

# Bright Side: Find the Light in the Dark

WEEK  
**THREE**

APRIL 2019

GRADES  
**2-3**

SMALL GROUP

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## BIBLE STORY

### Come Alive

Crucifixion and Resurrection  
John 18-20:1-18

## MEMORY VERSE

**"In this world you will have trouble.  
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John 16:33b, NIV

## LIFE APP

**Hope—Believing that  
something good can come  
out of something bad**

## BOTTOM LINE

**Whatever happens,  
remember Jesus is alive.**

## BASIC TRUTH

**I can trust God no matter what.**

### PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

For Leaders Only  
Create the Environment  
Monthly Overview

**15**  
MIN

### SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arrivers  
Crack the Egg

**25**  
MIN

### STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Opener  
Bible Story  
Worship  
Prayer  
Closer

**10**  
MIN

### WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

"Happy Day" from *Live It Out*  
"We Believe" from *Kidmin Worship Vol. 4*

**25**  
MIN

### GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Pure of Heart  
He Is Risen!  
Egg-tastic  
Prayer

### HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

GodTime  
Parent Cue

## GETTING READY

**SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION**

CHOOSE ONE OR BOTH OF THESE ACTIVITIES.

**EARLY ARRIVER IDEA**

*Made to Move:* an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- An offering container
- Plastic eggs; one for each kid
- Masking tape

**CRACK THE EGG**

*Made to Explore:* an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- 30-40 plastic eggs
- Water
- Two plastic bins
- Fill about 3/4 of the eggs with a small amount of water and leave the rest empty. Place all of the eggs in the plastic bin.
- *Note: If water is an issue in your environment, substitute it with small pieces of paper with crosses drawn on them.*

**GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT**

CHOOSE AS MANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES AS YOU LIKE.

\* If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #1.

**\* 1. PURE OF HEART**

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

*Made to Imagine:* an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Large construction paper heart
- Tape

**2. HE IS RISEN!**

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

*Made to Create:* an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Coffee filters; one for each kid
- Pipe cleaners; one for each kid
- Washable markers
- Spray bottle with water

**3. EGG-TASTIC**

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

*Made to Play:* an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Slips of paper; approximately one by two inches; 19 if you use NIV, or 16 if you use NIV
- Plastic eggs; 19 if you use NIV, or 16 if you use NIV
- Pens

**PRAYER**

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

*Made to Reflect:* an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Plastic eggs; one for each kid
- Spoons; one for each kid

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:**

- Make copies on cardstock or email this week's GodTime and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv** and the **Parent Cue app**.

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15 MINUTES

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## MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

*Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Ask God to help you show the kids the real meaning and importance of Easter. Ask God to show you if anyone is ready to make a commitment to follow Jesus. Give thanks to God for His Son, Jesus, and the opportunity to serve Him today in Small Group. Ask Him to help you love your kids and their families like He loves us.*

### 1. EARLY ARRIVER IDEA

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Plastic eggs, masking tape

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Make two masking tape lines on the floor about ten feet away from each other.
- Give each kid a plastic egg, and have them line their eggs up along the first line.
- When you say, "Go," kids should race to move their egg from the first line to the second line by rolling it with their nose—no hands.
- Invite kids to place their offerings in the container.

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## EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands on  
experimentation and discovery

## 2. CRACK THE EGG

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Plastic bin filled with prepared eggs, empty plastic bin

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Have each kid choose an egg one at a time—they must choose the egg they touch first.
- After they have chosen their egg, they ask them to open it over the empty bin.
- If the egg they open has water (or a piece of paper with a cross) in it, they are out.
- If the egg is dry, they stay in for another round.
- Play until the eggs are gone or only one kid remains in the game.

What You Say:

"That was pretty funny watching you guys trying to figure out which eggs had water and which ones didn't! It was hard to know what to expect when you opened the egg—water or nothing. **[Transition] In Large Group today, we are going to hear a story about a place people thought would be occupied, but it turned out to be empty.**"

*Lead your group to the Large Group area.*

## TALK ABOUT GOD BIBLE STORY REVIEW

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## IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment

### \* 1. PURE OF HEART

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Construction paper heart, tape

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Cut a large heart out of construction paper.
- Invite kids to sit in a circle.
- Have kids pass the heart around the circle and tear pieces off as it is passed around.
- After the heart has gone around the circle and everyone has a piece, have them place all the pieces in the middle of the circle.
- Ask kids to put the heart back together, but do not provide them with any tape or glue.
- Solicit suggestions for how they might be able to put the heart back together.
- After a kid suggests tape, provide them with tape.
- Encourage them to work as a group to tape the heart back together.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Everyone sins and does things against what God asks of us. Our sins hurt ourselves and others. However, if we ask Him, God will forgive us of our sins and make our hearts like new again. Just like we couldn't put the heart back together by ourselves without tape, we need Jesus to make our hearts whole again. We can't do it on our own. That's why God sent His Son to bring us closer for God. Jesus sacrificed Himself on the cross and rose again so we can have a relationship with Him. **Whatever happens, remember Jesus is alive.**"

PRELUDE

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25 MINUTES

## LIVE FOR GOD APPLICATION ACTIVITY



## CREATE

an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

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#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Hand out a coffee filter to each kid.
- Encourage kids to use the washable markers to decorate the filters.
- When they have decorated their coffee filter with enough colors, help kids spray water onto the filter to blend the colors.
- Use the pipe cleaners to tie the coffee filter in the middle to look like a butterfly.

### LIFE APP

**Hope—Believing that  
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#### WHAT YOU SAY:

"When caterpillars go into a chrysalis, they emerge as a butterfly—just like when Jesus was placed in the tomb after His death and then resurrected to new life. When the stone was rolled away, Jesus wasn't there because He was stronger than death. **Whatever happens, remember Jesus is alive.** Hang your butterfly in your room this week to remind you of that!"

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## HEAR FROM GOD MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY



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### 3. EGG-TASTIC

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Paper slips, plastic eggs, pens

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Have kids work together to write each word of the memory verse on a slip of paper. (The verse reference should go on one slip.)
- Let kids place each word in a plastic egg.
- Divide the kids into two groups.
- Have one group hide the eggs around the room while the other group covers their eyes.
- The group that covered their eyes then has to find the eggs.
- When all eggs are collected, have both groups work together to open the eggs and put the verse in order.
- Say the verse together as a group.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Sometimes things in our lives can seem hard, and we can feel as if we might never get through them. But, when those times come, we need to keep in mind that **whatever happens, remember Jesus is alive**. He is bigger and more powerful than anything, even death, and He tells us to bring all our problems to Him. Jesus can help us through anything and if we ask Him, He will be there for us."

## PRAY TO GOD PRAYER ACTIVITY



## REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

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### PRAY AND DISMISS

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Plastic eggs, spoons

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Give each kid a spoon and a plastic egg.
- Have kids balance the egg on the spoon and carry it as they form a circle for prayer.
- When they arrive, have them open the empty egg.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Jesus, thank You for conquering death so You could be alive and here with us today! Just like these eggs are empty, the tomb was empty that day they went looking for You, and that moment has made all the difference. Because that tomb was empty, we know that Jesus is alive! We pray for the people sitting around our Easter dinner table and here at church and we pray that each of them would know how amazing it is that you are stronger than death!"

As adults arrive to pick up, ask kids to show adults the butterflies they made and ask them to tell their parent or guardian how the butterfly reminds them of Easter.

If your environment did the live K-3 Large Group script, as they leave, give each kid one of the candles from Large Group.