

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 BUZZ

Lesson 8

GOD'S GIFT TO ME

what is new life?

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).



IN THE BIBLE

THE Easter miracle has two very important parts. Jesus' death is the first part. He was mocked by soldiers and by the crowd that had gathered to watch him die. He was nailed to a cross, and then the crowd said insulting things to him, yelling at him and daring him to save himself and prove that he was God's Son. But Jesus

knew that he had to die for us, so he stayed on the cross until he died. His body was prepared for burial, he was placed in a tomb, and a giant rock was moved into place to block the entrance.

THE second part of the event came three days later. Two women came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been moved and an angel was standing by the tomb. The angel told them not to be afraid, because Jesus had risen from the dead. He was alive! The angel told the women to go and find Jesus' disciples and tell them the good news. While they were on their way, Jesus appeared to them and also told them to tell his disciples that he was alive! (Matthew 27:27-56; 28:1-10)

Daily Challenge

Make Jesus alive in your own life this week:

- What area of your life did you pray in the group for God to change? Continue to pray faithfully about that thing. Also, if it's not already obvious, ask God what positive actions you can begin doing to replace those old actions.
- Keep a journal this week. Write down both the times you made a stand for Jesus and the times you could have behaved differently. Thank God for the times you did take a stand, and ask for God's help in changing your reactions in those times when things could have gone better.
- Encourage someone else this week who's trying to make a change for the better. Pray for that person, let him or her know you're praying, and let that person know where you're seeing positive changes in his or her life.

Family Fun

As a family, take a walk around your neighborhood to look at ways that God is transforming the old into something new.

Look for changes of new life in nature. Look for improving changes in houses and yards. Then at home talk about how God transformed Jesus from death into something new and powerful.

THE Easter miracle is a celebration of Jesus' triumph over death and sin!

- What does it mean to have Christ living in you?
- How does having Christ living in you change you?
- What does Easter mean to you?

The WORD for the Week

MONDAY

1 Corinthians 1:18

- In what ways are we saved by Jesus' death and return to life?

TUESDAY

Romans 6:22-23

- How can you thank God for the gift of eternal life?

WEDNESDAY

Romans 8:28

- How does faith in Jesus help us during hard 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

- How does Jesus save us?



Bible Point

Jesus is alive.