



## LESSON SNAPSHOT

**BOTTOM LINE:**

God wants us to stick with Jesus.

**OBJECTIVE:**

Kids will say they must choose to stick with Jesus.

**KEY PASSAGE:**

Mark 14:43-50, Mark 15:6-15, The Disciples Flee and the Crowds Say Crucify

**MEMORY VERSE:**

“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” John 8:36 (NIV)

**SUMMARY:**

In an escape room, everyone must work together or there is no hope of escape! The disciples abandoned Jesus in His moment of greatest need, and the crowds turned on Jesus. In spite of all this, Jesus still fulfilled His mission and made a way for our escape.

**SIMPLE PRAYER:**

*Dear God,*

*Help us to stick close to you, even when no one else does.*

*In Jesus' name,*

*Amen*



## MEMORY VERSE

*So if the Son of Man sets you free, you will really be free.” John 8:36 (NIRV)*

*“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” John 8:36 (NIV)*

*“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:**

Write each word of the verse on a poster board. Bring enough kids on stage so each kid can hold one of the words. Then have the kids unscramble the words and put them in order on stage so it can be read by the audience.

### **SMALL GROUP:**

Look at the verses surrounding this passage or read the whole chapter so you can hear this verse in context. What was happening? How do the verses before and after the memory verse help you understand its meaning?



## SKIT

### ESCAPE ROOM: STICK TOGETHER

#### ITEMS NEEDED:

Optional: Egyptian tomb props

#### CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

2F, 1M

#### CHARACTERS:

Pharaoh - Voice only

Mary and Jamie - Kids in an Escape Room

*Jamie and Mary 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 doooooooooomed!

JAMIE: Did you hear that Mary? If we don't find the clues, we are doooooooooomed!

MARY: I heard him! I heard him!

JAMIE: What are we gonna do, Mary? I'm too young to die!

MARY: Jamie, get ahold of yourself! It's just a tourist attraction!

JAMIE: Yeah, but it's a really scary one!

MARY: Scariest than the wax museum?

JAMIE: Okay maybe not that scary, but it's still scary.

MARY: I hear you. Those wax figures of BTS will be haunting my dreams!

# SKIT

JAMIE: We have to find these clues to get out. But how?

MARY: Same way they do on Scooby Doo. We split up.

JAMIE: Split up??? You're not leaving me!

MARY: If we split up, we can find the clues faster!

JAMIE: Or we can meet our doom faster!

MARY: Why are you so afraid of splitting up?

JAMIE: Oh I don't know. Maybe every scary movie ever?

MARY: Scary movies aren't real.

JAMIE: What about the disciples? Remember when they split up?

MARY: How could I forget? Jesus was arrested, they all got scared, and they all abandoned Him!

JAMIE: Exactly. They went into hiding, all except two of them.

MARY: And only one of them stayed with Jesus to the end because Peter got scared and denied Him!

JAMIE: I don't want that to be me, Mary. I'm going to stick with you too!

MARY: I'm going to stick with you. And I'm going to stick with Jesus no matter what!

JAMIE: Me too!

PHARAOH: Well it seems the two of you have discovered the secret to survival. You must stick together, but more important, you must stick to Jesus. Now, I can set you free from my Tomb!

# SKIT

MARY: Really?

PHARAOH: No, not really! You paid your twenty bucks. Now get to looking for those clues.

JAMIE: Come on, Mary. Let's stick together and beat this!



## OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

### ITEMS NEEDED:

A few pieces of paper

A phone book

*Bring one of the kids up on stage. Ask them to rip a single piece of paper in half. Ask them how hard it was. Then give them two sheets of paper to rip. Ask them how hard that was. Now give them the phone book, and ask them to rip it in half.*

The pages of this phone book are thinner than the pages we already ripped in half. You'd think that they would be easier to tear, right? But when the pages stick together, they don't tear.

When Jesus was arrested, His disciples broke apart. They were frightened by the mob, and they ran and hid. Only one had the courage to stick with Jesus to the very end. If the others had stuck with Jesus, they might have found the courage to be with Him even at the very end.

Jesus wants us to stick with Him no matter what. Jesus will be the bond that holds us all together and makes us strong, like the pages of this book. If we stick to Jesus, nothing can tear us down. We will stand strong so that others will see that they too can find strength in Jesus!



# LARGE GROUP GAME

## ESCAPE ROOM ACTIVITY

Each week, instead of a traditional object lesson, 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 decipher two riddles that will bring the kid min worker one step closer to escape.

## INTRODUCTION

Hey, kids! Thanks for your help last week. I’ve been searching for clues in this chamber, trying to find a way out, and I found two riddles written on the wall.

