



### **BIG IDEA**

Jesus is alive!

### **GOD STORY**

Resurrection (John 20:1–18)

### **KEY VERSE**

Lead a life of love, just as Christ did. He loved us.  
He gave himself up for us. (Ephesians 5:2a, NIRV)

## **1 | Conversation Starter**

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Explain that today's God Story is about something incredible that took people completely by surprise. It's so wonderful that we celebrate it every year on Easter Sunday—that's today!
- b. Ask:
  - Can you think of a time when something completely unexpected and great happened or when someone did something wonderful that surprised you? What did it feel like?
  - Did you keep what happened to yourself or did you tell people about it?
- c. Introduce today's Big Idea: **Jesus is alive!**

## **2 | Watch**

### **SUPPLIES**

- Media player

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Kids playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

## **3 | Discuss & Pray**

### **SUPPLIES**

- None

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Review and discuss the video teaching:
  - How many times do you think you've heard the story of Jesus' death and resurrection?
  - Have you ever heard a story multiple times—and realized something new about it after the second or third or fourth hearing? Has that ever happened for you with Jesus' story?
  - How could we hear Jesus' incredible story with new ears or new thoughts?
- b. Emphasize the Big Idea: **Jesus is alive!**
- c. Explain that Jesus is waiting for some people to recognize him, just like Mary did in the garden.
- d. Take a moment to reflect quietly on who Jesus is to you.
- e. Pray together. Pray that each of the kids would know and experience new life in Jesus!



## 4 | Activity

### SUPPLIES

- Modelling clay
- (Optional) Markers, paints, etc.

### INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Give each of the kids some modelling clay.
- b. Guide them to create something that symbolizes that **Jesus is alive** (e.g., heart, cross, empty tomb). Encourage everyone to be creative!
- c. (Optional) Decorate the shaped clay.
- d. Display the crafts as a reminder of today's Big Idea.

## 5 | Key Verse

### SUPPLIES

- Masking tape
- Key Verse words
- Key Verse sign
- Fill-in-the-Blank Key Verse activity page

### BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Stick a couple of loops of masking tape on the back of each Key Verse word. Mix up the words and spread them out face down on the floor around the room.
- Place the Key Verse sign where everyone can see it.

### TIP

- Modify the action that the kids do to pick up the words as needed, so that everyone is included.

### INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Review the activity page with the kids.
- b. Let them know that they need to work together to fill in the blanks with the Key Verse words.
- c. Guide everyone to collect the words from around the room. They cannot pick them up with their hands, though! Instead, they must kneel down and get the tape to stick to their knees. They can remove the words once they return to the activity page.
- d. Prompt the kids to stick the words in the correct blanks, then say the verse together.