



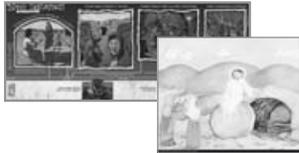
# Jesus Comes Back to Life

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

First- and second-graders will not be fully able to understand the abstract concepts of Jesus dying for their sins and living within them. But young children can begin to realize the enormity of Jesus' sacrifice and love as they begin to grasp the fact that Jesus took the punishment they deserve. Use this lesson to share with kids the most important event in history—one that is still going on.



► **Bible Point**  
Jesus is alive.

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Inside Me</b> <i>(about 15 min.)</i> Draw pictures inside paper people outlines, and talk about what's inside people.	paper, markers	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>He Took Our Sins</b> <i>(about 15 min.)</i> Understand the meaning of Jesus' crucifixion.	Bibles; My Bible Fun; pencils; 7 sticky notes per child, plus 7 extra; crayons	Tear out the Lesson 8 pages from each My Bible Fun student book.
	<b>Jesus Is Alive!</b> <i>(about 15 min.)</i> Show their reactions to the Easter event.	My Bible Fun pages from the "He Took Our Sins" activity, tape <b>Teacher Pack:</b> Bible Timeline, "Jesus Has Come Back to Life!" poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack) 	

**Key Verse**  
"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).

**Weaving Faith Into Life**  
Kids will learn that Jesus lives within us.





LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Weaving Faith Into Life</p>	<p><b>Alive in Me</b> <i>(about 10 min.)</i> Use stickers to symbolize Jesus' presence in the hearts of Christians, and learn the meaning of the Key Verse.</p>	<p>Bibles, My Bible Fun, CD player, copies of the lyrics page (at the end of this lesson) <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD, "Jesus" stickers</p>	
<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Lasting Impressions</p>	<p><b>Daily Challenges</b> <i>(about 5 min.)</i> Choose a Daily Challenge to apply God's Word.</p>	<p>My Bible Fun</p>	
	<p><b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> <i>(about 2 min.)</i> Talk about how to share what they learned with their families.</p>		







## Inside Me Supplies

paper  
markers

# 1 GETTING STARTED

## Inside Me

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Welcome kids warmly as they arrive, and ask them how their week went.

**Say: Today we're going to learn about Easter. But before we do anything else, I have a little project for you.**

Give kids paper and markers to share. Ask kids to make a "gingerbread person" outline on their papers.

Ask kids to draw things inside the "person" that represent what's inside a person that no one can see—dreams, memories, and so on. For example, a child could draw a picture of a memory he or she has. Another child could draw a picture of a smile to show that he or she is funny, even though you can't see anything outside that creates humor. Another could draw his or her dream career.

Give kids several minutes to draw. Offer help and ideas as needed, encouraging kids to think of "inside" qualities they and others have. After kids have drawn their pictures, let each child share what he or she drew with a partner. Then have willing children share what they drew with the whole group.

### Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead kids in this discussion.

Ask:

- How can you tell what someone is like on the inside?
- What things do we see on the outside of a person?
- What are things inside of us that make us special?

**Say: Thanks for those drawings! Your people have lots of good things inside. And you know what? Each of you has good things inside you, created and put there by God. But there's one thing we can have inside us that's better than all the rest—Jesus! When we believe in Jesus, he lives in us. Let's find out how that happens. As we do, we'll learn why it's so important that ► JESUS IS ALIVE.**



2

BIBLE  
EXPLORATION

# He Took Our Sins

## What You'll Do

Open your Bible to Matthew 27:27-56 and 28:1-10, and show kids the passages. If children have their own Bibles, help them find the starting place of Matthew 27:27.

Say: **Today's Bible passages are all about the meaning of Easter. After you learn about these events, you'll know why it's important that Jesus is alive. First let's make something that will help us learn about the meaning of Easter.**

Give this week's My Bible Fun page to each child. Set out crayons for kids to share. Direct kids' attention to the "He Took Our Sins" activity, and ask kids to color the person on the left side of the page to look like themselves. Explain that the picture on the right represents Jesus.

After giving children several minutes to color, let them explain their pictures to a partner. Then set out pencils, and give each child seven sticky notes. Tell kids to write one sin they've done on each sticky note. For example, kids might write "lie," "cheat," or "hit." Be prepared to help children with spelling and summarizing. As kids are writing, fill out your own set of sticky notes.

Say: **Each and every one of us sins. In fact, we're covered in sins.**

Have children place their sticky notes over the pictures of themselves.

