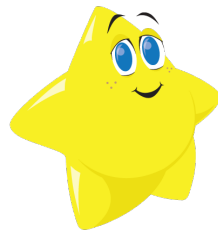


Small Group Leader Guide



Week 4

Ages 2-3

**A Happy Sunday:
The Empty Tomb**

Question

How can I be God's friend?

Answer

Jesus makes me God's friend
because I believe He lives again!

Bible Verse

Romans 10:9 NLT ... *believe in your heart
that God raised him from the dead ...*

What To Do First

Review

1. **Introduce** yourself.
2. **Say** the **Question**, **Answer**, and **Verse** together.

Read

1. **Lay** Story Cards in order.
2. **Point** to the first card.
3. **Read** the caption.
4. **Say** the **Say With Me** statement together.
5. **Do Action** together.
6. **Repeat** steps 2-5 for Story Cards 2-3.

Remember

What's Missing?

1. **Lay** out 2 Story Cards.
2. **Ask**, "Which picture is missing?" *Kids guess.*
3. **Lay** missing Story Card in place.
4. **Repeat** steps 1-3, but **leave out** a different card.

Say With Me & Actions

**Story
Card
1**

Say With Me

Jesus died.

Action

It was sad when Jesus died. Make a sad face.

**Story
Card
2**

Say With Me

Jesus is alive!

Action

Clap and cheer to celebrate!

**Story
Card
3**

Say With Me

Jesus forgives us.

Action

Tell Jesus, "Thank You."

How To Wrap Up

Talk

Jesus forgives us.
Who can we forgive?

Pray

Ask kids what they want to talk to God about, and pray with them.

Check Out Time

Begin When Parents Arrive

1. **Combine** your Small Groups if you need to free up a leader.
2. One leader **stands** at the door to **greet** parents and **run** check out.
3. When a kid leaves, **tell** the parents something positive about their kid.
4. **Keep kids busy in small groups:**
 - Repeat Story Card activities.
 - Let kids share what's on their minds.
 - Pray together to build closer relationships.



**Romans
10:9 NLT**



**... believe in
your heart**



that God



**raised Him
from the dead, ...**