

Picture 3: What is Jesus doing in this picture? (say with surprise) He's all grown up now! He's teaching the people about His father in Heaven. He's teaching the people how to follow God's good and right way.

Action: Can you say, "Follow God's Way! Follow God's Way!"

Picture 4: Look! Jesus is greeting children! Jesus loves children! Jesus loves you!

The Bible Says: (hold up Bible) God Loves Me!

Sing: Jesus loves the little children of the world (vs 1) Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world, red, brown, yellow, black, and white, they are precious in His sight, Jesus loves the little children of the world. (This song is not exclusive, it's inclusive, and teaches of God's love for all people- all colors.)

Action: Jesus loves all people! Jesus loves you! Can you say, "Jesus loves (say your name", I will say Mrs Debbie, that's my name, "Jesus loves ____."

Picture 5: What's Jesus doing in this picture? He's touching a sick man and healing His body. Maybe the man couldn't walk and Jesus is saying, "Stand up and walk!" Because Jesus is the Son of God and King of Kings, He could do miracles when He lived on earth. A miracle isn't something only God can do! Jesus showed God's love to all people. Even people that others didn't like, Jesus showed them love because God loves all people! He loves you and He loves me!

The Bible Says: (hold up Bible) God Loves Me!

- Does God love you when you are sick?
- Does God love you when you are mad?
- Does God love you when you are sad?
- Does God love you when you made God sad?
- Yes, God loves you and God loves all people, everywhere. He wants us to show others His love for them too.

NOTE: do not show picture 6 or 7, turn visual to the brown cross side and fully open. Explain: One day Jesus body was nailed to a cross. It was a very sad day, his friends and mom cried. His body would stop breathing

and He would die on the cross. The Bible tells us why this bad thing happened. Open Bible and read 1 Cor. 15: 3b-4.

Action: Have children quote 1 Cor 15:3b-4 using hand motions.

Jesus died (make cross with fingers) for my sin (take both pointed fingers and bend down and twirl bent fingers in air) The Bible says so (open palms facing up and side by side like an open book) and he was buried (press open hands downward) and He came back alive (palms up and raise up) the third day (number 3 with fingers) the Bible says so (palms up side by side like an open book).

Fold cross up and place in the tomb picture as explained in text.

Picture 8: Jesus body was taken off the cross and buried in what is called a tomb, here is a picture of what it might have looked like. The soldiers rolled a giant stone over the door of the tomb.

One day went by, two days, went by, and then it was the third day! Can you count to three with me?

Action: Count to three.

Jesus came back alive!!!!

Some women came with spices they wanted to put on Jesus body.

Action: bring an essential scented oil on a cotton ball on rub a bit on its child hand to smell or for a large group spray (away from the children) some scented air freshener for the children to smell. But Jesus wasn't there and the stone was rolled away!

Jesus friends, Peter and John went to the tomb early Sunday morning and the stone was rolled away! They looked inside but where is Jesus????

Action: Can you say, "Where is Jesus? "

He wasn't there! He was alive!!!! (Pull out the other cross and open it up, so children will see the ascending Jesus.)

Jesus came back alive! People saw Him! They touched Him! They ate with Him! And then they saw Him go back up into Heaven!!!! Up, up, up Jesus went up in the clouds. Jesus lives in Heaven now!

Sing using motions: Jesus Christ is risen 3x, He arose for me!

Show crown picture: He is the King of Kings! Because He is the King of Kings you and I can believe in Him. We can tell Him we are sorry for the wrong things we have done. We can thank Him for dying on the cross to take the punishment of your sin and my sin. We can tell Him we want to be a child in His forever family. You will still belong to your earth family and you will still have your mom and dad but you will also belong to God's forever family. That means I can be your (sister/brother). Point to other volunteers and they can be your brother or sister too! God will help us follow His good and right way.

Let's pray. (You can pray a salvation prayer, sentence by sentence and let the children who want to freely pray after you, as His Spirit leads. End by saying, thank you for being the King of Kings, thank you for loving me.)

Activity: Similar to the "Easter Egg Hot Potato" game recommended on page 1 of lesson text, play as suggested except when you pause the music, the child holding the egg can say, "God loves me!"

Activity: Children can color the black and white cross color sheet included in the kit in reproducible and practice folding and unfolding the cross to retell the story.

Bible Verse: Mark the verse in your Bible and choose one child to come up and help you find the verse. Whisper the verse to the child (phrase by phrase) and have the child say the verse loudly to the other children.

Use motions to help all the children learn the verse: God (raise hand open and sideways over your head and bring down in front of your face slowing) showed His love (hug yourself) for us (point to others) while we were sinners (bend both pointer finger down and twirl hands with pointed finger bent) Christ died for us (form a cross, crossing both pointer fingers).

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Up Rules: Sit up, Look up, Listen up, Zip up, Hand up: Let's all practice together, let them practice, then say thumbs up! You are doing great!

Prayer (Use short sentences and pause between sentences to let the children pray after you.)

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Lesson Introduction: Who is someone you love very much?

Picture 1: The Bible tells of a powerful King of all the universe! His home is in Heaven (Share a few facts about Heaven, God, and emphasis His love for the children.) God the Father's Son, Jesus, is the King of King.

Sing using motions: I believe in Jesus 3x, He's the King of King!

One day long long ago, Jesus, the King of kings, left His throne in Heaven to come to earth. He didn't come as an important king, He came as a little baby.

Picture 2: (fold open baby Jesus) Explain in simple language how Jesus came to earth as a baby, born in Bethlehem in a barn! Explain why (Because God loves all people). Children will like to pretend they are rocking baby Jesus in their arms.

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Jesus came to save all people from the punishment of sin. (Show pictures of children in sinful acts and explain why that act is called sin). Define sin using motions: Sin is choosing our bad and selfish way instead of God's good and right way that we learn in the Bible.

Sing using motions: You and I have sinned 3x, and it makes God sad!

Jesus didn't stay a baby He grew and grew and grew! Just like you... but one way Jesus is not like us, He didn't ever, ever sin, because He's the Son of God and King of Kings!

Action: Can we squat down and pretend like we are growing-growing-growing (rise from squat as you say growing, growing, growing!