

# 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Small Group Lesson



**Session Title:** Jesus' Resurrection

**Bible Passage:** Matthew 28:1-15; John 20:1-18

**Main Point:** Jesus was resurrected on the third day.

**Key Passage:** Ephesians 2:8-9

**Big Picture Question:** Why did Jesus die on the cross? Jesus died

on the cross to save us from our sins and came back to life to show we are forgiven.

**Christ Connection:** *Jesus died on the cross for our sins, but He didn't stay dead. God was pleased with Jesus' sacrifice and raised Jesus from the dead to reign as King over all creation. Jesus provides salvation from sin and the promise of eternal life.*

## Empty Tomb Game

Materials: Tennis ball and small red cup

Put the small red cup in the center of the table. Explain that the cup is the "door" of the tomb. Challenge everyone to take turns sharing one truth about Jesus' life, death, or resurrection. After sharing a truth, players may roll the tennis ball to try to knock the "door" of the tomb off the table.

Examples of Truth: Any of His miracles, His kindness, His patience, His healing, He was arrested, He died for our sins, The tomb was empty, the disciples saw him, etc...

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- **Who went to the tomb?** (*Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter & John*) **What did they discover?**
- **How might you have felt if you had found the tomb empty?** *Shocked? Confused? Excited?*
- **Why were there guards at the tomb?** (*The Pharisees didn't want someone to steal Jesus' body.*)
- **Were the guards able to stop God from raising Jesus from the dead?**  
*No!*

# Spot the Differences

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Look at the two pictures. Circle the six ways the second picture is different from the first.



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**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

- Why did Jesus die on the cross?  
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**BIBLE STORY:**

**JESUS' RESURRECTION**

- Mary and two of Jesus' disciples went to see His body Sunday morning.
- When they arrived, His body was not there!
- Jesus was resurrected on the third day.
- Jesus sent Mary to tell the disciples that He is alive.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- Why is Jesus' resurrection so important?
- Who can we tell about Jesus' resurrection?
- How do you feel knowing that Jesus is alive?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Cover a balloon with paper mache. When it dries, allow your kids to pop the balloon and show that the sculpture is empty, like Jesus' tomb.

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