

Hang on Loop for the Loop

With You Always
Week 2 / Jesus Is Real



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Small Group Leaders Lead

Small Group Icebreaker (8 min.)

- **Introduce** yourself. **Welcome** students by name. **Check in** with them to see how they're doing.
- **Ask** students to tell you about one thing that happened this past week that they wish they could do over or relive?
- Icebreaker: **What's something that always makes you laugh, even if you're trying not to laugh or are in a bad mood?**

Welcome (30 sec.)

- Welcome everyone and say our three simple Loop rules: **Respect your leaders. Respect each other. Respect the room.**
- Invite everyone to stand for worship.

Transition to Episode (30 sec.)

- Get students excited for this week's episode of *The Loop Show!*
On this week's Loop Show, we're learning what to do with your big questions about Jesus. Let's watch!

Offering and Announcements (2 min.)

- **Recap** teaching in one sentence.
- **Celebrate** hands raised during the salvation video.
- **Show** the spot where students can give their tithes and offerings.
- **Pray** for tithes and offerings.
- **Say:** 6th graders, if you're having fun in Loop, ask your small group leader what it means to be a **Student Leader!**
- **Transition** to Activity.

Activity (10 min.)

Game Objective

Find the hidden mini Jesus figurine(s).

You'll Need

Mini Jesus figurines (10 per room)

Set Up

No additional set up required

How to Play

Say: We're learning today that Jesus is real. He is with us, and we can look for His presence everywhere. Now we're going to play a game where we'll literally look for mini Jesus figurines!

1. Students put their **heads down** and **close eyes**.
2. Leaders **walk around room** while making noises like talking, clapping hands, stomping, etc.
3. One leader very quietly **hides** up to 10 mini Jesus figurines around the room, noting where each one is hidden. **TIP:** Hide some in plain sight, some under chairs, but **DO NOT** hide any in places that would be unsafe for students to reach them.
4. When they're all hidden, students **lift heads, open eyes, and search** the room for the mini Jesus figurines.
5. After a couple of minutes, **call time's up**.
6. **Count** how many each student found, and **celebrate** the one who found the most! **Reveal** the location(s) of any that weren't found.
7. **Reset** and **play again** as time allows.

Ideas for Variation

- Hide **only one figurine**. First person to find it is the instant winner.
- Let a **student hide the figurine(s)** for a round.
- If your experience is very full, let only **one student from each small group search** for the figurines each round. (All students must still close their eyes while they're being hidden.)

Small Group Discussion (10 min.)

Today's Main Idea

Jesus is real, and He is big enough to handle your investigations.

Review Today's Big Question

What can you do when you feel like you can't see or hear God?

Review Today's Bible Verse

- **Locate Bibles** in the room, **look up** the verse together, and **talk about** what's the same and what's different if it's in a different translation.
Matthew 28:16-17 NLT *Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted!*
- Why do you think some of Jesus' disciples doubted their own eyes?

More Questions to Keep Your Group Talking

- What stood out to you the most from today's *Loop Show*? What's one thing you learned?
- Why do you think Jesus is sometimes hard to notice?
- How can you respond if someone asks a question about Jesus but you don't know the answer?
- Our challenge for this week is to look for Jesus and notice the evidence of His presence. What will help you notice Him?
- As a group, come up with ways you can keep track of where/when you notice Jesus this week—and how you can share that with one another.

Pray Together

Check in with your group. How are they doing? Anything they want to ask or thank God for? Pray together!

Leader Tip

In the bustle of Easter, you might've missed that **Good Guides bookmark 21, *Was Jesus Ever Angry?***, is available in your room. It's part of a collection of 24 bookmarks, and it's perfect for this month's series about Jesus. Encourage your students to bring one home to use in their own Bible as a guide to understanding the truth inside it!