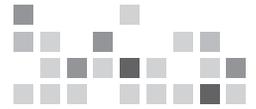
Say: **If we wanted to get rid of these paper sins, we could just pull the sticky notes off and throw them away. But that's not the way it works in reality.**

Ask:

- **If you push your little brother in real life, how can you undo that sin and make it like it had never happened?**
- **What if you take a cookie after your mom said not to—how can you undo that sin and make it like it never happened?**

Say: **When we sin—and we all do—we can't undo those sins. We can't take back the wrong things we do and say. But that's where Jesus comes in! Jesus was willing to take the punishment for our sins. Our Bible passage will explain what I mean. As I tell it, each time you hear something sad happening to Jesus, take one of the sticky notes off your picture and place it on the picture of Jesus. I'll tell you when. Ready? Here we go.**

Jesus had been arrested by the Roman soldiers. The government didn't like the things Jesus had been teaching the people, so they decided to have Jesus



## He Took Our Sins Supplies

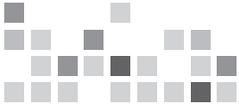
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- Bibles
  - My Bible Fun
  - pencils
  - 7 sticky notes per child,  
plus 7 extra
  - crayons

## He Took Our Sins Easy Prep

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Tear out the Lesson 8 pages from each My Bible Fun student book.





**arrested. The Bible tells us that the soldiers were mean to Jesus and mocked him and made fun of him.**

Have kids remove a sticky note and place it on Jesus.

Say: **Not only did the soldiers make fun of Jesus, they also hit him and spit on him.**

Have kids remove another sticky note and place it on Jesus.

Say: **Then the soldiers twisted together a crown made of sharp thorns, and they put the crown on Jesus' head. That must have hurt!**

Have kids remove another sticky note and place it on Jesus.

Say: **Then they led Jesus to a hill nearby, and they crucified him. That means they nailed him to a wooden cross.**

Have kids remove another sticky note and place it on Jesus.

Say: **Even while Jesus was hanging on the cross, the soldiers wouldn't leave him alone. They kept yelling at him and making fun of him.**

Have kids remove another sticky note and place it on Jesus.

Say: **They even took Jesus' clothes and gave them away.**

Have kids remove another sticky note and place it on Jesus.

Say: **After Jesus hung on the cross for several hours, he died.**

Have kids remove another sticky note and place it on Jesus.

Take a minute of silence, and then offer a simple prayer thanking Jesus for his sacrifices for us in his suffering and death.

### **Talk With Kids** ■■■■

Lead kids in this discussion.

Ask:

- **What was it like to cover Jesus up with the hurts that he experienced?**
- **What feelings or thoughts do you have about Jesus' death?**
- **What does Jesus' death on the cross mean for us?**

Say: **It must have been awful for Jesus to go through what he did that day. But he did it for us—for you and for me. Jesus was willing to die on the cross so we could be forgiven for our sins. Just like all of your paper sins are on the picture of Jesus, Jesus took all of our real sins on himself when he allowed himself to be crucified. When we believe in Jesus, he takes all of our sins away. We can't do it by ourselves. Believing in Jesus is the only way we can get rid of our sins.**





But Jesus' death on the cross wasn't the end. The amazing miracle that happened next is why we celebrate Easter, because ► **JESUS IS ALIVE!**

## Jesus Is Alive!

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Say: **The Bible tells us that after Jesus died, his friends took his body and put it in a tomb. Then they rolled a big stone in front of the opening to the tomb. Three days later, two of Jesus' friends were on their way to the tomb.**

Show kids the "Jesus Comes Back to Life" picture on the Bible Timeline.

Say: **Suddenly there was a big earthquake. Let's pretend that we're in an earthquake.** Have kids stand and wiggle all around, as if the floor is unsteady.

**An angel of the Lord had come down from heaven and rolled the stone away from the tomb! Curl up in a ball and roll.** Pause and lead kids in rolling.

**The angel said to Jesus' friends, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said."** Pause and lead kids in clapping their hands and jumping for joy.

**After that, the angel told the friends to go quickly and tell the rest of Jesus' friends that Jesus was alive. Let's pretend we're hurrying to tell others the good news that ► JESUS IS ALIVE!** Pause and lead kids in running in place. Then let kids sit down to rest!

Say: **When he came back to life, Jesus paid for all the sins anybody had ever done, or would ever do. Let's illustrate what this means for the sins you put on your My Bible Fun page.**

Tape the "Jesus Has Come Back to Life!" poster on a wall within kids' reach.

Say: **Let's all silently remove the sticky notes from our pages. Then, one at a time, let's surround the poster with sticky notes.**

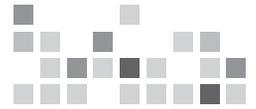
Go first and place your sticky notes on the wall around but not on the poster. Then invite kids to do the same, one at a time, in silence.

### Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead kids in this discussion.

