

WEEK 1

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

RISE & SHINE

BIG IDEA

I can stick with Jesus when my day is dark.

BIBLE

Peter Denies Jesus: Matthew 26:31-35, 57-75; Philippians 2:5-11

QUESTIONS

- What did Jesus predict Peter would do?
- How did Peter respond to Jesus' prediction?
- Once Jesus' words came true, how did Peter feel? How do you know?
- Read Philippians 2:9-11. What happened because Jesus stuck with God's plan even though it was very hard?
- Think of a time when you had a dark day and things did not look like they would turn out well. How do you know Jesus stuck by you during that time?
- What are real ways you can stick with Jesus?
- How do you know sticking with Jesus is a good choice?

ACTIVITY

Using red construction paper, teach kids how to fold a paper farmhouse (see QR code). Then, invite the kids to write or draw some things or people who they have always been able to count on.

The farmhouse is the place where people live on the farm. It's where we eat meals, it's where we spend time together, it's our shelter when it gets dark! The house also keeps us safe from bad weather and cold nights.

Just like the people in a farmhouse have to stick together, we have to stick with Jesus through both the bright and dark days. Jesus sticks with us through them all, and even gives us people and things we can count on. **Can you think of a few?**



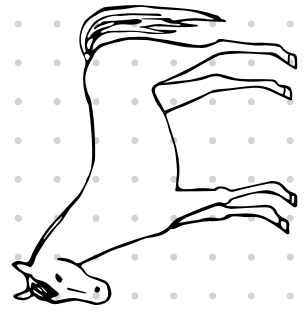
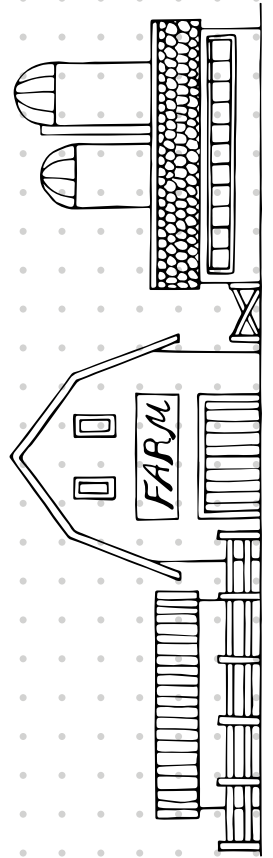
MEMORY VERSE: "He is not here; he has risen!" — Luke 24:6a (NIV)

[Click here](#) for a memory verse sign language tutorial video you can share with your families and volunteers!

What are some things you really like about the dark or nighttime?

When are some times during your week that you need to remember to stick with Jesus?

What are some things you don't like so much about the dark or nighttime?



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