

The Rescue

1 | Hangout

SUPPLIES

- 1 stuffed animal/person
- Furniture and household objects
- Timer

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Set up an obstacle course in an open area of your group's space. For example, use a table as a tunnel to crawl through; a small mat to jump over; a skipping rope laid on the floor to use a tightrope; containers set up to zigzag around; a blanket to crawl under; and pillows to leap on. Place the stuffies at the end of the course.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Gather everyone at the start of the obstacle course.
- Demonstrate how to go through the course, "rescue" a stuffie, and return through the obstacles without dropping it.
- Guide the kids to take turns completing the course and rescuing a stuffie. Time your group, then challenge them to do it again faster.
- Introduce this week's Big Idea: **Jesus rescued us.** That's what we celebrate at Easter!
- Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Kids playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

2 | Hear

SUPPLIES

- Bible

INSTRUCTIONS

- Let the kids know that today's God Story is the climax of God's rescue plan for all people. God's promised Rescuer, Jesus, beats death and removes the barrier between God and people that sin caused! Ask everyone to listen carefully to find out how these amazing events unfolded on the first Easter morning.
- Look up Luke 24:1-34 and read the story.
- Review and discuss:
 - Who were the first people to discover that Jesus was risen? (Some women, see verse 10)
 - Who told the women that Jesus was risen? (Two angels)
 - Who didn't believe the women? (Jesus' disciples)
 - On the road to Emmaus, what were the two men talking about that made them so sad? (Jesus' death)
 - Who did the two men meet? (Jesus!)
 - Did they recognize Jesus? (No)
 - What did Jesus explain to the men? (The scriptures told how Jesus, the Messiah, had to suffer, die, and rise again to rescue us)
 - What stands out to you from this story?
 - What would you have asked Jesus?



3 | Huddle

SUPPLIES

- Drawing paper with Colossians 1:14 (Because of what the Son has done, we have been set free. Because of Him, all our sins have been forgiven) printed on it
- Drawing supplies

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Give each person a sheet of drawing paper with the Key Verse for this series printed on it.
- b. Place the drawing supplies where everyone can access them.
- c. Read aloud Colossians 1:14.
- d. Discuss:
 - What has the Son, Jesus, done?
 - What does this verse mean to you?
- e. Encourage everyone to draw a picture to go along with the verse.
- f. Invite the kids to show their finished pictures to the rest of the group.
- g. Pray, "Jesus, thank you for loving [name each group member] so much, and for rescuing us so we can live forever with you! We love you. Amen."

