

Large Group Leader:

Time	What to Do	Materials
10 minutes	Set up Computer with songs on Youtube, google slides powerpoint for today	
3 minutes	Start timer. Invite classes to join	Timer video
2 minutes	Welcome kids Collect the offering: For wells in Africa	Offering bag
2 minutes	<p>Call to worship:</p> <p>Leader: Jesus is alive today! He is not in the grave—He has risen! All: We come to worship our living Savior!</p> <p>Leader: He walks with us, hears us, and loves us right now. All: We come with joy because Jesus is alive!</p> <p>Leader: No matter how we feel, Jesus is with us—full of life and power. All: We lift our hearts and praise Him!</p> <p>Leader: Come, let's worship the One who conquered death and gives us new life. All: Jesus is alive—and we celebrate Him today!</p>	Bible
10 minutes singing	I Believe – Do from 0:00-1:30 (1st verse and chorus) We are going to make a video soon. I got a different key for us to sing.	Video
2 minutes	New memory verse! Say it together. There is a song to help learn the memory verse.	

	Other songs off of youtube if you wish	
	Tell the story – Page 11	
3 minutes	Watch the video of the story	powerpoint
	Questions from Kids video: How can we know that Jesus is alive today?	
	Ask questions: How did Jesus prove he was alive? How do the stories of God's faithfulness in the Bible help you trust in what you haven't seen?	
2 minutes	Pray with the kids Dear God, Thank you so much for Jesus. His life, death, and resurrection. Help us put our trust in Him and experience forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Amen.	
1 minute	Do the blessing with them: May the Lord Bless You and Keep you. May he make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favour and give you peace.”	



THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

LEARN the Bible Story

1 TELL THE BIBLE STORY: VIDEO OR STORYTELLER (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to Luke 24. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “Jesus Appeared to the Disciples.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

JESUS APPEARED TO THE DISCIPLES

“**On the first day of the week, in the evening, Jesus’ disciples gathered together in a house in Jerusalem.** News about Jesus was spreading. **Some of Jesus’ followers reported that Jesus wasn’t dead anymore. Two of Jesus’ followers told the other disciples that Jesus had appeared to them on the road to Emmaus.** They had traveled with Him and once they reached their destination, they invited Him to stay with them. They had recognized Him when He broke bread with them.

As the disciples talked, Jesus came and stood among them. “Peace to you!” He said.

The disciples were surprised and terrified. They couldn’t believe their eyes! Was this really Jesus? **The disciples thought they were seeing a ghost.**

“Why are you afraid?” Jesus asked. “It’s Me! Why do you doubt? Look at Me and touch Me. You can see that I’m not a ghost. A ghost does not have flesh and bones like I do.”

Jesus showed the disciples His hands and His side. They saw the holes in Jesus’ hands and in His side. It seemed too good to be true, but **Jesus really was alive!**

“Do you have anything here to eat?” Jesus asked. The disciples gave Jesus some fish, and He ate it.

Jesus talked to the disciples and explained the Bible to them. He helped them understand how the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms told about Him. The Scriptures said the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead so that people could be forgiven for their sins. Then Jesus told the disciples that they had a job to do. The disciples needed to tell other people to repent from their sin and be forgiven.

Christ Connection: For 40 days, Jesus presented Himself to over 500 people and proved that He is alive. (1 Corinthians 15:3-8) Jesus is still alive today. He sends out believers to tell others about Him. ☺

STORYTELLING TIPS

Act it out: Perform the actions of Jesus as you tell kids the story. Remind kids that Jesus was not a ghost; He had a real physical body when He rose from the dead.

Use facial expressions: Express the emotions of the disciples as you tell the story.



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2 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

SAY “ Our story from Luke 24 happened after Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection. He had already appeared to some people like Mary Magdalene as well as two of His followers on the road to Emmaus. Then Jesus appeared to all His disciples, except Thomas. Jesus knew that they would be afraid when they saw Him. He didn’t want them to be scared or believe that He is a ghost. How did He prove this? [Allow responses.] He showed them His hands and sides, and He invited them to touch Him.

How else did Jesus prove He is alive? Did He eat something like we do? [Allow responses.] He asked His disciples for food, and they gave Him fish to eat. Jesus was hungry! His resurrected body had real flesh and bones and needed food, just like our bodies.

After Jesus ate, He spent time with the disciples and explained the Bible to them. Just like we study the truths of God’s Word together each week, Jesus taught how all the Scriptures in the Old Testament pointed to Him as the Messiah. Jesus also told them they had a job to do. What was the job Jesus gave them? [Allow responses.] He told the disciples that they are to share the good news of the gospel with others. Jesus gives all of His followers, including us, this same job. We must tell everyone the importance of repenting of sin and receiving forgiveness through faith in Jesus. ”

3 CHRIST CONNECTION

SAY “ For 40 days, Jesus presented Himself to over 500 people and proved that He is alive. (1 Corinthians 15:3-8) Jesus is still alive today. He sends out believers to tell others about Him. ”

(Tip: Use Scripture and the Gospel Plan Poster to explain how to become a Christian. Make sure kids know when and where they can ask questions.)

4 QUESTIONS FROM KIDS (3 minutes)

Show the “Unit 28, Session 1” questions from kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

1. How can we know that Jesus is alive today?
2. How can you know and have a relationship with Jesus?

5 MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)

Display a map of the United States and point to Denver, Colorado.

SAY “ Denver, Colorado, is a beautiful city with the Rocky Mountains in view. Many people move to the area to enjoy its beauty and participate in its fun outdoor adventures, such as snow skiing, snowboarding, snowmobiling, kayaking, hiking, and riding mountain and road bikes. ”

Point out that Denver is a large city with about 2.9 million people. Tell kids that it is the 15th largest city in the United States. Explain how more churches are needed to reach the many people living in Denver. Tell kids that Dave Howeth, Denver’s Send City missionary, worked in Denver as a church planter strategist in 2007. Share how he worked with other organizations for three years then returned in 2012 to serve as a missionary in Denver.



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Play the missions video. Then close in prayer, asking God to help more churches partner with the missionaries and churches in Denver. Ask God to send more missionaries to start more churches in Denver and tell more people about Jesus.

6 KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Show the key passage poster. Lead kids in reading aloud John 17:3 together.

SAY “When Jesus rose from the dead, He showed God’s power over death. Anyone who trusts in Him will be raised from death to life. Our key passage helps us remember that we can have eternal life through faith in Jesus.”

Write the key passage in three phrases on a dry erase board. Then, guide kids to memorize each phrase by reading it aloud and having them repeat it after you a few times. Continue having kids repeat each phrase several times. Then lead kids to say the entire key passage together while you point to each phrase.

Lead kids to sing “This Is Eternal Life (John 17:3).” You may also choose to sing a worship song of your choice.

7 PRAY (2 minutes)

Invite kids to pray before transitioning to Love.

SAY “God, thank You so much for Jesus—His life, death, and resurrection. Help us put our trust in Him and experience forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Amen.”

Transition from **LEARN** to **LOVE**



