

# Jesus is Alive

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Matthew 28:1-10 or John 20:1-18

**STORY OVERVIEW:** On the third morning after the crucifixion, some women went to the tomb to prepare Jesus' body for burial. When they were near the tomb, they realized the stone had been rolled away. They entered the tomb, but did not find the body. They were confused, but two men in shining clothes stood beside them. These men said, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" Jesus was alive. The women - Mary, Mary Magdalene and Joanna - were so excited they went to tell the disciples.

**TEACHING TRUTHS:** Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus is alive!

**MEMORY VERSE:** "But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." Romans 5:8

**MEMORY VERSE SONG:** Romans 5:8

*(You can find the link to the song on the Watermark Kids Kit page.)*

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### **ACTIVITY 1: BIBLE TIME**

1. Read to the children from The Beginner's Bible, "Jesus is Risen" (p. 453-458) or the Jesus Storybook Bible, "God's Wonderful Surprise" (p. 310-317). Pray a short, simple prayer thanking God that **Jesus rose from the dead**.
2. Use the questions below to review the story with the children.
  1. What was in front of Jesus' tomb?
  2. Who moved the stone away from Jesus' tomb?
  3. What did the angel tell Mary to do?
  4. Jesus is alive! What did the women do when they saw Jesus?
  5. What do you think God wants us to learn from this story? (Let the kids answer and then bring them back to today's Teaching Truth.)
3. Finish this time by having the children repeat today's Teaching Truth with you:
  - **Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus is alive!**

#### **MATERIALS:**

- Lesson
- The Beginner's Bible or The Jesus Storybook Bible (*If you don't have one of these, you can read the story from Matthew 28:1-10 or John 20:1-18.*)

### **ACTIVITY 2: STORY – Gospel Book**

1. The children will make a wordless book that will help them tell the gospel. The book will consist of the following pages:
  - Yellow** - Heaven
  - Black** - I am a sinner
  - Red** - Jesus shed His blood & died for me
  - White** - I'm forgiven
  - Green** - I'm growing in God through His Word, prayer, and other believers
2. Give each child one page per color. (*If you have more than one child participating, you can cut the pages in halves or quarters. Just make sure you have one of each color for each child. If you don't have these colors of construction paper, you can use white paper or index cards and markers to draw a colored circle in the middle of each page.*)
3. Help them staple it together in order. Write the explanation of colors on the back of the green (last) page.
4. Look at each page of the books with your child and teach them how to "read" it so they can share it with others.
5. Remind them that Jesus rose from the dead!

#### **MATERIALS:**

- Yellow, black, red, white, and green construction paper
- Stapler

**ACTIVITY 3: TEACHING TRUTH - Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus is alive!**

1. Before beginning the activity, a parent should hide the **empty** eggs around the house.
2. Let the children have an Easter egg hunt with empty eggs. Each child can find one egg. Have them bring the egg to you and open it.
3. Let the children exchange the empty eggs for Easter stickers or a small treat.
4. Talk about how the children felt when they opened the Easter eggs to find them empty. Maybe they felt like the women who found Jesus' tomb empty. The Easter eggs are empty just like Jesus' tomb was empty because **Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus is alive!**

**MATERIALS:**

- Easter eggs (1/child)
- Sticker or treat

**EXTRA ACTIVITY – Jesus is Alive!**

Lead the children in singing this song (Sung to the tune of Mary Had a Little Lamb) and doing the following motions.

**MATERIALS:**

- None

**Jesus died on the cross**

**On the cross**

**On the cross**

**Jesus died on the cross**

**For my sins.**

**Jesus died on the cross**

**On the cross**

**On the cross**

**Jesus died on the cross**

**And He rose again!**

Motions:

- Cross - stand up with arms out to side making a cross with your body
- For my sins - point to self
- He rose again - bend down, touch the ground, and then pop up and reach hands to the sky