



# Kids Club

Leader Guide

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Week 1

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## Series Overview

This series will focus on the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior and what it means for those of us who follow Him. Kids will learn that Jesus came to Earth to save people from their sins and that Jesus actually traded places with people and gave them His righteousness. Kids will also learn that God's plan was still working while Jesus was dead in the tomb and that Jesus was resurrected so that we could join God's family.

# Lesson Overview

Today's lesson is all about Jesus's life and why He came. We will use colors to help us share the Gospel with each other.

## **Lesson 1:**

The Gospel – John 3:16-17, Matthew 9:18-26, Matthew 14:14-21, Luke 8:22-25

## **Bottom Line:**

Jesus came to Earth to save us from our sins.

## **Memory Verse (Series):**

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 (NLT)

## Schedule

### **1. Welcome & Connection (10 minutes)**

Kids check in, play together, and connect with leaders. Encourage older kids to include younger ones. Give prompts for questions the teacher can ask to build relationships. Lessons 2-4: review the previous lesson's take home challenge.

### **2. Group Gather & Bible Focus (10 minutes)**

Short lesson with Scripture and discussion. This should be very engaging, with lots of opportunity for movement and kids participating.

### **3. Review & Practice (10 minutes)**

Practice engaging with Scripture from lesson and series memory verse.

### **4. Prayer & Worship Group Activity (15 minutes)**

Reinforce the truth that God has a plan through creative, hands-on and meaningful discussion. Ideally kids are working in pairs or groups. Either a game, craft, or other activity. Incorporate a prayer or worship practice.

### **6. Wrap-Up & Structured Free Play (10 minutes)**

Review the main point, play together, and give a take-home challenge.

# SUPPLIES

## 1. Welcome & Connection

- Items for structured free play
- Upbeat worship music (playlist or speaker)

## 2. Group Gather & Bible Focus

- Bible (leader)
- 13 Plastic eggs in the following colors:
  - 2 Black (spray paint one egg)
  - Red
  - 2 White
  - Pink
  - 2 Blue
  - 2 Green
  - Yellow
  - Purple
  - Orange
- Inside each egg place a small slip of paper with the associated Bible verse written on it
- Place eggs in a basket

## 3. Review & Practice

- Bible (leader)
- 1 egg with the verse John 3:16 inside

## 4. Prayer & Worship Activity

Per child:

- 1 set of jellybeans for each kid (black, red, white, pink, blue, green, yellow, purple and orange)
- 1 small container to hold jellybeans

For prep:

- Prepare a container of jellybeans with each color to easily distribute to kids

# Welcome & Connection (10 min)

*As kids arrive, invite them into free play (coloring, games, playdoh, Legos, etc.). Actively coach older kids to notice younger kids and invite them into what they are doing. Play upbeat worship music as kids play/create.*

**Hey Kids Club! I'm so glad you're here today. This is our space to hang out, laugh, learn about Jesus, and build great friendships. Today we're starting a new series and we're going to discover why Jesus came to Earth. We'll even use jelly beans to tell the most important story ever!**

## **Connection Prompts:**

- What is your favorite candy?
- If you could do one miracle like Jesus, what would it be?
- What is something that made you laugh this week?
- What is the greatest thing that someone has ever done for you?

*Give a two minute warning before transition.*

# Group Gather & Bible Focus (10 min)

*Supplies: Eggs (specific colors) filled with the associated Bible verse, container to hold them*

*Bring kids into a circle. Hold up the basket of eggs.*

## **Does anyone use colors to remember things?**

*Allow answers. Examples might include traffic signs (red for stop or yellow for yield) or flavors (orange for orange flavored or yellow for lemon.)*

**Today we're going to tell a very important story from the Bible. It is the story of how Jesus saves us. But instead of just listening, YOU are going to help tell the story. Inside these eggs are Bible verses. Each color helps us understand part of the gospel. The Gospel is the good news about Jesus. Every time we open an egg, we'll find a Bible verse to read together.**

