



LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

Jesus wants to give us eternal life.

OBJECTIVE:

Kids will say that if they trust in Jesus, they can escape the punishment of sin.

KEY PASSAGE:

Mark 16:1-8, Jesus is Alive

MEMORY VERSE:

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

SUMMARY:

Of all the dramatic escapes in history, none can match the drama of Jesus escaping from the tomb. If we place our faith in Jesus, we can escape sin and live a new life.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for the promise of eternal life!

*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:

See which group can recite the memory verse from memory the loudest - the boys or the girls.

SMALL GROUP:

Without putting the verse on display or looking it up, see how many kids can recite the memory verse.



SKIT

ESCAPE ROOM: FREE!

ITEMS NEEDED:

A desk, a chair, a computer, and a microphone

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

1F, 1M

CHARACTERS:

Kevin and Bailey - Workers at the Escape Room

Kevin sits at a desk with a microphone in front of him and a computer. He picks up the microphone.

KEVIN: *(doing the voice of the Pharaoh)* Congratulations on your escape from my Tomb! You have solved the riddles, stuck together, and escaped certain doom. Thank you for visiting my final resting place, The Tomb of the Pharaoh! Be sure to rate your experience on Trip Advisor!

Kevin sets down the microphone. Bailey enters.

BAILEY: Well, that's it. Last tour of the day has escaped the tomb.

KEVIN: That means it's time for us to make our escape!

BAILEY: Boy, what a crazy day, huh? First, we had that lady go out the fire door.

KEVIN: I'm surprised that doesn't happen more often.

BAILEY: Then we had those two girls who almost split up.

KEVIN: That never works out.

ESCAPE THE TOMB: FREE!

SKIT

BAILEY: And then that weird computer glitch trapped those two guys inside.

KEVIN: They were pretty cool about it, especially after I gave them free T-shirts and water bottles.

BAILEY: You talked to them for a long time. What was that all about?

KEVIN: They were telling me about a man named Jesus, who died for my sins and escaped from His own tomb. Ever heard of Him?

BAILEY: Heard of Him? Kevin, He's the reason I take off every Sunday.

KEVIN: You don't work Sundays?

BAILEY: No! I go to church with my family on Sunday.

KEVIN: So you believe in Him too?

BAILEY: I do.

KEVIN: I don't know. It sounds kind of far-fetched to me. You walk in any tomb in Egypt, you're going to find the guy they buried still in the casket.

BAILEY: But you won't find Jesus in a tomb anywhere.

KEVIN: Why not?

BAILEY: He is not dead. He is risen! He lives in Heaven where He is preparing a place for everyone who believes in Him.

KEVIN: Wow, you really believe it's true!

BAILEY: With all my heart.

KEVIN: You know, I'm off this Sunday. Maybe I could go to church with you and hear more?

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BAILEY: Why wait 'til then? Let's go get some dinner and I can tell you more.

KEVIN: You're serious. You really believe Jesus is alive. That He escaped His tomb and lives in Heaven.

BAILEY: And because I believe in Him, I will have eternal life in Heaven with Him.

KEVIN: Now that sounds really cool.

BAILEY: That's the story of Easter. He is not dead. He is risen! And because He lives, we can live forever.



OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

ITEMS NEEDED:

A key

You know what would make Escape Rooms a lot simpler? A key. If we could just find a key that would unlock the door, we could save a lot of time and trouble searching for clues and racing the clock. Of course if getting out of the Escape Room was as simple as finding and using a key, it wouldn't be very fun. It also wouldn't be worth the price of admission!

On Easter, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. We celebrate His escape from the tomb and our escape from sin. When Jesus died and rose from the grave, He received the key to setting us free from sin. If we believe in Jesus, He will set us free. He will give us eternal life.

What a blessing to know that we can have a new life! Let's thank Jesus for giving us a way to escape from sin!



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 arrange drawings depicting the Easter story in order so the kid min worker can escape!

INTRODUCTION

Hey kids! I think I’ve found a way out of this place, but before I can escape, it looks like there’s one more puzzle to solve. I have to arrange these four drawings in some kind of order, but I can’t figure out how. Maybe you can take a look and solve the puzzle? I can’t wait to get out of this chamber. It’s Easter Sunday, and I’m ready for some eggs. Not just chocolate eggs, but any eggs. I’m getting hungry in here!

