



BIG IDEA

Jesus is alive!

JOHN | EXTRAVAGANT | WEEK 3 OF 4

Easter

GOD STORY

Resurrection

John 20:1–18

KEY VERSE

Lead a life of love, just as Christ did. He loved us. He gave himself up for us.

Ephesians 5:2a (NIRV)

LEADER TIPS

Expect more visitors as well as families that do not attend church regularly. Be sure to introduce yourself and take the time to learn everyone's names. You may find it helpful to pair anyone who's new with a friend.

My Story

1 | CONVERSATION STARTER (2 minutes)

Introduce Easter Sunday and chat about wonderful surprises the kids have experienced.

2 | INTRO ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Search for hidden eggs, then crack them open to find the letters to spell out today's Big Idea. Work together to unscramble the message.

God Story | Life Story

3 | WEEKLY VIDEO (12 minutes)

Watch the video, which includes host, God Story, Key Verse, and Life Story segments. Recap and discuss them together.

My Story

4 | SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY (12 minutes*)

Get creative with modelling clay to make reminders that **Jesus is alive!**

5 | WRAP-UP ACTIVITY (8 minutes)

Give the kids time to consider the Big Idea and who Jesus is to them, then pray together.

Our Story

6 | DISMISSAL

Connect with parents and give them take-home materials.

*Extend as needed and adjust the timing for other activities.



My Story

1 | Conversation Starter

SUPPLIES

- None

LEADER TIP

- Use this quick activity to welcome everyone, build community, and set the tone for your group.

INSTRUCTIONS

- As the kids arrive, greet them and gather everyone together.
- Explain that today's God Story is about something incredible that took people completely by surprise. It's so wonderful that we celebrate it every year on Easter Sunday—that's today!
- Ask:
 - Can you think of a time when something completely unexpected and great happened or when someone did something wonderful that surprised you? What did it feel like?
 - Did you keep what happened to yourself or did you tell people about it?
- Depending on the size of your group, have the kids share their answers with the people sitting closest to them or with everyone.

2 | Intro Activity

SUPPLIES

- Plastic eggs with letters inside them

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Hide the eggs around your group's space before the kids arrive.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Challenge the kids to find all the eggs and bring them to a designated spot.
- Open the eggs to reveal what's inside.
- Encourage everyone to work together to unscramble the message (**Jesus is alive**). If needed, provide hints (e.g., say there are three words or provide the first letter of each word).
- Once the kids figure out the message, tell them that today's Big Idea is that **Jesus is alive!**



God Story | Life Story

3 | Weekly Video

SUPPLIES

- Video file

LEADER TIP

- Take time to help the kids understand the links between today's Big Idea, the God Story, and the Life Story.

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Play the video. It includes:
 - Host segment
 - God Story (Resurrection, John 20:1–18)
 - Key Verse segment
 - Life Story (Kids share examples of how **Jesus is alive** in their lives.)
- b. Recap the video teaching. Discuss:
 - How many times do you think you've heard the story of Jesus' death and resurrection?
 - Have you ever heard a story multiple times—and realized something new about it after the second or third or fourth hearing? Has that ever happened for you with Jesus' story?
 - How could we hear Jesus' incredible story with new ears or new thoughts?
 - What's the Key Verse for this series? (The first part of Ephesians 5:2)

My Story

4 | Small Group Activity

SUPPLIES

- Modelling clay
- Paper plates
- Markers

LEADER TIP

- Make sure everyone's names are on their crafts.

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Gather your small group to sit together.
- b. Give some modelling clay and a plate to each person.
- c. Place the markers where they can be shared.
- d. Direct the kids to create something that symbolizes that **Jesus is alive** (e.g., heart, cross, empty tomb). Encourage the kids to be creative! They could also use the markers to colour or decorate whatever they make.
- e. Ask everyone to write their names on their plates and use them to carry home their creations. They could also decorate the plate or write the Big Idea/Key Verse on it if they'd like.



My Story

5 | Wrap-Up Activity

SUPPLIES

- None

INSTRUCTIONS

- Remain in your small group and sit together in a circle.
- Emphasize the Big Idea: **Jesus is alive!**
- Explain that Jesus is waiting for some of us to recognize him, just like Mary did in the garden.
- Encourage the kids to take a quiet moment to think about who Jesus is to them.
- Lead everyone to take a slow, deep breath and pray, “**Jesus is alive,**” then slowly breathe out and pray, “Thank you, Jesus!”
- Pray that each of the kids in your group (name them if possible) would know and experience new life in Jesus!

Our Story

6 | Dismissal

SUPPLIES

- Crafts
- Take-home cards
- Key Verse cards
- Key Verse colouring pages

LEADER TIP

- Organize the take-home materials so they’re easy to access. It may be helpful to sort them before the lesson, then set out any crafts later. Consider having one leader focus on handing out everything.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Greet parents as they arrive to pick up their kids. Take a moment to share a highlight or two from your time together today.
- Give everyone a weekly take-home card.
- Offer a Key Verse card and a colouring page to anyone who has not gotten them this month.
- Remind the kids to take their crafts.
- Make sure their security numbers match before they leave your group’s space.