

Jesus the Risen Lord

Memory Verse: John 20:31 “But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

Main Teaching: Trust God's plan even when things don't make sense

Word Up: Trust God's plan

Supplies:

- Cross and Tomb coloring sheet - Small group (Resource Pack)
- Recording for “Jesus is the Good News” and “One Way” - Worship (Sing About the King 3 CD)
- Optional Song Visuals for “Jesus is the Good News” and “One Way” (cefpress.com)
- Word Up Visual – Word Up (Resource Pack)
- What is Jesus Like piece of paper – Small Group
- Three clear cups, Tags on the cups saying “You” “Sin” and “Jesus”, Bleach, Water, Food Coloring – Object Lesson
- Memory Verse Visual – Memory Verse (Resource Pack)
- Bingo cards, Bingo Callings cards, markers or crayons for each child (optional: candy) - Activity
- God’s Promises verses – Small Group / Wonder Time (Resource Pack)
- Memory Verse Token John 20:31 for each child – Dismissal (Resource Pack)

Schedule at a Glance (75 min club):

- 15 min – Small Group
- 10 min – Worship / Rules / Word Up
- 10 min – Object Lesson
- 15 min – Memory Verse
- 10 min – Game
- 5 min – Missionary Story
- 10 min – Small Group Wonder Time



SMALL GROUP

Jesus Is Different

What makes Jesus different from anyone else? *(Allow response and write answers in “Who Jesus Is” notebook or poster.)* One of the things that makes Jesus greater than anyone else is that He came back to life after He died. This is called His resurrection. Jesus lives today and all these wonderful things we’ve been learning and writing down are still true! *(Hand out coloring sheet of the cross and tomb.)* As you color this picture, think about what Jesus did for you.

WORSHIP

To learn songs and motions, go to YouTube and type in CEF and the name of the song in the search bar.

“Jesus is the Good News”

“Jump”

CLUB RULES

Review the Up Rules reminding the kids that following the rules helps everyone be able to feel safe and learn. If there is a particular rule the children are having trouble with, do a skit to highlight that rule and why it is important.



WORD UP!

Trust Fall

We are going to play a round of trust fall. Who here thinks they could fall back and trust me to catch them? *(Have a child come up and trust fall into your arms)* When you do a trust fall you have to trust the person who is going to catch you. Sometimes it's really hard. You may think that person isn't strong enough, or maybe it feels like there isn't someone there to catch you. You just want to bend your knees and catch yourself. Sometimes it feels that way in life. Something hard happens, and you don't understand it. You just want to give up and fall. If you have believed in Jesus, then God has a plan for you. Trust God, even when things don't make sense. WORD UP!, **"Trust God's Plan!"** *(Say with children.)*

OBJECT LESSON

Trust God – He can Forgive your Sins

https://youtu.be/8Z_SMrnEial

Supplies: Three clear glasses, Water, dark food coloring, bleach

Set up three labeled glasses:

Jesus: Half full with $\frac{1}{2}$ water and $\frac{1}{2}$ bleach

Sin: Half full with water and dark food coloring

You: Half full with water

Have you ever wondered why Jesus had to die? Couldn't he have just gone straight to Heaven? These glasses are going to answer that question for us. This glass is Jesus, this is sin, dark and icky, and this glass is you. (Show glasses as you talk about them) As we go through life, we all sin. The Bible says, (Read Ecclesiastes 7:20) There is no one who has done right and never sinned. This means that you have sinned too. The problem is that when you sin, and brought sin into your life, it changes you. (begin pouring some of the "sin" into "you") It could be bad attitudes, yelling at your parents, lying to a friend, or cheating on a test. Sin takes over your life. It's a big problem.