THE CLUES

Show the kids four drawings (in mixed up order): One of the bread and wine (communion), one of the crown of thorns, one of the cross, and one of the empty tomb. These can be very simple line drawings.

WRAP UP

Guys, it worked! I’m finally free, and just in time for Easter! As happy as I am to finally be out of that tomb, my joy is nothing compared to the joy of knowing Jesus escaped from His tomb. Because He rose from the grave, I can be free of sin. Happy Easter, everyone! Jesus is risen!



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For everyone who enters an escape room, there is only one of two fates. Either you will stand before a camera holding a sign saying you escaped, or you will stand before a camera holding a sign that said you failed!

For those who fail to escape, there's usually some blame thrown around. There's a lot of second guessing, and a lot of kidding. But there's also a lot of laughter and forgiveness. After all, it was just a game, and you were in there with family and friends. Can you really stay mad at them?

For those who do escape, there's a victory celebration. There will be hugs, high fives, cheers, and probably a celebratory trip for dinner or dessert. In either case, win or lose, the people who entered the Escape Room together come out of it closer. For this reason, Escape Rooms are popular not just as family outings but work outings. Nothing bonds people together quite like an artificial scenario where you must escape or die.

Well, almost nothing. It is Easter today, and this is the day we celebrate the greatest escape story ever told. This is the day we remember that Jesus escaped from His tomb! It's the day Jesus conquered sin and death. It's the day He picked up the key to set all of us free from sin! Because Jesus escaped the tomb, we can have eternal life. Because Jesus escaped the tomb, we come together every week to worship His name.

Let's go back and revisit that first Easter Sunday. Let's relive the story of the greatest morning in all of human history, the day Jesus set us free!

READ MARK 16:1-8

LARGE GROUP LESSON

MAIN POINT:

You may remember from last week that the last time anyone saw Jesus, He was being laid on a stone slab inside a dark tomb. Jesus had died the cruelest death imaginable, and all of His friends believed He was doomed. His mission to save the world was over. He had lost.

But death was not the end. Not for Jesus! Jesus was the Son of God. He rose from the grave on Sunday morning, and He changed the course of human history. Jesus paid the price for sin once and for all. We can all have our sins forgiven. We can all have eternal life. Because Jesus escaped the tomb, we can escape the punishment for sin. We can have eternal life and spend that eternity in Heaven with Jesus.

DRIVE IT HOME:

Easter isn't just about Jesus escaping the tomb. It's about Jesus setting us free from sin. Just as one act of sin doomed us all in Genesis chapter three, this one miraculous act of God that raised Jesus from the dead set us free. We are no longer doomed to suffer the wages of sin. We can have a new life in Christ, and we can receive eternal life in Heaven.

When we think of Easter, we don't normally think about Escapes. We think about eggs, bunnies, spring flowers, and the green grass of our Easter baskets. All of these things bring us back to the new life we are offered through Jesus. An egg is new life. A bunny is new life. The green grass and flowers of spring are all new life. God wants to give us new life, and because of Easter Sunday, He is able to do so!

If you've never asked Jesus to become your Savior, we want to invite you to receive Him today. The Bible tells us if we confess that we are sinners and confess our faith that Jesus can save us from sin, our sins will be forgiven. Jesus will send His Holy Spirit to live in your heart. You can begin a new life now, walking with Jesus and growing in faith every day. You will also receive the promise of eternal life and an eternal home in a paradise called Heaven.

Easter is more than just the turning point of the Bible. It's the turning point of all human history. We do not have to remain locked up and chained down by sin. We can be free. We can escape. We can be raised up to have a new life in Jesus. Jesus is risen, and He wants to give all of us victory over sin. If you are ready to make your escape, today can be your day to say, "I am free!"

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

*Dear Jesus,
Thank you for the promise of eternal life!
In Jesus' name,
Amen*



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

ICEBREAKER:

What surprises did you find when you woke up this morning?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

John 8:36

Without putting the verse on display or looking it up, see how many kids can recite the memory verse.

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Play a game of Hot Potato with an Easter egg filled with treats to be shared.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Mark 16:1-8

Who went to the tomb on Sunday?

Who was at the tomb?

What did the angel tell Mary and the others?

What does Jesus' resurrection mean for us?

