



## LESSON SNAPSHOT

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**OBJECTIVE:**

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**KEY PASSAGE:**

Isaiah 53, Jesus' Death Predicted

**MEMORY VERSE:**

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**SUMMARY:**

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**SIMPLE PRAYER:**

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for your plan to save us from sin.*

*In Jesus' name,  
Amen*



## MEMORY VERSE

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*“So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.” John 8:36 (NLT)*

*“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.” John 8:36 (KJV)*

### **LARGE GROUP:**

Divide the room into girls and boys. Have the boys read the verse aloud, then have the girls read it aloud. Who can read the loudest?

### **SMALL GROUP:**

Ask if anyone already has this verse memorized from previous memory verse studies. Have those kids recite the verse by themselves, then review it with the other kids.



## SKIT

### ESCAPE ROOM: RIDDLE ME THIS!

#### ITEMS NEEDED:

A smart phone

Optional: Egyptian tomb props

#### CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

1F, 2M

#### CHARACTERS:

Pharaoh - Voice only

Alise and Jeremy - Kids in an Escape Room

*Alise and Jeremy enter.*

PHARAOH: *(voice)* Welcome to The Tomb of the Pharaoh! You have violated the sanctity of my final resting place! If you ever want to see the light of day, you must find the clues that lead to your escape. If you do not, you are dooooooomed!

*Alise pulls her phone out to do a live stream.*

ALISE: Hi everyone! It's me, Alise, here on the strip in Vacation City. I wanted to go to the wax museum. I wanted to take selfies with wax figures of Marilyn Monroe and Taylor Swift! But no! I'm here in some boring ancient tomb with my brother Jeremy. Say hi, Jeremy.

JEREMY: Put the phone down, Alise! We need to look for clues!

ALISE: Umm, here's a clue. I don't like dark places. I don't like scary movies! So maybe – mystery solved! - we shouldn't have entered The Tomb of the Pharaoh!

JEREMY: You know, the sooner you start having fun and play along, the sooner we can go to your wax museum!

ALISE: And how do I do that?

# SKIT

JEREMY: Look for clues.

ALISE: Look for clues? Seriously? Should I start calling you Shaggy?

JEREMY: You know this is the top-rated attraction in Vacation City!

ALISE: Rated by who, nerds?

JEREMY: Just look for the clues, okay?

ALISE: I don't know what kind of clues you want me to find!

JEREMY: Look everywhere! It'll probably be some place you least expect.

ALISE: Now how's that supposed to help me? If it's the place I least expect, then I'll be expecting it to be in the place I least expect. Does that mean the clues will be in the place I most expect?

JEREMY: I don't know! It'll be one of those things that after we find it we'll say, "It was right there all along! How could I miss it?"

ALISE: You mean like Isaiah?

JEREMY: Isaiah who?

ALISE: I don't know his last name! All I know is that his first name was Isaiah and he wrote a big, long book in the Bible.

JEREMY: What has that got to do with this?

ALISE: Isaiah wrote down all these clues about Jesus! He predicted Jesus would die for our sins like hundreds of years before He was born. And after Jesus rose from the dead everyone was like, (*slaps her forehead*) "How did we miss this? It was right in front of us the whole time!"

JEREMY: Okay, I wasn't expecting a Sunday School lesson, but yes, that's what I mean.

# SKIT

ALISE: It's kinda cool when you think about it. How cool for Isaiah, am I right? He knew all this stuff way before it happened. He knew Jesus was gonna escape His own tomb and save us all from sin!

JEREMY: Just like the builder of this tomb knew we'd need a way to escape and left clues for us! Look, the hieroglyphics! All we have to do is arrange the symbols on the columns in the order we see on the wall, and we can escape.

ALISE: Or we can follow the red, shiny sign in the corner.

JEREMY: What red, shiny sign?

ALISE: The one that says Exit? It was right there the whole time, just like Isaiah!

*Alise exits.*

JEREMY: Alise! That's the fire exit!

*A siren blares.*

PHARAOH: Attention, the Tomb is on fire! Please follow the signs to the fire exit.

JEREMY: Oh brother.

*Jeremy exits as Pharaoh adds:*

PHARAOH: Don't forget to rate us on Trip Advisor!



## OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

### ITEMS NEEDED:

A jigsaw puzzle

What's the largest puzzle you've ever put together? Who has built a puzzle with 100 pieces? 200 pieces? 500? Has anyone ever attempted 1000 pieces?

Solving jigsaw puzzles isn't that much different than solving riddles. You look at the big picture and search for little clues – colors, shapes, patterns – to help you figure out where the pieces go. Each piece of the puzzle is like a clue in a riddle, when you figure out their proper place, you can solve the puzzle.

