## **Lesson Play Activities**

# 1.Playdough Activity:

**Prepare:** Pass out play-doh and tools.

**Do:** Instruct the children to use the tools provided to make food out of their Play-Doh. Encourage them to think of their favorite food then shape it with the tools.

**Say:** What is your favorite food? Sometimes we make our favorite foods to celebrate or have a special meal.

## **AFTER THE ACTIVITY:**

**Say:** "All of the Play-Doh food creations are making me hungry! In this week's Bible story, we heard about a special meal with a special person. Do you remember what happened at that meal?"

## 2. Rock Size Activity:

**Prepare:** Take your kids outside and gather some rocks of varying sizes.

**Say:** "These rocks are all different sizes. (Point.) Let's put them in a line from smallest to largest."

### **AFTER THE ACTIVITY:**

**Say:** "Nice job! This is the smallest rock (point to the first rock in the line), and this is the largest rock (point to last rock in the line). Today, in our Bible story, we will talk about a HUGE stone that was rolled away!"

# 3. Coloring Book Story Sheet is Attached

## Lesson Questions and Memory verse

### **Lesson Questions:**

- What did Jesus tell his friends at the special dinner?
   (He said he would die but that he would come back to life.)
- 2. Why did Jesus die? (Jesus loves us and died for our sins so we could be friends with God forever.)
- 3. What happened at the tomb? (The ladies saw an angel that told them Jesus is alive. Then the ladies saw Jesus!)
- 4. How do we know that all of this really happened. (Lots of people saw Jesus alive. They told others and some people wrote it down in the Bible for us to read!

Memory Verse: \*Memory verse visual is attached below.

**Say:** "Our memory verse reminds us that the amazing stories of Jesus were written down so that we could believe in him. Let's say our verse together now!

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"These are written (open your hands like a book) so that you (point out) may believe (point to head) that Jesus is the Christ, (point up) the Son of God. (Rock baby.)
John 20:31." (Open your hands like a book.)
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**Do:** Practice saying the verse while doing the motions with your child. Repeat a few times! Help them find the verse in a Bible.

Wrap Up: "God gave us the Gospels and the Bible so that we can learn and believe in Jesus! Who can believe in Jesus? I can believe in Jesus!"

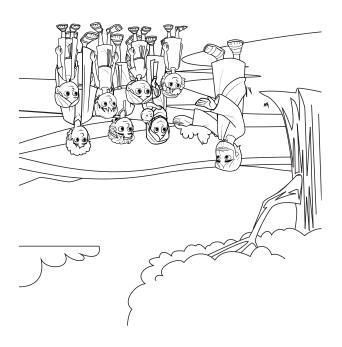
### **Prayer:**

Dear God,

Thank you for showing your love for us by dying on the cross. We can believe that you are God's son because you were strong enough to come back to life! Thank you for the Bible that tells us these stories so we can believe in you and be your friend forever!

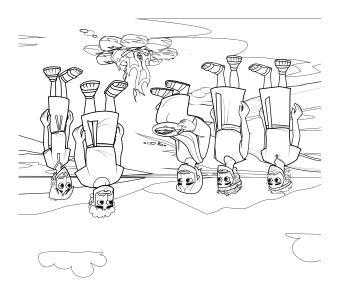
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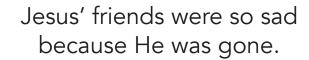


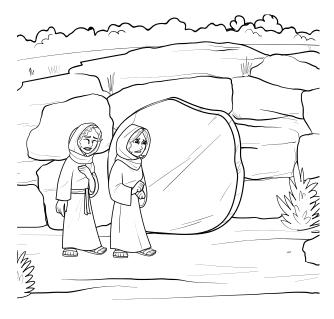
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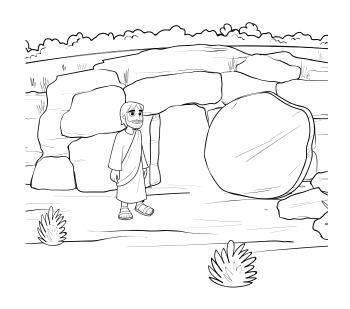


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Jesus came back!





#### **WEEK TWO**

MATTHEW 26-28: JOHN 21:1-14

Jesus dies and comes back. Then He visits His friends so they can see that He is alive.



### REMEMBER THIS:

"These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God." JOHN 20:31, NLV



#### SAY THIS:

Who can believe in Jesus? I CAN BELIVE IN JESUS.



**PRESCHOOL** 

### DO THIS:



As you drive, take turns with your child naming things you believe. You may say, "I believe some trees are green." Or you may say, "I believe birds can fly." Your child will probably come up with all kinds of interesting ideas! End your drive by saying, "I believe Jesus wants to be our friend forever."

### **BASIC TRUTH:**

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER.

#### SECRET FOR DADS FROM A DAUGHTER

By Hannah Joiner Crosby

I thought of a few secrets that I wanted my dad to know about his daughter that might be beneficial for other dads too.

#### 1. Rolling my eyes didn't always mean what I was communicating.

I remember rolling my eyes as a little girl when my dad needed to take me by his office. The funny thing is I also remember REALLY wanting to go. I just didn't want him to know that. Yes, we do play games, and I'm sorry it's so confusing! I loved feeling like I was important enough to be around my dad's workplace. It made me feel like he was proud to be my dad.

#### 2. I loved when you invested in getting to know my friends.

When my dad would get to know my friends (at any age), it meant the world to me. I pretended to be embarrassed sometimes. Little did he know, he was communicating his genuine interest in my life. What was important to me was also important to him. And I began to realize that his purpose was not to just make the rules, he wanted to build a relationship with me.

#### 3. Letting go helped me decide who I wanted to be.

When I was sixteen, I got into some trouble at school. I was scared to death

of what my punishment would be when my dad got home. This is one of those times I remember him "letting go." He didn't really punish me, he just told me I was old enough to make my own decisions and that I was accountable to God and myself.

The next day, he took me to work with him and treated me like an adult. This was a turning point in my life. I was heartbroken knowing he was disappointed in me. I WANTED a punishment so that I could just pay for it. Instead, letting go in that moment taught me who I wanted to be-someone that could make the right decisions without rules.

Dads, I wish I had been better at communicating to my father how much his holding on and letting go meant to me. The chances are your daughters will probably wish the same thing one day. If you are fighting for her and trying your best, she knows it. So don't stop. Of course my dad didn't do everything right, but none of that matters now because he fought for our relationship. I really believe that's the most crucial part.

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