared spices and perfumes for Jesus' body. Three days after Jesus died, the women went to the tomb, carrying their spices and perfumes. When they arrived, they found something completely unexpected—the big, heavy stone that covered the opening of the tomb was moved and Jesus' body was not inside anymore. The women were confused. What had happened to Jesus? They were about to find out!

Hold up the empty plastic Easter egg and ask the kids what's inside. **It's empty, like the tomb where Jesus was buried.**

Suddenly, two angels appeared to the women. The women were scared, but the angels said, "Jesus isn't here; He came back to life!" The tomb was empty because Jesus came to life and was not in the tomb!

A short time later, Jesus went to His followers. They were so excited to discover Jesus was alive. He's still alive today, and we can be excited too! Jesus is alive!

Word of Wonder

SUPPLIES: Bible

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: Created New Word of Wonder Slide or [Video](#) (optional)

WORD OF WONDER

Jesus makes us new.

—from 2 Corinthians 5:17

Display the Word of Wonder Slide or [Video](#), if using. **Our Word of Wonder for the Created New series is from 2 Corinthians 5:17. Let's practice saying the Word of Wonder together.**

Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the verse with you.

- **JESUS**—Point fingers from left hand into right palm, then right hand into left palm (sign language for “Jesus”).
- **MAKES US**—Both hands over your heart.
- **NEW.**—Bring both arms out in front of you and down to your sides.
- **FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17**—Hold your hands together as if opening a book.

Prayer and Blessing

Let’s pray and talk to God. When I say, “cross,” hold your arms out to either side.

Jesus, thank You for showing Your love for us by dying on the cross (hold arms out to either side) and for coming back to life forever. We love You. In Jesus’ name, Amen. Encourage the kids to cheer and clap to celebrate Jesus being alive.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands are open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

Blessing: Jesus is alive! May you shout it wherever you are. May you live it out this week and every week. May you remember the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is alive in you. Jesus is alive, and He loves you!

Activity: Empty Egg Hunt

SUPPLIES: plastic Easter eggs, baskets or bags (optional), candy or prize-filled eggs (optional)

Ahead of time, hide empty Easter eggs around the room.

Jesus died on the cross and rose again, and when the women came to the tomb to see Jesus’ body, He wasn’t there! The tomb was empty because Jesus was alive and was out of the tomb, walking around! To remind us of the empty tomb and that Jesus is alive, let’s play a game where we hunt for empty Easter eggs.

Let the kids go on a hunt for the eggs. Kids can also use baskets or bags to collect eggs. You can also hide candy-filled or prize-filled eggs as well and encourage the kids to separate the eggs and put the empty eggs in a special place.

Today we learned from God’s big story that Jesus is alive. He loves us, and we can celebrate that Jesus is alive!