

## WEEK 3: Easter Sunday

**Big Idea:** Jesus rescues us.

### HANGOUT

1. Ask: What was the very important holiday we celebrated this week? (Easter!)
2. Invite the children to share about some of the ways their families celebrated Easter.
3. Ask:
  - Who do we celebrate at Easter? (Jesus!)
  - What's the amazing thing Jesus did at Easter? (Jesus died and then came back to life to rescue us from our sins!)
4. Use play dough to make a little tomb or cave shape. Create a play-dough Jesus to put in the tomb. Pause and then pop Jesus back out!
5. Emphasize that Jesus died but now he is alive! **Jesus rescues us** from our sin.

### HEAR

6. Explain that today's God Story is about how Jesus died—but a few days later his tomb was empty because Jesus is alive!
7. Read about the Easter story (from Luke 22:39-24:12) in a children's Bible.
8. Encourage the children to re-tell the story in their own words. Prompt them as needed by asking questions about what happened next.
9. Discuss: What do you find amazing about this story? Why?

### HUDDLE

10. Use some fun actions to help the children understand that Jesus is Lord and he loves them! Say, "Jesus [touch the palms of your hands] is Lord [pretend to place a crown on your head] and he loves [make a heart shape with your hands] ME!" [point to yourself].
11. Repeat and encourage the children to do the actions with you.
12. Highlight that Jesus loves each of the children by saying, "Jesus loves [child's name]."
13. Pray, "Dear Jesus, thank you for loving each one of us SO much that you died to rescue us from our sins. We love you!"

