

WEEK 2

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

RISE & SHINE

BIG IDEA

Jesus is alive today and every day!

BIBLE

Jesus Died and Rose Again: Matthew 27:45-28:10; Psalm 118:21-24

QUESTIONS

- What were Jesus' last words on the cross?
- How did the people who saw Jesus die know that he really was the son of God?
- How did Jesus' friends know that he was alive again?
- Read Psalm 118:24. How do you feel knowing that Jesus is alive? What does this verse help you think about Jesus?
- How do you think you might have reacted if Jesus appeared to you after he came back to life?
- What does Jesus being alive mean for us?
- What can we do to "wake" others up about this wonderful news?

ACTIVITY

Pass out cardstock to each kid, have them outline a cross using Elmer's glue. Sprinkle salt onto each cross so the glue is completely covered up. Use a tray to minimize the mess. Provide watercolors in small jars and invite the children to dip their paintbrushes or fill their eye droppers with their choice watercolor and apply it directly onto the salt which will absorb the color so only a little is required. Set them out to dry or use a handheld hairdryer.

In recognition of the wonderful work that Jesus did for us on the cross and to celebrate that Jesus is alive, we are going to create a special Easter Sunday craft.

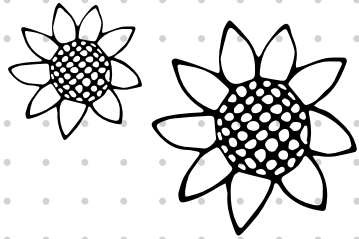
If there is extra time you can use the same watercolors to paint a sunrise in the background of the cross. This reminds us to rise and shine like Jesus!

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!

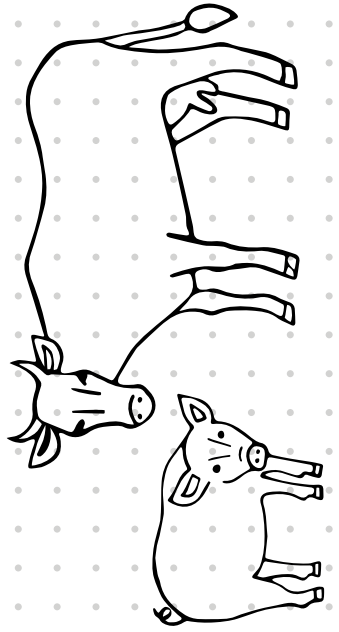
Tell about a mistake that you have made recently.

How does your life change when you know Jesus is alive?



What do you wish you had done differently?

What have you learned from making this mistake?



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