



## Unit 2

### GROUP TIME WITH

# BONUS TEACHING IDEAS

## SESSION 1

### **TRANSITION TO GROUP TIME.**

Tell each child to give a fist bump to two friends and then move to the group-time area.

**PLAY A GAME.** Roll the cube. Tell kids wearing the color the cube lands on to stand. Repeat, with kindergartners standing and sitting after each roll. When you roll the light green side with the phrase, all kids will stand and say: “Jesus is alive!” Repeat the game as time allows.

### **INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY.**

Lay the timeline on the floor. Say: “This timeline will help us remember what Jesus did at the end of His time on earth.” Point to the first printed picture on the timeline and remind the kindergartners that they heard a story about Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. Point to the other printed picture on the timeline. Say: “Days after Jesus rode into Jerusalem, He was arrested. The leaders didn’t want Jesus to preach anymore.”

**SHOW THE TOMB WORD CARD.** Talk about the definition.

**TELL THE BIBLE STORY.** Open the Bible to John 20 and tell the Bible story in your own words.

### **Jesus Is Alive!** John 20:1-18

Jesus had been arrested. Later Jesus was taken to a hill outside Jerusalem. He died on a cross. Two men took Jesus’ body from the cross and put it in a tomb. They rolled a large stone over the entrance to the tomb to close it.

Three days later Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved and the tomb was empty.

Mary ran to tell the disciples. John and Peter ran to the tomb and looked inside. Jesus was not there.

Peter and John left but Mary stayed at the tomb, crying.

Mary saw a man nearby. The man asked, “Why are you crying? Who are you looking for?”

Mary thought the man was the gardener. She said, “If you took Jesus away, tell me where He is.”

The man said, “Mary.”

She recognized the voice. The man was Jesus! Jesus told her to go tell the disciples. Mary ran back to the disciples.

Mary said, “I have seen Jesus! Jesus is alive!”

**RECALL THE BIBLE STORY.** Show the teaching picture. Encourage the kids to talk about what they see and what they remember from the Bible story.

**SAY THE BIBLE VERSE.** Lay the “Timeline Cards” on the floor. Help the kids put the pictures in order on the timeline. Open the Bible to the marked verse and read the verse. Repeat the verse with the kids. Say the verse in a regular voice, in a soft whisper, and in a loud voice. Say: “Jesus died on the cross but He rose from the dead and is alive!”

**REVIEW THE TIMELINE.** Point to the first picture on the timeline and lead kids to tell what happened first. Point to each picture and recall each event. Read the statement across the top of the timeline—God sent Jesus because God loves and cares for people.

**SAY THE UNIT VERSE.** Show the “1 John 4:10” poster (Pack Item 5) and read the verse. Lead the kindergartners to stand and sit as they say the verse—standing on the first word, sitting on the second word, and so forth.

**PLAY AND SING “LET’S ALL CELEBRATE JESUS.”** Pray, thanking God that your church can celebrate Easter because Jesus is alive. Sing the song again.

**WRAP IT UP.** Show “Jesus Is Alive!” video.