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# GOD IS TRUTH

JESUS IS ALIVE PRIMARY LESSON GUIDE

# THE FOUR KEYS

## **KEY VERSE**

He is not here. He has risen. He has risen just as He said. Matthew 28:6

## KEY IDEAS

- 1. Jesus died for our sins.
- 2. Jesus rose again three days later defeating death.
- 3. We can have life in Him.

## KEY PASSAGE

John 19:17-20:18 (Crucifixion and Resurrection)

## KEY PRINCIPLES



EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW . . .

Jesus came to earth as a baby, lived a perfect life, died for our sins, and rose again so that we might be saved.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD FEEL . . .

amazed that God would send His Son Jesus to die for us so that we could have eternal life.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE TO . . .

acknowledge that our sin separates us from God but Jesus came so that we could be united with Him forever.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD WANT . . .

to repent and trust in Jesus to forgive their sins.



## INTRODUCTION

God is the creator of the universe, and He gives meaning to everything He creates. God alone has the authority to define what is true and false. In the Old Testament, God gave His people truth by speaking to them and by revealing His Word through His chosen messengers. In the New Testament, the disciples who followed Jesus recorded the true things He said and did. We can know truth today by reading God's Word. The Bible tells us who God is and what His purpose is for all of His creation. God wants us to know Him and know truth by reading His Word and living it out for His glory!

## **OPENING ILLUSTRATION**

Begin class by illustrating how our sin separates us from God. Draw a horizontal line on the left side of the board and write "Us" above it. Next, draw a horizontal line on the right side of the board in line with the other one but leaving a gap in between and write "God" above it. In the gap between the lines write "sin". Explain that our sin separates us from the God who created us. Complete the cross diagram by finishing the horizontal and vertical beams. (The horizontal lines should be the bottom of the arm beams.) Once the cross is drawn, write "Jesus" vertically down the vertical beam, writing on top of the word "sin". Explain that because sin must be punished, Jesus took our sin upon himself on the cross and paid the penalty that we owed. Now we can be forgiven and restored to fellowship with God the Father by repenting of our sins, believing in Jesus's death and resurrection, and trusting Him with our lives.

#### STORY

Read John 19:17-20:18 or use the Jesus Storybook Bible.

Jesus gave the ultimate sacrifice when He took on the sins of the world and died on the cross. He took the punishment for our sin, yours and mine, so that we could have freedom and new life in Him. The cost of sin is death, and He paid our debt for us! He was able to pay our debt because He was sinless and lived a perfect life. Only Jesus could live a perfect life because He was both God and man. He was crucified on the cross and buried in a tomb that was sealed and guarded. But the good news is that His death was not the end of the hope He brought to the world. He didn't stay dead in the tomb, but He rose again to life on the third day and defeated death. After He arose, He appeared to His disciples and 500 more people so that they would believe that He was truly the Son of God. Jesus is alive today and reigning on His throne in heaven and because He's alive, all who repent of their sins and put their trust in Him have the hope of eternal life in heaven one day! We can celebrate because Jesus has the victory over sin and death and our sin debt has been paid!

## **ACTIVITY**

Make salvation bracelets! Use the supplies in the teacher's bin and help the children cut the string for their bracelet and add the beads. String the beads one by one as you explain the Gospel and what each color represents Black= our sin that separates us from God Red= the blood that Jesus shed for us on the cross White= salvation that God gives when we trust Jesus Blue= baptism is a symbol that we follow Jesus Green= growing in our relationship with Jesus Gold= Heaven where we can one day be with Him

#### PRAYER

Thank God that Jesus came to live among us and give His life to pay the debt we could not pay so that we could be forgiven of our sins. Ask God to help you understand more of His love for you.

## SONG

The B.I.B.L.E



## FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

John 11:25, Romans 3:23, 1 Peter 2:24, 1 Timothy 2:6, John 14:6

#### **ACTIVITY**

Make resurrection rolls as a family using the recipe attached to demonstrate that the tomb was empty because Jesus rose from the grave, defeating sin and death!

#### DISCUSSION

- What is sin?
   Sin is anything we say or do that dishonors God.
- Why did Jesus die on the cross? Jesus came to earth, lived a perfect, sinless life and took on the sin of the whole world as a sacrifice to settle our sin debt and satisfy the wrath of God against sin. God's plan was always to rescue us from our sin and give us new life in Him. We can be forgiven from our sin when we repent, put our trust in Jesus and follow Him because His sacrifice paid for our sin and makes us right with God.
- What does Jesus's death and resurrection mean for us?
   His death and resurrection means that we can be forgiven by God and have eternal life to live with Him Forever in heaven after we die.

#### **PRAYER**

Thank God for making a way through Jesus for sin to be forgiven. Ask God to help you see your sin and trust in Him for salvation and forgiveness.





# SALVATION BRACELET

Knot God planned you Col 1:16

Black Sin Romans 3:23

Red Christ's Blood Romans-5:8

White Forgiven Isaiah 1:18

Blue Baptism Acts 2:41

Gold

Green Growth 2 Peter 3:18

Knot No separation John 10:28

Eternal Life John 3:16

#### Southern Living

#### Resurrection Rolls Recipe

Looking for a fun and memorable way to tell your kids the story of Jesus' burial and resurrection? We've got you covered. This Resurrection Roll recipe is deliciously simple, and it brings with it the ultimate meaning of Easter Sunday. And, it wouldn't be a Southern holiday without a few bread selections on the kitchen table. Why not enjoy your green beans and honey-baked ham or your Easter breakfast alongside a dish that tells a story? Complete with sugar, cinnamon, marshmallows, and hotfrom-the-oven crescent rolls, this recipe is an instant crowd pleaser. Why the name Resurrection Rolls, you ask? Well, before going into the oven, each crescent roll is stuffed with a large marshmallow. Throughout the baking process, it disappears! Sound familiar? The fluffy treat vanishing from the bread symbolizes the way Jesus vanished from the tomb. However, while Christ paid for the sins of humanity and ascended into heaven, the marshmallow simply leaves a sugary finish on the cinnamon-infused crescent roll. It's enough to excite even the pickiest kids! Don't miss out on this meaningful appetizer when Easter rolls around. It's significant, tasty, and easy to make. He is risen!



#### Ingredients

16 large marshmallows

1/2 cup butter, melted

1/4 cup sugar

2 tablespoons cinnamon

2 (8-oz.) cans crescent roll dough

#### Directions

Step 1

Combine sugar and cinnamon in a small bowl.

Step 2

Unroll crescent roll dough, and separate each roll along perforations.

Yield: 16 rolls

#### Step 3

Roll marshmallows in melted butter, and then in cinnamon-sugar mixture. Place one coated marshmallow in the middle of an unrolled crescent dough segment, and roll the marshmallow until completely covered by the dough, pushing in sides as you go. Pinch seams on either end to seal each roll.

#### Step 4

Place rolls on a jellyroll pan, and bake at 350° for about 12 minutes.

#### Step 5

Immediately after removing rolls from the oven, brush with remaining melted butter and then sprinkle with remaining cinnamon-sugar mixture. Serve warm.