Ask:

- **What was it like to take the sins Jesus paid for and place them on the wall?**
- **What are ways to show Jesus that we thank him for paying the price of our sins?**
- **What difference does it make that Jesus came back to life?**



### Jesus Is Alive! Supplies

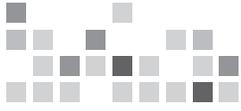
My Bible Fun pages  
from the "He Took Our  
Sins" activity  
tape

#### Teacher Pack

Bible Timeline

"Jesus Has Come Back  
to Life!" poster (from  
the Big Bible Poster  
Pack)





## Alive in Me Supplies

Bibles  
My Bible Fun  
CD player  
copies of the lyrics page  
(at the end of this  
lesson)

### Teacher Pack

CD: "I Have Been  
Crucified" (Galatians  
2:20) (track 8)  
"Jesus" stickers

Say: **What a great moment in history! It's exciting to know that ► JESUS IS ALIVE. And do you know the greatest part of Easter? Jesus is alive still today! And when we believe in him, Jesus lives within us. Let's think about what that means for us.**

## 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

# Alive in Me

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Give each child a "Jesus" sticker from the Teacher Pack. Have kids place the stickers in the outlined figures on their My Bible Fun pages.

Say: **Jesus loved us so much that he was willing to die for our sins. And when we believe in him, his Spirit comes to live inside us.**

**Jesus died for us because he loves us. And because ► JESUS IS ALIVE, he can live in us. When Jesus lives in us, we can show Jesus' love to others. That's great news! Let's celebrate with a song, "I Have Been Crucified" (Galatians 2:20).**

Hand out copies of the lyrics, and play "I Have Been Crucified" (Galatians 2:20) (track 8 on the CD). After they listen once, have kids sing along and do the motions.



*(move freestyle to the beat)*

**I have been crucified with Christ,** *(move fists out to the sides like a cross)*

**And it is no longer I who live,** *(place hands on chest)*

**But Christ lives in me.** *(raise hands high, then place them on chest)*

**And the life which I now live in the flesh,** *(pat chest to the beat)*

**I live by faith in the Son of God,** *(motion "Jesus" for "Son of God" by placing right middle finger on left palm, then left middle finger on right palm)*

**Who loved me** *(hug self)*

**And delivered himself up for me.** *(raise hands, then place them on chest)*

*(Repeat from the beginning 2x.)*

"I Have Been Crucified" (Galatians 2:20) by Dean-o. © 2003, 2008 Group Publishing, Inc. All rights reserved.

Say: **The song we've just sung is from the Bible and is actually our Key Verse today. Let's learn more about it.**

Open your Bible to Galatians 2:20, and show kids the verse. Help kids find the verse in their own Bibles. Then read the verse aloud.





Listen to what the Bible says: “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20). Read the verse slowly several times, and have kids repeat the words after you.

**Talk With Kids** ■■■■

Lead kids in this discussion.

Ask:

- What do you think this verse means?
- How can Jesus live in us?
- How can having Jesus live in you change your life?

Say: It’s not that Jesus is a little person who lives inside of us. When we believe in him, Jesus’ spirit comes to live in us. Jesus takes our sins away, just as we put all our paper sins on the picture of Jesus. That’s what this verse means—it’s as if we’ve been crucified with Jesus because he took our sins with him to the cross. And because ► **JESUS IS ALIVE**, when we have faith in Jesus, his spirit lives inside us.

**4** LASTING  
IMPRESSIONS

## Daily Challenges

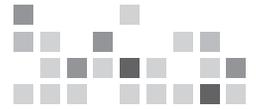
**What You’ll Do** ■■■■■■

Say: Let’s think about how we can remember that ► **JESUS IS ALIVE** this week.

Have kids find this week’s Daily Challenges on their My Bible Fun pages and choose one to do this week. They can choose one or more of these three options:

- Use your My Bible Fun page to tell someone about Easter.
- Just as you drew a picture of yourself and wrote your sins on sticky notes, ask a family member to do the same. Then retell the Bible passage, moving the sticky notes to the picture of Jesus on your My Bible Fun page.
- Since Jesus is alive, he’s doing things in your life! Look for evidence that Jesus is alive in your life this week.

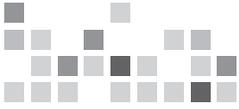
Make sure you choose a Daily Challenge as well, and tell the kids what you chose. Kids will be more inclined to follow through on their commitments when they see you doing the same.



Daily Challenges  
Supplies

My Bible Fun





## Talk With Kids

Ask:

- **What's a practical way you're going to do your Daily Challenge? Share a time, a place, or other ideas.** Allow time.

Say: **The greatest miracle that ever happened was when God brought Jesus back to life. When that happened, God told the world that ► JESUS IS ALIVE. Let's show the world that we believe that truth by following through with our Daily Challenges this week.**

## Weaving Faith at Home

Encourage kids to talk with their parents about the Daily Challenges they chose and what they learned about Jesus coming back to life. Kids can also do the activities in the "HomeConnect" section of their My Bible Fun pages with their families.

Talk to your Director about emailing the FREE FamilyConnect to all your church's families. Available at [group.com/digital](http://group.com/digital).

Take a couple of minutes to pray with your kids, thanking Jesus for dying for our sins, coming back to life, and living in us when we believe in him.





Lyrics ■■■■

## I Have Been Crucified (Galatians 2:20)

I have been crucified with Christ,  
And it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.  
And the life which I now live in the flesh,  
I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me  
And delivered himself up for me.

*(Repeat from the beginning 2x.)*

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