The Old Testament prophecies about Jesus were a puzzle. They were riddles the people never truly solved until people saw the big picture. Only then did they realize what Isaiah meant when he said, „By His wounds, we are healed.“ Today they are no longer a riddle. They are clues that show us that God really did have a plan all along to save us from sin. Let's thank God for the riddles and thank Him for the solution to our sin problem. Let's thank Him for what Jesus did on the cross!



# LARGE GROUP GAME

## ESCAPE ROOM ACTIVITY

Each week, instead of a game, the kids will help one of your kid min workers who is “trapped” in an escape room to try to break out. There are a few ways you can stage this. If you have the means, you can live stream the kid min worker on a video screen and have them deliver the puzzle and clues over video. Or, you can have one of the other workers appear on stage and tell the kids that this worker is trapped and has sent a note asking for help.

This week, the kids will learn that the kid min worker has been trapped and has no idea how to escape. He/she is in a room with strange markings on the walls that the kids must decipher.

## INTRODUCTION

Kids, I need your help! I’ve been trapped in some sort of escape room, and I can’t make it in to share this week’s object lesson. I need help getting out of here, and I am hoping you can put the clues together to help me get out. I have a journal from someone who previously escaped this room, and the first clue he left me is, “Look in the mirror.” The only problem is, there is no mirror in here! There’s no mirror! Just these strange markings on the wall. I’m sending these to you, and I hope maybe you can help me figure out what he means by look in the mirror.

## THE CLUE

The clue is the words SOLVE THE RIDDLES written backwards. In order to solve the puzzle, kids will have to either read backwards or hold up a mirror to the letters and read. Let the kids work this out themselves.

## THE WRAP UP

Great job, kids. You solved this riddle, and it looks like in the coming weeks, we will have to solve a few more. Remember that long before Jesus was born, God gave His people riddles that revealed clues about who Jesus was. Isaiah said he would be pierced for our sins and that by His wounds, we would be healed. Although no one understood these riddles until after Jesus rose from the grave, they show us that God had a plan all along to save us from sin. Jesus died so we could have new life, and by His wounds, we are forgiven. Let’s thank God for His marvelous plan to help us escape from sin!



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**INTRO:**

Who do you think is Batman's most dangerous super-villain? Most people would probably say it's The Joker or The Penguin, but you could make a very strong case for The Riddler. While The Riddler's appearances in TV and movies have been played mostly for laughs, in the comics, The Riddler is no one to laugh at!

The Riddler is called The Riddler because he loves riddles. He loves creating these intricate puzzles, using word play to deceive and baffle Batman and the Gotham Police. Every riddle seems obvious afterwards when you find the answer, but it's the race to find the answer that proves to be a challenge. Batman knows if he doesn't solve the riddle in time, something truly awful will happen.

The Riddler would probably feel right at home in an Escape Room. Escape Rooms are filled with riddles to solve, and the faster you solve them, the sooner you can make your escape. What families and friends find challenging, he'd solve in an instant. He's made so many „escape rooms“ for Batman to solve, he practically wrote the book on them. If Batman fails to escape, then certain doom awaits, but even at his worst, The Riddler always provides a way out – if Batman can find it.

We're just a few weeks away from Easter. Not only is Easter one of the most important days on the Christian calendar, it's a great escape story. It's the day we celebrate Christ's escape from the tomb, an escape that enables all of us to escape the punishment for sin. And just like any escape room, there were riddles hinting at this escape long before Jesus was born. We're going to start our Easter journey in the book of Isaiah. Isaiah was a prophet whose words often sounded like riddles to the children of Israel. Yet all of these „riddles“ held clues as to who Jesus was, what He would do, and how He would do it.

**READ ISAIAH 53**



# LARGE GROUP LESSON

## **MAIN POINT:**

If you know the Easter story, you know exactly what this chapter is about. It's all about Jesus! Jesus was born the child of a poor carpenter and his young wife. He grew up with very little, far from the luxuries of the king's palace. He spent His life serving the needs of the poor, the sick, and the outcasts. He humbled Himself and became the servant of others.

Jesus was accused and convicted of a crime He did not commit. He was sentenced to death and hung on a cross. Even though He was without sin, He died so that through his death, He could forgive our sins and give us eternal life.

Prophecies like Isaiah's were hard to understand before Jesus came, but in retrospect, we understand the riddle. Jesus came to help us escape from sin, and He did it by escaping His own tomb!

## **DRIVE IT HOME:**

Riddles are a lot easier to understand once you know the answer. Here's an example. "I am more powerful than God, and more evil than the devil. Rich people want me. Poor people have me. If you eat me, you will die, and if you close your eyes, you can see me. What am I?"

The answer is... Nothing! Nothing is more powerful than God. Nothing is more evil than the devil. Rich people want nothing, and poor people have nothing. If you eat nothing, you will die, and if you close your eyes, you see nothing. Once you know the answer, once you see the big picture, you understand!

