

BIG IDEA

The good news is Jesus saves us from sin.

GOD STORY

Jesus Saves Us (Mark 15:21–7; 16:1–8)

KEY VERSE

“Tell the Good News to everyone.” (Mark 16:15b, ICB)

MUSIC

“J-E-S-U-S” (*The Meeting House Kids Music*)

1 | Start

SEARCH AND FIND SUPPLIES

- Activity page
- Writing supplies

SEARCH AND FIND INSTRUCTIONS

- Introduce today’s Big Idea: **The good news is Jesus saves us from sin.**
- Show the children the legend of pictures on the activity page.
- Work together to search for the hidden pictures in the larger image on the page, circling the pictures as you find them.

JESUS JUMP SUPPLIES

- None

JESUS JUMP INSTRUCTIONS

- Lead the children to crouch down as low as they can go.
- Guide them to pop up in the air and shout, “**The good news is...**”
- Direct them to crouch down again.
- Pop up and shout, “**Jesus saves us from sin!**”
- Repeat crouching and popping up, but this time shout, “Jesus is alive!”
- Repeat the two phrases as long as the children are engaged. Use a variety of voices (e.g., loud, whispering, squeaky, etc.).

2 | Watch

SUPPLIES

- Media player

INSTRUCTIONS

- Watch this week’s video from the Now Playing Early Years playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

3 | Pray

SUPPLIES

- Paper
- Writing and drawing supplies

TIP

- Unlike most Early Years series, there are new Big Ideas each week in Good News! Children will discover that Jesus shows us God’s love, saves us from sin, sets up God’s kingdom, and does it all so we can be with God forever.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Review the Big Idea: **The good news is Jesus saves us from sin.**
- Encourage the children to write a poem, draw a picture, or choose another creative way to express this good news.
- As they create, chat about who they could share this good news with.
- To wrap, pray and thank God that Jesus saves us from sin. Ask for help sharing the good news with other people this week.
- Save whatever the children make each week of this series and compile a booklet that will help them remember what they learned.



4 | Craft

SUPPLIES

- Bookmarks
- Drawing supplies
- Stickers

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Give each child a bookmark.
- b. Read aloud the text printed on it.
- c. Encourage the children to draw on and decorate their bookmarks.
- d. As they work on their crafts, review today's lesson.
- e. Demonstrate how to use a bookmark to mark a page in a Bible or another favourite book.

5 | Key Verse

SUPPLIES

- Key Verse sign
- Key Verse Cone activity page
- Key Verse scoops

TIP

- Save these supplies to use again in Week 4.

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Read aloud the Key Verse printed on the sign and explain that this is Jesus speaking.
- b. Look at the words on the ice cream scoops.
- c. Work together to stick the scoops in order on top of the cone.