

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.

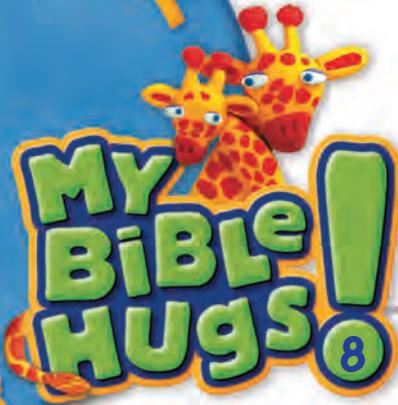
We hope God blesses your congregation through this unusual season, and that your community remains strong even though for a time you may not be meeting together.

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: Spread out newspapers on a table. Have kids use watercolor paint to decorate the page with their favorite colors to show their happiness that Jesus is alive. (For additional instructions, see *Teacher Guide*.)

WHAT I LEARNED TODAY...

Bible Time

This week's Bible passage (Matthew 27:27-56; 28:1-10) gives the good news that Jesus is alive! There were many people who didn't like Jesus and wanted to get rid of him for good. They nailed him to a cross. After he died for us on the cross, Jesus' friends buried him in a tomb. Three days later, Mary and some other women went to visit the place where Jesus was buried. But when they got there, they found an angel who told them that Jesus was alive! Your child learned that Jesus died to take the punishment for the bad things we do, but now Jesus is alive! What great news!

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



Follow a simple pita recipe to make empty tomb snacks! Help your child do a lot of the work,

such as pouring the ingredients into the bowl, kneading the dough, placing the damp towel over the dough, and putting the raised dough onto the cookie sheet. After the bread is finished baking, allow it to cool. Then cut it in half and see what you find!

ASK

- How is this bread like the empty tomb the women found?
- Why do you think the empty tomb was a good thing?



Your child learned that Jesus is alive. He or she committed to one of the following challenges to celebrate and share the message

that Jesus is alive. Help your child follow through on the challenge!

- Draw a cross for each person in your family. When you give family members the crosses, remind them that Jesus died on the cross for our sins, but now he's alive!
- Invite your friends and family to your house for a party to celebrate that Jesus is alive.
- Act out this week's Bible passage with family or friends. When you're finished, throw confetti or streamers to celebrate that Jesus is alive.



Go on an Easter egg hunt with your child. Give your child several large

plastic eggs, and have him or her find small items that are reminders of the joy we feel because Jesus is alive. For example, your child might find a flower or a pretty rock. Tell your child to put one item in each of the eggs. When all the eggs are filled, hide the eggs and have your child find them. Then open the eggs and discuss what's in each one.

ASK

- Why do reminders that Jesus is alive make you happy?
- Talk about someone you want to tell that Jesus is alive.

