

Dear Children's Ministry Leaders,

In light of churches across the country closing in response to COVID-19 safety precautions, we at Group Publishing want to ensure that your children continue to receive spiritual nurturing. As a result, Group is allowing churches who use our materials to send families lessons and student materials your kids would normally participate in at church. We hope you enjoy using this content in a different way, and that your kids are impacted.

Group is extending the following permissions to churches upon request:

- 1. Permission to share the included student materials with families from your churches via email, postal service, or a privately accessible, password-protected website that only families from your church can access.**
- 2. Permission to share other elements from the week's lesson, such as the teacher guide that goes along with this lesson, with families from your churches via email, postal service, or a privately accessible, password-protected website that only families from your church can access.**
- 3. Permission to share a video recording presenting this lesson with families via your church website or platform of your choice. (We ask that you remove the video each week when you post a new one.)**

You may decide to offer a video broadcast or pre-recorded video where you and your regular Children's Ministry crew lead these lessons digitally for families to partake in at home. Or you may encourage parents to lead these lessons, which creates a fun opportunity for them to see what a typical lesson for their kids is like.

This permission is granted on a limited basis for as long as your church is unable to meet in person. Families are encouraged to use these materials within their households, but may not publish or share them in any way outside of your church family.

If you want to use Group's materials beyond these permissions, email permissions@group.com.

We hope God blesses your congregation through this unusual season, and that your community remains strong even though for a time you may not be meeting together.

God bless you, and stay healthy!

- Your friends at Group Publishing





Bible Truth Sleuth

LESSON 8

JESUS COMES BACK TO LIFE

Matthew 27:27-56; 28:1-10

Jesus Is Alive

Mary Magdalene





Mary

Angel





BIBLE FOCUS (THE BASICS)

Jesus was taken to the palace where Roman soldiers gathered around him. They took away his clothes and put a scarlet robe on him. Then they put a crown of thorns on his head and a staff in his right hand. Then the soldiers started making fun of Jesus by kneeling down and saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!" Then they spit on him and took the staff and hit him on the head again and again. After that they took the scarlet robe and put his own clothes on him.

Then they headed to Golgotha, where Jesus would be crucified. They offered him a very sour drink, which he refused. Then they hung Jesus on the cross. As he died on the cross, the soldiers gambled for his clothes. They put up a sign that said "This is Jesus, the king of the Jews." People all around insulted him and made fun of him. Some people shouted to him, "Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!"

But Jesus stayed on the cross. He suffered humiliation from the people who crucified him. He suffered being separated from his Father, God—all because he loves us and wants us to have a relationship with God!

But the great news is that Jesus came back to life! He had said that he would live again, and he did—just as he promised! Easter means we have reason to celebrate, because Jesus provided the way for us to have a relationship with God!

Bible Point: Jesus is alive.

Key Verse: "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).

FAMILY FUN



Celebrate Jesus!

Plan a special event for this week. Sing a favorite

Easter song before dinner. Or read Bible verses to remind you that Jesus can live through you. Or have a special prayer time, when each person in the family thanks Jesus for his sacrifice.



ASK YOUR FAMILY

- What does Easter mean to you?
- What are some ways you can show that Jesus is alive?
- What can you tell others about what Jesus did for them?

Daily Challenge

Today kids committed to one of the following Daily Challenges. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on this commitment.

- Tell someone who may not know Jesus about how he's alive. You could even invite that person to worship with you next week.
- Write down one thing you see each day that tells you Jesus is alive.
- Think about what it means every day to live as someone who's been "crucified with Christ."

THE WORD FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY **Philippians 2:6-8**

What are ways to show humility in our faith?

TUESDAY **Romans 6:22-23**

What happens when you believe in Jesus?

WEDNESDAY **Romans 8:28**

How does faith in Jesus help us during difficult times?

THURSDAY **John 3:16**

What happens when we believe in Jesus?

FRIDAY **Colossians 3:1-2**

How can you live for Jesus?

SATURDAY **Ephesians 2:8-10**

What does it mean that Jesus saves us?