*As eggs are opened, please open your Bible to each verse and show kids.*

*Black Egg: Sin. Choose a child to open the black eggs. Have them pull out the verses and allow a strong reader to read it.*

**This egg represents SIN. Sin is anything we do that goes against God. It's when we choose our way instead of God's way. Have you ever done something you knew was wrong?**

*(Allow responses)*

**Yes, Romans 3:23 says, "For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard." That means that everyone has sinned. Sin separates us from God. Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord." This color reminds us of darkness, life without Jesus.**

*Have kids make a sad face as they hold up their index fingers close together and then slowly move them apart to show that sin separates us from Jesus.*

*Red Egg: Jesus Died for Us. Choose another child to open the red egg and read Romans 5:8*

**"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins. Red reminds us of Jesus' blood that was shed for us.**

*Have kids make a cross shape with their index fingers.*

*White Egg: Forgiveness, Clean Heart. Open the white eggs and read 1 John 1:9 and Isaiah 1:18*

**"But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all wickedness." When we ask Jesus to forgive us, He washes our sins away. Isaiah 1:18 says, "Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow." When we believe in Jesus, He forgives us and makes us clean.**

*Have kids pretend to wipe a window clean.*

*Pink Egg: God's Love. Open the pink egg and read Romans 5:8 again.*

**The Bible doesn't mention this next color, but what do we get if we mix RED- the sacrifice of blood with WHITE-purity? PINK! The PINK can remind us of God's Divine Love for us. God wants a relationship with us so much He made a way for us to be in His forever family. So pink is GOD'S LOVE FOR US.**

*Ask kids to shout: "GOD LOVES ME!"*

*Blue Egg: Faith. Open the blue egg and read Acts 2:38 and Ephesians 2:8.*

If you think about becoming a Christ follower, what do you think the BLUE could represent? **BAPTISM & FAITH.** Acts 2:38 says, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins." Baptism shows that we have chosen to follow Jesus, but salvation is a gift from God through faith. "God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God." We can't earn salvation. It's a gift from God when we trust Jesus. What is a gift you love receiving? So BLUE reminds us of water, which represents baptism and new life. *Continue selecting kids to open the remaining eggs and read the Bible verse inside.*

*Green Egg: Grow. Read 2 Peter 3:18 and Colossians 2:6-7*

I bet you can guess what this GREEN represents-**GROWING.** Just like green plants grow, GREEN reminds us that God wants our faith to grow and for us to become more like Christ Jesus in the way we think and treat people. 2 Peter 3:18 says, "Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." and Colossians 2:6-7 says, "And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught and you will overflow with thankfulness." Following Jesus is just the beginning. What are some ways we can grow as Christians?

*Allow some answers. Have kids pretend to grow like plants.*

*Yellow Egg: Heaven. Read John 14:2-3*

**YELLOW** is next. What does YELLOW or Gold represent? **HEAVEN!** John 14:2-3 says, "There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" Jesus has prepared a place in Heaven for everyone who believes in Him. Yellow reminds us of Heaven. The Bible even describes part of heaven in Revelation 21:21 where it says the streets are made of gold! What do you imagine heaven might be like?

*Purple Egg: Jesus is King. Read Philipians 2:11*

Purple is a ROYAL color. It was very expensive for someone to wear purple because it was produced from the mucus of over 250,000 sea snails needed to make just one ounce of dye! In fact, Tyrian purple cloth was worth more than its weight in gold, making it a high-status symbol for royalty in the ancient world. The Bible tells us in the Gospels of Mark and John that when the Roman soldiers crucified Jesus, they put a purple robe on him to mock his claim to be "King of the Jews". They thought they were being funny, but he really was a king! Philipians 2:11 says, "And every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Jesus is our true king. He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and one day He will return and rule over everything!