God saw that this sin was a problem, and he had a perfect rescue plan. That perfect plan was Jesus. Jesus came to earth and lived a perfect life. His life wasn't taken over by sin, because he never sinned. I wonder what would happen if we took all the sin and put it in Jesus. Because Jesus gave up his perfect life and died on the cross. He did take all of the sins of the world on him. (Pour the rest of the "sin" into "Jesus") Jesus took all of our sins to the grave, but he left them there. Sin has no power over Jesus. He is still perfect, pure, and everything we needed. Now, because Jesus has conquered all the sin of the world, you have the ability to say yes to Jesus. If you place all of your trust in Jesus, then he will come to live inside of you. (Pour some of "Jesus" into "you") He will wash you clean and take away all of your sin. God's true book the Bible says, (Read 1 John 1:7b) There was no way you could take out that sin, remove it, on your own. Only Jesus could do it for you, because he died and rose again to defeat the power of sin and cleanse us from it. That's why Jesus had to die. WORD UP!, **"Trust God's Plan!"** *(Say with children.)*

INVITATION

What about you? Do you know that you are a sinner, and that sin has taken over your life? Do you know that by dying on the cross Jesus made a way to clean you from your sin? Have you ever made that decision to place all of your trust in Jesus, believing that he does have the power to clean you from all of your sin? The Bible says in Acts 16:31 *“Believe on the Lord Jesus and you will be saved.”* When you believe in Jesus, trusting that He died on the cross for your sins, you will be saved – made clean from your sin. Jesus will come to live inside you, helping you love Him and obey Him each day. Will you turn from your sin and trust in the Lord Jesus with all of your heart today? Please bow your head and close your eyes. If you called on Jesus for the very first time today, or you want to talk to someone more about doing that, please show me by raising your hand. If you raised your hand, please meet me (*designate location*) and I’ll show you more from God’s Word how you can be saved.

MEMORY VERSE

“But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” (John 20:31)

INTRODUCTION

When you need to know the meaning of a word, what do you do? (*Allow response.*) You look it up online, ask someone, or look in a dictionary. When you want to know more about giraffes or other animals, you might look in a book about animals or on the Internet. But to find out the most important information that affects your life now and forever, you need to go to God’s true Word, the Bible. Our memory verse tells one of the reasons why God’s Word was written.

PRESENTATION

(*Read John 20:31 from Bible.*) This verse is found in the New Testament and was written after Jesus went back to Heaven. Let’s read it together. (*Read with children from visual.*) What is the name of the book where this is found? (*Allow response.*) The book of John. John was one of Jesus’ disciples who saw Jesus crucified, buried, and alive again. John was an eyewitness. An eyewitness is someone who saw something happen and shares what he saw with others. One reason you can have confidence in the truth of the Bible is that many people who wrote about what happened were eyewitnesses. The accounts of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection found in the Bible were written by people who were actually alive and saw all that took place. John was one of these writers. Let’s say John chapter 20, verse 31 together. (*Read with children from visual.*)

EXPLANATION

But these are written—John, guided by God the Holy Spirit, wrote about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. To show that Jesus is God the Son, John wrote about many of the miracles he saw Jesus do. The Bible doesn’t include all the miracles Jesus did, but the ones

so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God—The purpose of the book of John is to show who Jesus is and what He has done. Jesus fulfilled the prophecies, proving He is the Messiah (Christ) and God the Son. He died to give you new life.

and that by believing you may have life in his name—You get a special, new life when you believe in Jesus and what He did for you. To believe is to trust completely that Jesus is the Messiah who died for your sins and came back to life. The new life He gives to all who believe is a special friendship with God that lasts forever. God is with you, helping and loving you now and forever.

All that John wrote about Jesus was so people could read it and see that Jesus is who He said He is—God the Son—and that they would believe in Him.

APPLICATION

Unsaved: Have you believed in Jesus? Believing in Jesus is the most important decision you can make. Without Jesus you have no relationship with God. If you have never believed in Jesus or have never told anyone that you believe in Him, would you do that today? You can talk to one of the teachers here about that.

