

WEEK 2: Jesus Resurrects

Big Idea: Jesus' life rocks heaven and earth.

HANGOUT

1. Provide a simple snack and drinks for your group to share. As you hang out, talk about how the kids' families celebrated Easter. Discuss:
 - Do you have any special Easter traditions? What are they?
 - What was your favourite thing about Easter weekend?
2. Introduce today's Big Idea: **Jesus' life rocks heaven and earth**. Encourage the kids to tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection (return-to-life) together.

Watch this week's video on the Kids and Youth playlist at youtube.com/themeetinghouse

HEAR

3. Let everyone know that today's story from the Bible is about the most important event in all of history: the death and resurrection, or return-to-life, of Jesus! Ask the kids to listen carefully for any words, images, or ideas that stand out to them.
4. Look up and read about Easter Sunday in Matthew 28:1-10. If you have confident readers in your group, encourage some of the kids to read.
5. Discuss:
 - Who were the first people to arrive at the tomb that morning? (Mary Magdalene and another Mary)
 - What did the angel look like? (face shone like lightning, his clothing was as white as snow)
 - In your own words, what message did the angel give the women?
 - Who did the women see next? (Jesus!)
 - What did they do? (ran to Jesus, grasped his feet, and worshipped him)
 - Was there a word, an image, or an idea in this passage that stood out to you or you noticed for the first time? If so, what was it?

HUDDLE

6. Provide a large piece of paper and some drawing supplies. Draw a large cross in the middle of the paper. Write this week's Big Idea (**Jesus' life rocks heaven and earth**) on it, too. Ask the kids to brainstorm reasons why Jesus dying and coming back to life is so important for us. Write everyone's responses on the paper. Encourage your group to decorate the page with symbols and pictures to represent the new life that we have in Jesus.
7. Pray, "Thank you, Jesus, that you came to show us how to live, that you died to save us from sin, and that you beat death so we can have new life here on earth, then live forever with you! We love you! Amen."

Easter Sunday Story Comic: Matthew 28:1-10

Draw pictures in the panels to show what happened on the first Easter morning!

