



Unit 2

GROUP TIME WITH

BONUS TEACHING IDEAS

SESSION 2

TRANSITION TO GROUP TIME.

Play “God Loved Us” as kids gather for group time. Point to the “Unit 2 Banner” and help kindergartners read the words.

TOSS A BEANBAG TO A CHILD.

Ask him to say his name. Clap the syllables of his name. He can toss the beanbag back to you. Toss to another child. Allow her to say her name. Clap the syllables. Continue with each child.

REVIEW STORIES. Display the timeline with the pictures from the last session. Lead the kids to look at each picture on the timeline and recall the events that had happened through Jesus’ resurrection. Sing “Let’s All Celebrate Jesus.” Say: “Today we will learn what happened next.”

TELL THE BIBLE STORY. Remind kids that Jesus died on a cross and was placed in a tomb. But the tomb was empty. Mary had told the disciples she saw Jesus, and He was alive! Show the *doubt* word card. Talk about the word and its meaning. Tell the kindergartners to listen for the word in the story. Open the Bible to John 20. Hold it open as you tell the Bible story.

Thomas Saw Jesus John 20:19-31

Because the disciples were afraid of the Jews, they were meeting in a room with the doors locked. The disciple named Thomas was not with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus was suddenly standing in the room with the disciples. Jesus said, “Peace be with you,” and showed them the wounds on His hands and His side.

The disciples were happy to see Jesus. They listened to the things that Jesus said.

The other disciples were excited to tell Thomas, “We saw Jesus!” Thomas *doubted* what the men said. “Unless I see and touch the wounds in His hands and side myself,” Thomas said, “I cannot believe it is true.”

A week later, the disciples, including Thomas, were gathered again in the house. Jesus came in and stood among them, even though the door was locked.

Jesus spoke to Thomas. “Touch my hand. Touch my side. Believe that it is true that I am alive.”

Thomas said, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said that any people who believed in Him without seeing were blessed.

FIND THE BIBLE STORY. Place a sticky note in the Bible at John 20. Play “66 Books” and pass the Bible around the group. Stop the music. Help the child holding the Bible to open it to the sticky note and point to the Bible story. Restart the music. Begin passing the Bible again. Repeat for several turns.

RECALL THE BIBLE STORY. Display the teaching picture. Clap the syllables: *Je-sus* twice. Add card 5 to the timeline. Say: “Jesus appeared to His disciples.” Clap the syllables: *Tho-mas* twice. Add card 6 to the timeline.

MAKE A CHRIST CONNECTION.

Say: “Thomas was not there when Jesus first appeared. Later, Jesus came again and Thomas saw Him. Thomas saw that Jesus had been raised from the dead and was alive.” Point to the words of the Life Point as you say it. Lead kids to repeat it with you.

MOVE TOGETHER. Play “The Dancin’ Song” and lead the kindergartners to move with the song, following the motions.

REPEAT THE BIBLE VERSE. Open the Bible to 1 John 4:10 and read the verse. Call attention to the words on the poster. Point to the words as you say them with the kids. Use sticky notes to cover one or two words. Say the verse again, pausing for the kids to say the missing words.

WRAP IT UP. Show “Thomas Saw Jesus” video.