

Jesus Is Alive!

Treasure Cove Small Group Guide Week 1 • April 5/6/7 Side 1 • Small Group # 1 10 minutes



Small Group isn't just an opportunity for kids to hear the Bible Story, it is a chance for kids to begin to practice sitting together in community and growing in their faith! Prioritize keeping kids with their group and connecting with others during Small Group time.



Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

• Would you rather play with playdough or blocks?



Give each kid a popsicle stick. Let them pick a sticker and have them place it at the top of their stick.



Say:

- We are going to read this Bible story together and as we read, point to the picture with the heart side of your popsicle stick.
- This story is all about how much people love Jesus. Jesus' friend, Mary, showed us one way she decided to show Jesus how much she loved him.

Read:

A Gift For Jesus: Page 423

Review:

• Let's reread this story one more time, making sure we are using our popsicle sticks to point to the pictures in our Bible as we read.

Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.



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Pray: Ask your Group to list some things that make them happy. Then, pray. Dear Jesus, thank you for all the things that make us happy. Help us show you thanks today for all the things you have given us. Amen.



Take out the Jesus Coloring Sheet. Allow everyone to color the picture.

- Instruct them to use their pointer to point to the picture and retell the story.
- Allow kids to share what their favorite part of the story was.
- If they are comfortable, they can also take turns sharing the story in their own way with the Group.



Say:

- Easter is coming up and it would be awesome if you brought your friends to LCBC to celebrate Easter!
- You can invite friends from your school, the park, or neighborhood.
- You can even retell today's story when you invite them!
- Who can you invite to LCBC this Easter?

Hand out invites to anyone who needs them.

Remain in Small Group until Parent Pick Up.



Encourage kids to invite their friends to join them at LCBC using the kid Easter Invites.

- Easter Invites
- Jesus Coloring Sheet
- Popsicle Stick With Heart Sticker



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After doing the activity while walking, have kids try to go on the coats by hopping, tip toeing, or even crawling. This is a great way to engage their whole body and remember the Bottom Line - Jesus is Alive!



Welcome each kid by name.

Give each kid a Bible.

Would you rather play with Legos or make a blanket fort?



The Bible is like a big "I love you!" from God! As we read today's story, let's wrap our arms around our body to give ourselves a big hug!

Read:

• The True King: Page 427

Review:

- Turn to page 430 and ask: Why did people wave palm branches? (It was a way to celebrate Jesus.)
- Why do you think people were so happy to see Jesus?

Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.





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Pray: Ask your Group to list things that they celebrate. Then, pray. Dear Jesus, there are so many things to celebrate! Celebrating the good things in our life is like a big 'thank you' to you! Today we want to celebrate that Jesus is alive. Amen.



Take out the Coat Cards and lay them in a circle making sure there are fewer cards than there are kids.

- Have kids start to walk in a circle.
- When you say, 'stop,' ask the kids not standing on a coat "Who is alive?" Prompt them to respond, "Jesus is alive!"
- Keep playing!



Say:

- Next week is Easter! I am so excited to celebrate with you!
- I hope you bring some friends to celebrate with us!
- Who can you invite to LCBC to celebrate Easter?

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Easter Invites



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Treasure Cove Small Group Guide Week 3 • Easter Gatherings Side 1 • Small Group # 1 10 minutes



Kids have lots of Easter traditions that they may want to talk about. If kids share about their big chocolate bunny or fun egg hunt, get excited and listen! This lets kids know that their experiences are important, and they are cared for by their Leaders and church.



Welcome each kid by name.

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Would you rather eat jellybeans or chocolate eggs?



Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

• God proved how wonderful he thinks we are by doing something huge. Let's hold our hands over our hearts as we listen to this story because it is all about how big and powerful God's love is!

Read:

• Jesus Is Risen!: Page 453

Review:

- Turn to page 454 and discuss with your Group what the angel looked like. (Ex: Was the angel shining bright? Can you imagine what they might look like? How tall do you think the angel was?)
- Turn to page 453 and talk with your Group about what the stone looked like. (Ex: How big do you think it was? How heavy? Was it as big as a car?)
- Turn to page 456 and discuss what the angel of the Lord told the women. (Ex: don't be afraid, Jesus is alive, go and tell everyone!)

Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.



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Pray: Dear God, thank you that Jesus is alive! We are so thankful Jesus came back to life to be friends with (list the names of all of the kids in your Group). Easter is a very happy day because Jesus is alive. Amen.



Take out the Red Solo Cups and spread them out in the center of your Group flipped upside down.

- Show kids the Bendable Jesus. Hide him under one of the cups.
- Slide the cups around on the floor mixing them up. Then, have your Group take turns selecting the cup they think Jesus is under.
- When they find Jesus, blow bubbles and have your Group shout "Jesus is alive!"



Ask:

- How will you celebrate Easter today?
- Do you have any family traditions you do every year?

Remain in Small Group until Parent Pick Up.



Send each child home with bubbles. Prompt them to remember and celebrate that Jesus is alive as they play at home.

Small Bubbles



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Treasure Cove Small Group Guide Week 4 • April 26/27/28 Side 1 • Small Group # 1 10 minutes



Some kids will be ready to play the Small Group Activity with friends, while others may be more hesitant. If a child does not want to participate, don't force them. Instead, invite them to watch, call motions, or cheer on others. This helps kids to know that they can feel safe with their Leaders.



Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

• Would you rather build a wall with rocks or build a fort with sticks?



Say:

• Jesus and his friends had some BIG adventures together! Let's lock arms with each other as we go on this adventure with Jesus and his friends he calls disciples.

Read:

• A Net Full Of Fish: Page 462

Review:

- What happened when the friends followed Jesus' advice?
- How do you think they felt when they realized it was Jesus?

Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.





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Pray: Ask everyone to share their favorite breakfast food. Then, pray. Dear Jesus, thank you for our favorite breakfast foods. More than anything we want to thank you for coming back to life. We love you. Amen.



Say:

- When I say, "friend to friend" I want everyone to find a friend and stand next to them. Ensure everyone has a friend to stand beside.
- Now I am going to say an action that you do with your friend. Let's start with knee to knee. This is your cue to match the body part that I call out.
- Friend to friend! Everyone should find another friend to stand beside.
- Continue with different directives like 'hand to hand,' 'toe to toe,' 'back-to-back,'
 or 'shoulder to shoulder' while saying 'friend to friend' between directives.



Ask:

- Do you think Jesus cares about us like he cared about his friends?
- If you could take a trip with Jesus, where would you want to go?

Remain in Small Group until Parent Pick Up.



As kids get picked up, ask them 'Who is alive?' prompting them to say, 'Jesus is alive!'