

Large Group



## LESSON 4: LARGE GROUP

### Jesus and the Resurrection

#### MAIN IDEA

Kids will understand that Jesus' resurrection shows His power over death and offers us hope and new life.

#### BIBLE PASSAGES

- Matthew 28:1-10
- Romans 10:9

#### MEMORY VERSE

There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 15:13, NLT



Prepare your heart to teach.  
Plan for the lesson.



Introduce the story of the Gospel.  
(10-15 minutes)



Play large group games.  
(25 minutes)

## Prepare



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Plan for the lesson.

### QUESTIONS

- How can you be praying for the student this week? Are there any specific students or requests you can pray for?
- Are there any changes and additions needed for the Large Group Lesson?
- Is there anything specific you need to communicate to the small group leaders?

### MATERIALS NEEDED:

- A Bible
- Picture of a sunrise
- Paper plates
- Markers
- Craft supplies
- (Optional) Name tags for skit characters
- (Optional) Music for the closing song

## Large Group



Introduce the story of the Gospel.  
(10-15 minutes)

### SET EXPECTATIONS

Review 3 Rules of Respect and Who Is Jesus?

### SONG SUGGESTION

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” by GO FISH

### TEACH

Show a picture of a sunrise, and explain how the darkest moments (like the night) can lead to the brightest moments (like morning).

Review the events leading up to Jesus’ death on the cross (his arrest, crucifixion, burial). Remind kids about the sadness and confusion the Disciples felt.

Ask, **How do you think the Disciples and Jesus’ friends felt after he died?**

Choose students to play the following characters. They are to act out the story silently as you read it. Consider giving students name tags with their character on them.

Characters:  
Mary Magdalene  
Mary  
An angel  
Jesus  
2 Guards

### MATTHEW 28:1-10 SKIT AND READING

Place a chair in the center of the room, have the 2 guards stand on either side of the chair, representing the entrance to the tomb.

**Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb.** (Both Marys are walking around the room and approach the chair.)

**Suddenly there was a great earthquake!** (The 2 guards start waving their hands trying to keep their balance during the earthquake.) **For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it.** (Have the angel come and sit on the chair.) **His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint.** (Have 2 guards fall on the ground.)

**Then the angel spoke to the women. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying.** (The Angel points behind him.) **And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you.”**



“Who is Jesus”  
Call and Response



“Christ the Lord is  
Risen Today”  
by GO FISH

**The women ran quickly from the tomb.** (Both Marys walked quickly around the room and circle back to the front of the room.) **They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel’s message. And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them.** (Have the student playing Jesus meet the Marys at the front of the room.) **And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him.** (Both Mary’s fall on their knees in front of the student playing Jesus.) **Then Jesus said to them, “Don’t be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there.”**

Dismiss students to their seats.


 WRAP IT UP

Say, **Jesus’ resurrection proves he is stronger than death and sin. Because Jesus rose from the dead, we can have hope that we too will have eternal life with him if we believe.**

**Three weeks ago we learned about how Adam and Eve disobeyed God and brought sin into the world, but God promised to send a Savior. Two weeks ago we read about Abraham taking Isaac to give a sacrifice. Isaac asked his father where the sheep was for the sacrifice, and Abraham told his son Isaac that God will provide the sacrifice.**

**Jesus is our Savior, the Savior God promised Adam and Eve. He is also our sacrifice needed because Jesus willingly sacrificed his life for us when he died on the cross to overcome sin, then he rose from the dead to overcome death!**

**The Bible says that everyone who believes in Jesus—that he died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins, and rose again from the dead, overcoming death and giving us hope for eternal life with him—will be saved.**

Lead the group in a prayer of thankfulness for Jesus’ sacrifice and victory over death, and ask for help in sharing his story.

Dismiss students.