Here’s the first: “Rub two of me the wrong way, we make sparks. What am I?” (Stick)

Here’s the second: “Peanut butter and jelly. Snoopy and Charlie Brown. Batman and Robin. Salt and pepper. All of these things go with me. What am I?” (Together)

Let the kids discuss the meaning of the riddles and see if they can solve on their own.

## THE WRAP UP

Wow, kids, great detective work. Stick. Together. You know that’s good advice. If I had anyone in this place with me, I’d make sure we stuck together so we could escape together. But I am not alone in here, and you are never alone either. Jesus is always with us, and if we stick with Jesus, we can face any challenge. Thanks for helping me solve the riddles. I think I am getting closer to making my escape. As soon as I find some more clues, I will be in touch!



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**INTRO:**

I don't know about you, but when I was a kid, I used to watch a TV show about a group of kids and their dog who were always making narrow escapes. Every week, they pulled their van up to a spooky mansion, an abandoned airfield, an abandoned amusement park, or some other creepy place. Every week, when they arrived, they discovered a mystery. And every week, when they set their minds to solving that mystery, they would split up and look for clues.

I don't know about you, but if I was ever in an abandoned amusement park with a bunch of friends, the last thing I would want to do is split up. I don't care if we can cover more territory by splitting up. What if we split up and something happens to my friends? Or even worse, what if we split up and something bad happens to me? Will my friends ever know what happened to me?

In an escape room, everyone's usually stuck together. There's no splitting up and searching the house for clues, but that doesn't mean a group can't be splintered. Friendships and family ties are often put to the test in an escape room. The problem is groups that splinter and don't work together usually lose. It's the groups that stick together that come out winners.

On the night before Jesus died on the cross, Jesus urged His disciples to pray and not only stick together but stay close to God. Jesus knew what was about to happen, and even as He warned His friends to stick together, He knew almost all of them were going to fall away. These were men who had traveled with Jesus for three years straight. They knew Him, loved Him, and trusted Him. But when push came to shove, almost all of them split up and ran for the hills.

**READ MARK 14:43-50**



# LARGE GROUP LESSON

Not only did the disciples split and run for the hills, the crowds who had welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem only a few days before turned on Him as well. Instead of sticking with God, they followed the crowd and called for His death.

## **READ MARK 15:6-15**

### **MAIN POINT:**

Everything that happened to Jesus happened for a reason, and none of it came as a surprise. Jesus knew His disciples would abandon Him. He knew the crowds that waved palm branches and cried, „Hosanna!“ would wave their fists and cry, „Crucify!“ He knew He had to endure all that shame so that He could pay for their sins – even the sin of their betrayal.

Even though Jesus knew it was going to happen, the bottom line is it didn't have to happen. If Peter, James, Andrew, Bartholomew, and the others stuck with God, they would have found the faith John did to follow Jesus to the cross. If the crowds stuck with God, they would have mourned His death with Mary Magdalene and the other ladies at the cross. God can give us the strength and courage to stand with Him, alone or together, in the hardest of times. We need to stick close to God in good times so we will stay close in the bad. We need to stick together as believers so that God can strengthen us as a group to stand for what is right!

### **DRIVE IT HOME:**

It's sad to know that Jesus was practically alone when he went to the cross. Only one of the twelve disciples was there on Golgotha when He died on the cross, and only a handful of men and women from the crowd of thousands was there to mourn His death. It was the loneliest, saddest moment of Jesus' life. Yet Jesus endured that shame so that we would never have to face any situation alone. If we believe in Jesus as our Savior, we have the Holy Spirit. God's presence lives in our hearts so that we can face any challenge with Him!

History tells us that many of the men and women who bailed on Jesus that weekend found the courage to stick with Jesus after His resurrection. Ten of the twelve disciples died for sharing their faith. They stuck with Jesus, and even in death, they shared the good news with others.

Because they stuck with Jesus, the good news about Jesus spread. Because of their faith, we are here today growing our faith!

Sticking together is what we do every Sunday. We gather as believers from multiple neighborhoods and multiple schools here at church with a common purpose: to worship the Lord and draw closer to Him. Through the skits, the lessons, the games, and our other activities, our goal is to strengthen our faith so that we may have the same faith as the disciples.

# LARGE GROUP LESSON

We may never face the same persecution the early church did, but even if we do, we can find strength by sticking to God and sticking with one another.

There is strength in numbers. We know this because we know the strength our family and friends give us. If we stick together, we will stand strong. And even if there's no one to stand with us, we know we are not alone. We can stand with Jesus, and He will give us courage in our most difficult moments. Let's stand with Jesus when we're nervous. Let's stick with Him when we are afraid. Jesus will give us strength, and He will not let us fall!

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

*Dear Jesus,*

*Help us to stick close to you, even when no one else does.*

*In Jesus' name,*

*Amen*



## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

### ICEBREAKER:

Who would you rather attempt an escape room with: your family or your friends? Why?

### MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

John 8:36

Look at the verses surrounding this passage or read the whole chapter so you can hear this verse in context. What was happening? How do the verses before and after the memory verse help you understand its meaning?

### SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Have the kids play a few rounds of Duck Duck Goose

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Mark 14:43-50, Mark 15:6-15,

What did the disciples do when Jesus was arrested?

What did the crowd do when Jesus was put on trial?

How many disciples follow Jesus all the way to the cross?

What does God want us to do when times get tough?

Can sticking with our Christian friends help us stick closer to God?

### SIMPLE PRAYER:

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for loving us in spite of our failures.*

*In Jesus' name,*

*Amen*



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Why did the disciples run when Jesus was arrested?

Why did the crowd that cheered for Jesus cry "Crucify Him"?

Why did Jesus die for people who turned against Him?

Why does God want us to stick to Jesus?

How can sticking together help us stick closer to Jesus?

### SIMPLE PRAYER:

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# POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

## TRUE OR FALSE

Jesus' disciples never left His side when He was arrested.

FALSE

The same crowd that cried "Crucify Him!" waved palm branches and welcomed Him a week earlier.

TRUE

Only one disciple followed Jesus to the cross, John.

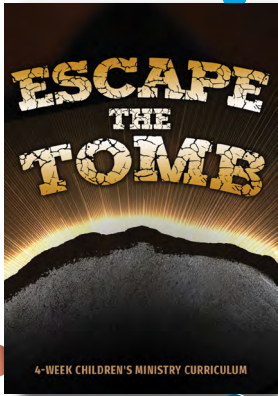
TRUE

When Jesus saw everyone turned from Him, He chose not to die for us.

FALSE

God wants us to stick close to Jesus.

TRUE



# MAKE IT STICK

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

## Escape the Tomb Lesson 2

### THIS WEEK'S LESSON: STICK TOGETHER



#### 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:

Ask your kids how they think Jesus felt when everyone abandoned Him. Ask them how sticking to Jesus can help them through hard times.



#### AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Why did everyone turn against Jesus when He was arrested?
- Why did Jesus still die on the cross after everyone turned away from Him?
- Why do we need to stick with Jesus?



#### AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." John 8:36 (NIV)



#### PARENT TIME:

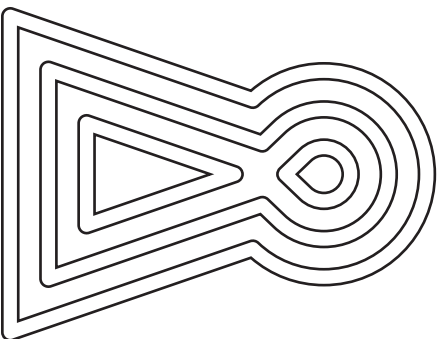
What you need to know:

On good days and bad, we need Jesus. We need to stick with Him so that we can face the challenges of day to day life, especially when life gets overwhelming. Say a prayer for your kids to have a faith that will always stick with Jesus.

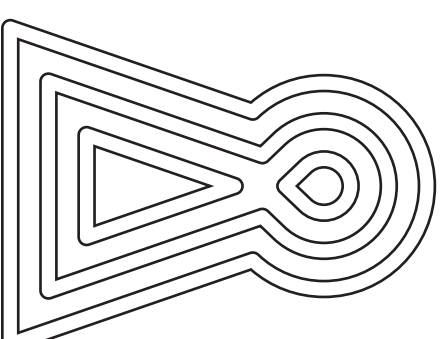


## CRAFT ACTIVITY

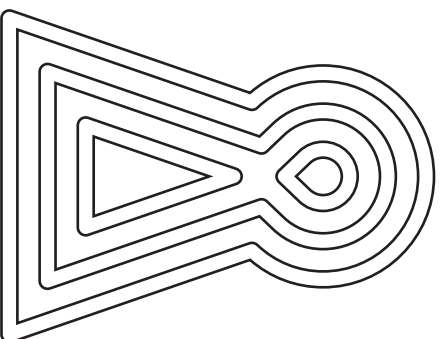
Have the kids make friendship bracelets, twisting three different colors of strand together to represent them, a friend, and Jesus. Then let the kids exchange them with friends they have in the group!



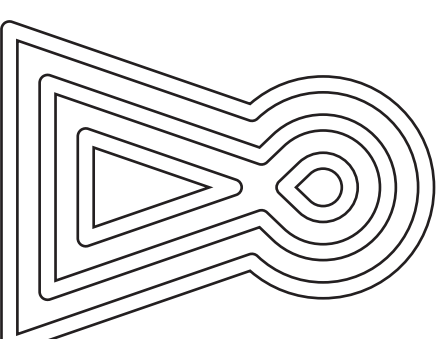
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