

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

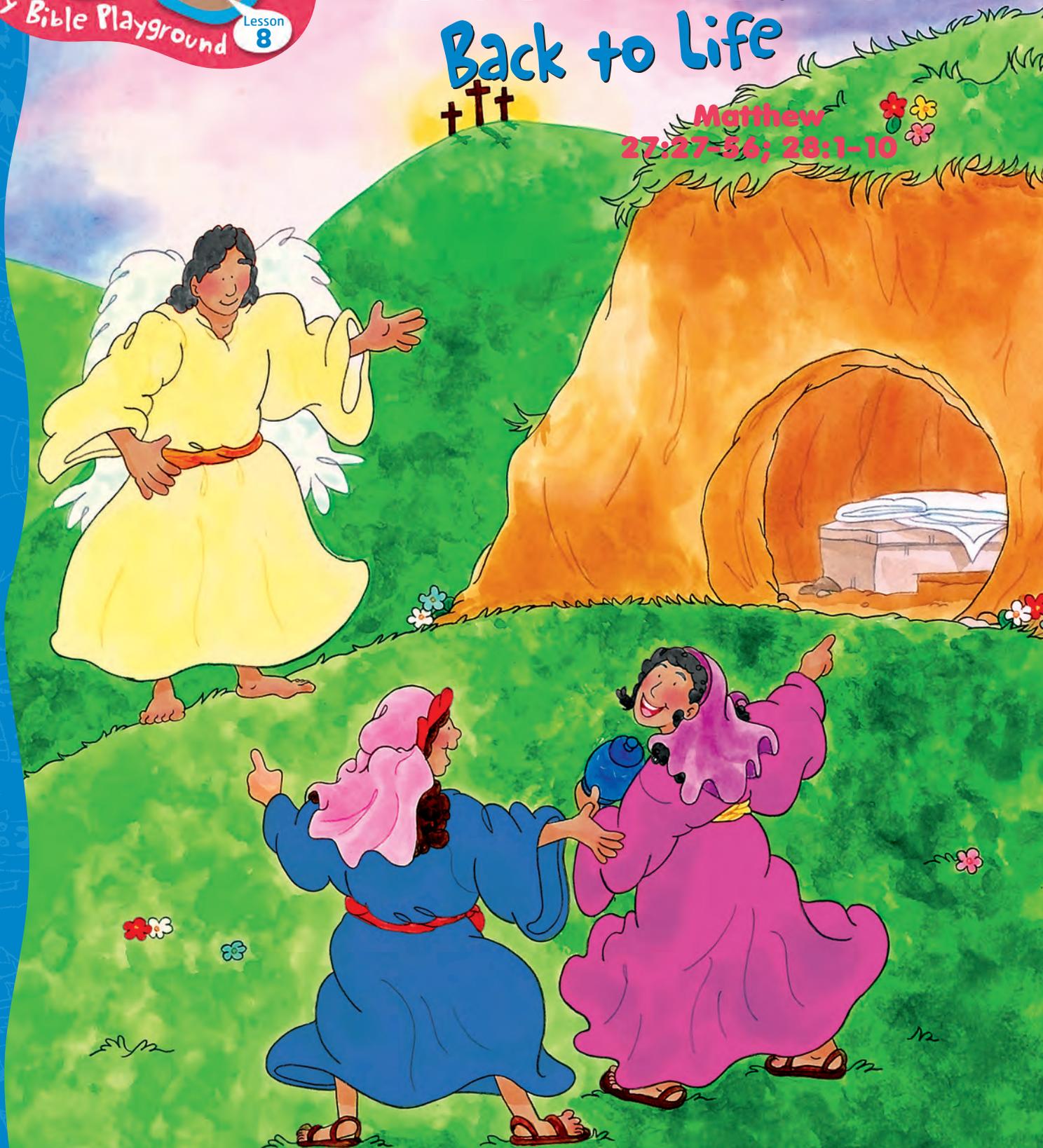


Name _____

Jesus Comes Back to Life



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



Instructions: Set out gingersnap-banana sandwiches (or other cookies that are about two inches in diameter). Ask children to cover the tomb opening with a cookie and tell about how Jesus was buried in the tomb. Then let children roll the cookie away from the tomb and tell about the earthquake, the angel, and the good news of Jesus' resurrection! Celebrate that Jesus is alive! (For additional instructions, see the Teacher Guide.)

Take your child to a nursery that has all kinds of seeds, trees, and flowers. Look at a variety of seeds and notice how the seeds don't really appear to be alive. Then look at a variety of beautiful



What I Learned Today...

Bible Time: This week's Scripture (Matthew 27:27-56; 28:1-10) tells us that Jesus is alive! Jesus came to earth to tell people about God. Not everyone wanted to hear what Jesus had to say, and some people even wanted to kill him. Jesus was arrested and nailed to a cross to die. Jesus took all of our sins with him to the cross, so everyone who believes in him will live forever. On Sunday morning, two women went to the tomb where Jesus was buried. An angel rolled the stone away and told the women that Jesus had risen! As the women rushed to tell the disciples, Jesus met them and told them not to be afraid, but to go and spread the news. Jesus is alive!

Key Verse: "Jesus loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).

Make bubbles with your child

and talk about what he or she learned in the Bible. Help your child mix together 1 quart of water,

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup of liquid dishwashing

soap, and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of corn syrup. Pour a small

amount of the mixture into a paper cup, and bring out a bubble wand (or make a bubble wand from an empty paper towel tube or a bent wire coat hanger). Blow the bubbles as you talk about how Jesus was once in the tomb but now he has risen. As you blow the bubbles say, "Jesus is alive!" or "Jesus has risen!" (Store the extra bubble mixture in the refrigerator in a covered, labeled container.)

ASK 🌀 What do the bubbles remind you of?

🌀 What do you think it will be like to live forever with Jesus?

🌀 Who can you tell that Jesus is alive?

trees and flowers—living things that grow from seeds. Purchase a packet of seeds to plant as a reminder that Jesus loves us and gave himself for us. Jesus is alive!

ASK 🌀 How do seeds "come alive"?

🌀 How was Jesus like a seed?

Daily Challenge

Your child learned that Jesus is alive!

He or she committed to one of the following

challenges to share the message that Jesus is alive during daily life. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on the challenge!

🌀 Call and tell someone that JESUS IS ALIVE!

🌀 Put on a play with a friend or your siblings showing that JESUS IS ALIVE.

🌀 Draw a picture of the empty tomb and the angel; then give your picture to someone you love.

