

SPRING 2026

Unit 2, Session 1

CONNECTION POINT:

The gospel reminds us that Jesus took our place.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are the ultimate source of hope for every believer. When Jesus willingly gave His life on the cross, He took on Himself the penalty of our sin, offering forgiveness and reconciliation with God. This sacrificial act demonstrates God's intense love and mercy toward all of us. His resurrection was the proof that Jesus is God and is a promise of new life for all who place their trust in Him.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to live out his or her faith.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Live It Out: Talk about the Bible story. Mention the garden where the women went to find Jesus. Write *Jesus Is Alive!* at the top of a paper. Give crayons to draw flowers on the page.

Mary Magdalene went to the tomb where Jesus was buried. She saw that the stone had been rolled away from the opening. Mary ran to find Peter and John.

"They have taken Jesus from the tomb. We don't know where He is!" Mary said

Peter and John ran to the tomb. They saw cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' body. Mary stood outside the tomb crying. Mary looked inside the tomb and saw two angels.

"Why are you crying?" the angels asked. Mary said she was looking for Jesus.

A man nearby asked, "Why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Mary asked where Jesus was. "Mary," the man said. Mary realized the man was Jesus.

Jesus said, "Go and tell My disciples that you have seen Me." Mary went to the disciples. She said, "I have seen Jesus!"

KIDS

Scripture: Matthew 26:36-28:10

Live It Out: God sent Jesus to save the world. Many resources are available to help lead a child to Christ and to help children deepen their relationships with Him.

Jesus was betrayed by Judas, arrested, and taken to the high priest and questioned.

They took Jesus to Pilate, the governor. Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the crowds shouted, "Crucify Him!" Pilate agreed to put Jesus to death.

Soldiers led Jesus to a hill and nailed Him to a cross. For three hours, darkness covered the land. Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why have You abandoned Me?" Then He died. Jesus' body was placed in a tomb with a large stone over the entrance.

On the third day, women went to the tomb. An angel said, "He is not here! He is risen, just as He said! Come and see!"

Jesus met the women. The women fell at Jesus' feet and worshiped Him. "Don't be afraid," Jesus told them. "Go tell My brothers they will see Me in Galilee."

STUDENTS

Scripture: Matthew 27:22-25,45-55; 28:5-8

- How does knowing Jesus took your place affect the way you live?
- In what areas of your life do you need to live more boldly for Jesus?
- What changes happen when you live in this hope each day, knowing eternal life has already begun through Jesus?

Live It Out:

As a family this week, pick one way to live like Jesus is alive (such as choosing kindness over gossip, courage over fear, or truth over compromise) and ask God to help you follow through. What are some practical ways you can live like Jesus in your neighborhood? Who can you choose to show kindness to?