God gave us the prophecies of men like Isaiah so we would know and believe that Jesus is the Christ. No one in Isaiah's time could possibly understand these words, but when Jesus rose from the grave, His followers understood clearly. Jesus shed his blood to pay for our sins. He suffered and died so we would not have to suffer an eternal death. He took the punishment for our sins upon Himself, and because He died, we can be forgiven!

Jesus did more than escape from a tomb on Easter Sunday. He showed us how we could escape the punishment for sin. If we believe in Jesus as His followers did, we will not die an eternal death. He will raise us up to live for all eternity with Him in Heaven. Easter is a time to celebrate Christ's resurrection. It's a time to celebrate our own escape from the price of sin. Jesus died so that we could live. If we believe the words of the prophets that Jesus is our Savior, we will receive the gift of eternal life!

# LARGE GROUP LESSON

## **CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:**

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## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

### ICEBREAKER:

Have you ever been in an escape room?

### MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

John 8:36

Ask if anyone already has this verse memorized from previous memory verse studies. Have those kids recite the verse by themselves, then review it with the other kids.

### SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Have the kids play a few rounds of charades.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

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Who is Isaiah talking about?

How is this chapter like a riddle?

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# POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

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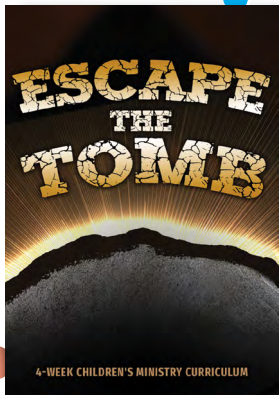
God spoke to Israel through \_\_\_\_\_, men who delivered God's messages to the people.  
PROPHETS

The prophet \_\_\_\_\_ wrote about how Jesus would suffer and die for our sins.  
ISAIAH

Isaiah said that by His \_\_\_\_\_ we would be healed.  
WOUNDS

Isaiah wrote about Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ He was born.  
BEFORE

\_\_\_\_\_ had a plan to save us from sin from the very beginning!  
GOD



# MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

## Escape the Tomb Lesson 1

### THIS WEEK'S LESSON: SOLVE THE RIDDLES



#### IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

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#### HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Look up some riddles online and quiz each other. Then ask your kids how the words of Isaiah 53 were like a riddle before Jesus' birth.



#### AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- What did Isaiah write about Jesus?
- Why is it important that God spoke about Jesus long before He was born?
- What was God's plan for saving us from sin?



#### AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

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#### PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

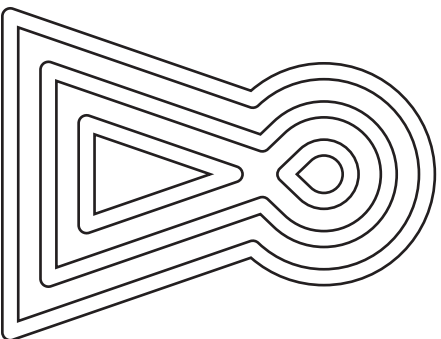
People did not understand the prophecies about Jesus before He was born. They were written like riddles, and it was only after the resurrection people understood their meaning: God had a plan to save us from sin from the very beginning! The prophecies and the life of Jesus show us that God loves us and wanted to save us.



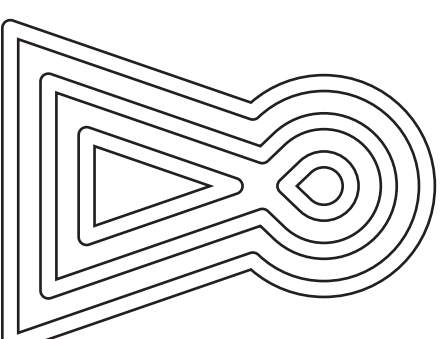


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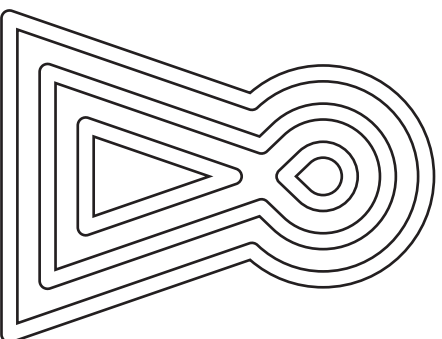
Let the kids work in groups to create their own Easter themed riddle. Have the kids write the riddle down (or have adult leaders write it for them) so they can share the riddle with their families.



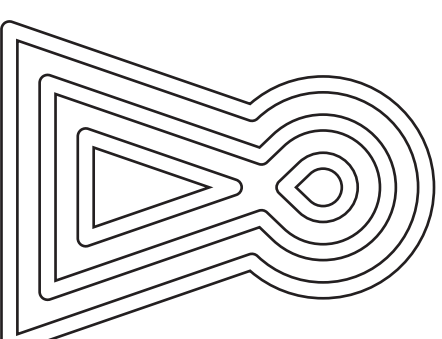
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