*Have kids shout: "JESUS IS KING!"*

*Orange Egg: Jesus will return. Read Matthew 24:36*

Our last egg is orange. Often, the color orange is associated with a warning or caution. No one knows when Jesus will return. The disciples asked Jesus when he was coming back and he said, in Matthew 24:36, "However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows." Jesus warned them that he will come like a thief in the night, suddenly and unexpectedly, it could be morning noon or night. ORANGE is to remind us that JESUS WILL RETURN, and we need to be ready. One day Jesus will return. No one knows when. What do you think it means to be ready for Jesus?

*Hold the eggs.*

All these colors together tell one big story. God created us and we sinned. But God loved us so much that He sent Jesus to die for us, forgive us, make us clean, and invite us into His family. Our faith grows, heaven is waiting, Jesus is our King, and one day He will return.

*Have kids repeat the Bottom Line: **Jesus came to Earth to save us from our sins!***

In a little while during our prayer time, you'll each get jelly beans that match these colors. They'll help us pray through the whole story again.

# Review & Practice (10 min)

## Memory Verse Egg Hunt

*Have one egg hidden in your room that has John 3:16 inside.*

*Divide kids into two mixed-age groups so older kids can help younger ones.*

**You are going to race to find John 3:16. Group A is looking for John 3:16 in your Bible. Group B is looking for an egg that has John 3:16. When you find it, your whole group needs to say the verse aloud.**

*Help the groups as needed.*

*Ask:*

- *“Who did God send?”*
- *“Why did He send Jesus?”*

*Part 2: Memory Verse Game (5 minutes)*

*Memory Verse: John 3:16, “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”*

*Kids stand in circle and toss an egg. Each kid says the next word of the verse when they catch it.*

*For extra fun:*

*Round 2 - say it like robots*

*Round 3 - say it super fast*

*After several rounds:*

**God loved each one of us enough to take the punishment for our sins. I hope you enjoy the fun ways your families celebrate Easter, but I pray you remember that this is why we are celebrating.**

**Have kids say together: Jesus came to Earth to save us from our sins**

# Prayer & Worship Activity (15 min)

*Give each child 9 jelly beans.*

**We will use the colors of each jelly bean to help us pray for specific things.**  
*Guide kids through prayers.*

**Black - God, thank you for forgiving our sins.**

**Red - Jesus, thank you for dying on the cross for us.**

**White - Thank you for making our hearts clean.**

**Pink - Thank you for loving us so much.**

**Blue - Help us follow you and be brave in our faith.**

**Green - Help us grow to be more like Jesus.**

**Yellow - Thank you for heaven and your promises.**

**Purple - Jesus, you are our King.**

**Orange - Help us be ready for your return.**

**Is there anything you want to tell Jesus today?**

*Pause and allow kids who want to share to do so.*

*Close in prayer:*

**God, thank You for choosing to send Jesus to save us. Help us to remember the Good News and to share it with others. Use us for your glory. Amen**

## Wrap-Up & Structured Free Play (10 min)

### **Weekly Challenge:**

**This week, look for these colors and tell someone what they mean. What are some places you might see a lot of these colors at once?**

### **Closing Prayer:**

*Invite a kid to pray over the group.*

*Invite kids into free play (coloring, games, playdoh, Legos, etc.). Actively coach older kids to notice younger kids and invite them into what they are doing. Play upbeat worship music as kids play/create.*

### **Optional Closing Game: Egg Hunt**

*Have kids play hide-and-seek with the eggs! Randomly ask them what a color represents.*

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**WHITE-** 1 John 1:9 says, “But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all wickedness.”

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**PINK-** Romans 5:8 say, “But God demonstrates his own love towards us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

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**BLUE-** Acts 2:38 says, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.”

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**YELLOW-** John 14:2-3 says, "There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?"

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**ORANGE-** Matthew 24:36, "However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows."

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*The verse below is for the Memory Verse Egg Hunt in the Review and Practice Section*

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