Saved: If you have believed in Jesus as your Savior, then you have new life. God is always with you. He will help you even when you don't understand things that happen in your life. Your relationship with God doesn't go away just because life gets hard. God is with you and loving you even during those times. You can trust God's plan even when things don't make sense, WORD UP!, "**Trust God's Plan!**" (*Say with children.*)

REPETITION**Verse Cover-Up**

(Print numbers 1-4 on index cards. Place the cards in a bag and have a child pick one. Then let him cover that many words of the verse with paper strips. All the children say the verse including the covered words. Remove the strips and repeat.)

Sing Memory Verse Song "Life in His Name"

ACTIVITY**Bible Bingo**

You will need a bag with Bible bingo calling cards, Bible bingo card for each child, and a crayon or marker for each child. Each bingo calling card should have a prompt to one of the pictures on the bingo card. For example, the calling card might say, "Jesus died on a..." and this would correspond to the picture of the cross on the bingo card.

Draw out calling cards, and have the kids mark the corresponding picture. When a child gets four marked boxes in a row, congratulate them on their bingo. (You could also give them a small prize, or candy) Keep playing as time allows, or you've made it through all the calling cards.

MISSIONS STORY**You can be a Missionary!**

Let's pretend that I'm opening a new candy store. On opening night I'm going to let anyone who visits me eat as much candy as they want. The problem is I only told one person about my special plan. What do you think this person should do? (Allow response) I think they should tell as many people as possible. Let's see how fast we can spread this good news. (Pick one kid to start with the news. Everyone starts sitting down, and when they get told the news they can stand up and tell others the news until everyone is standing) Wow did you see how fast that news spread? I think there'll be a lot of people joining me for opening night. Did you know there's even better news? This news is that Jesus died and rose again so that you could be saved from your sin. This news won't just last one night, but if you believe in Jesus, God's true book the Bible says you will have eternal life, a life through Jesus that goes on forever, even after you die. This is called the gospel, which means good news. Let's play our game again, but this time we are going to spread the gospel, or the good news. (Pick a different kid to start this time.) You all were spreading the gospel, the good news. You were being missionaries. Many missionaries go

oversees like the Burnhams, but you can be a missionary right here. Just like you did when we played our game, you can tell friends in school or your family about Jesus and what he has done for you. Let's pray for those all around the world who have believed in Jesus, that they would be fearless missionaries no matter where they are. (Pray with Children) (You could end by playing the game one more time starting with another kid.)



SMALL GROUP / WONDER TIME

God's Promises

Jesus helped His disciples understand God's Word and how everything fit together to accomplish God's plan. As you spend time reading God's Word, God the Holy Spirit will help you understand more about who Jesus is and what He did for you. Ask God to help you understand His Word.

Reading the Bible will help you face the hard things you go through in life. As you read His Word, God can help you understand His plan for your life. Say with me, "Trust God's plan!" (Say with children.) He can help you see how He is working all things out for your good.

Let's look at some promises for those who have believed in Jesus. These promises are found in God's Word, so you can know they are true. God's promises can help you when you are going through a hard time. (Have the following verses written on pieces of paper and hand them out to children to read. You may also wish to write the explanations for the verses and have those read.)

Psalms 56:3—You can trust God even when you are afraid.

Jeremiah 29:11—God has a plan for His people. If you have believed in Jesus, His plan for you is good. He knows what is best for you and is working out His plan even if you don't understand it.

Philippians 1:6—Jesus will never give up on you. When you believed in Jesus, He started a work in your life, making you like Him. One day He will finish this work.

Romans 8:28—God will make everything work out for His plan and your good. God's good work in you is for you to become more like Jesus.

God loves you and wants to help you even through the things in life you don't understand. Let's review our four Rs to remember to trust God's plan even when things don't make sense.

Remember your relationship with God. **Read** God's Word and ask God to use it to help you trust Him even when you don't understand. **Rely** on God to take care of you. And **Rejoice** in what God has done, is doing, and will do in your life.

Let's pray right now and ask God to help us this week. (Pray with children.)

DISMISSAL

Hand out memory verse token to each child and encourage them to memorize the verse and bring the token back completed next week. Remind they can Trust God even when things don't make sense.