How can we have our sins forgiven and receive eternal life?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for all Jesus has done for us.

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (3-5TH)

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Mark 16:1-8

What did the women find when they went to the tomb?

Why was the tomb empty?

What does Jesus' resurrection mean for us?

How can we have our sins forgiven and receive eternal life?

Is anyone ready to give their heart to Jesus today?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

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POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

REVIEW

God sent messages to His people long before Jesus was born through people called _____.

- A. disciples
- B. priests
- C. prophets*

When Jesus was arrested, most of His disciples _____.

- A. were also arrested
- D. ran and hid*
- E. followed him to the cross

Jesus died on the cross because _____.

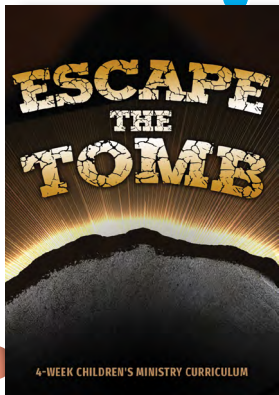
- A. He was a sinner
- F. He committed a crime
- G. He came to pay the price for our sins*

When Mary went to the tomb, she saw _____.

- A. it was still sealed
- H. it was empty*
- I. it was open but Jesus was still inside

Because He lives, Jesus can give us _____.

- A. eternal life
- J. forgiveness for our sins
- K. both A and B*



MAKE IT STICK

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

Escape the Tomb Lesson 4

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: FREE!



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 would have felt if they had gone with Mary Magdalene and found the empty tomb. Ask them why the empty tomb is so important to us as Christians.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Why was Jesus' tomb empty?
- Why did Jesus die and rise from the grave?
- How can we receive forgiveness for sins and eternal life?



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:

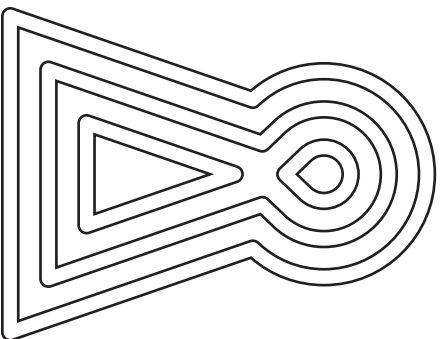
The resurrection of Jesus is the most important moment in human history. Because Jesus lives, we can have forgiveness for our sins and eternal life. Take time to praise God as a family this week for what Jesus has done for us, and if your child has made a decision to follow Christ, pray that God will bless and keep them close all their lives.

ESCAPE THE TOMB: FREE!

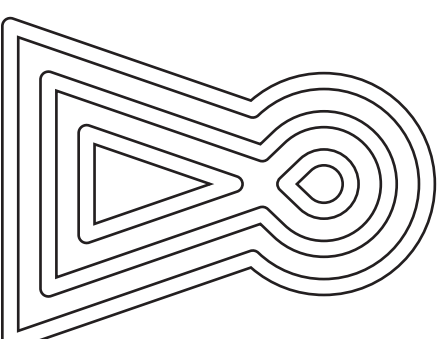


CRAFT ACTIVITY

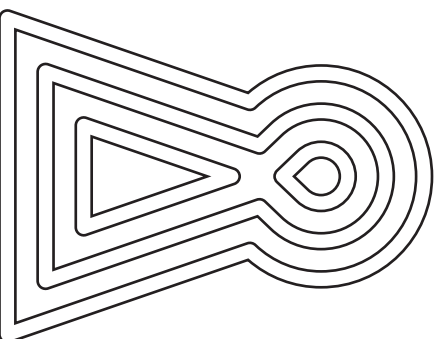
Give each of the kids a plastic Easter egg with a key inside to remind them how the empty tomb allows us to escape and be free from sin.



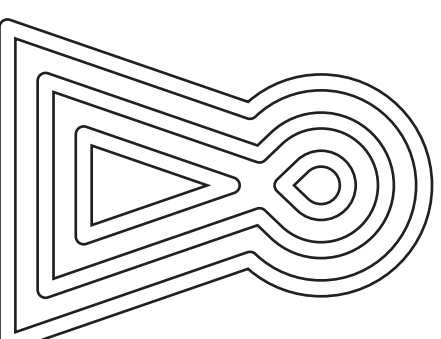
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