



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

JESUS WEEK 1 JESUS ON THE CROSS

Small Group Welcome

1. **Introduce** yourself, and **welcome** new kids by name.
2. Kids **share** what happened during the past week.
3. **Check up** on past week's prayer requests and events.
4. **Discuss** the welcome question: **What's your favorite thing about Easter?**

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

Per Kid	1 Egg with toy inside
Per Group	1 Roll of painter's tape 1 Actions activity supplement

After Activity

Kids Keep	Their egg with the toy inside
You Keep	Roll of tape (<i>save for reuse</i>) Activity supplement (<i>throw away/recycle</i>)

To Do

1. **Place** two parallel tape lines on the floor, 5-10 feet apart. *Make lines long enough for all kids to stand on them with appropriate space between each kid.*

Say: Let's pretend this line (*point to the first line*) is a life without God, lost in our sin. And this line (*point to the other line*) is forever friendship with Him! The only way to get from our sin to God's friendship is to follow Jesus!

2. Everyone in the group **stands** on the "sin" line.
3. **Read** an action from the Actions activity supplement.
4. Kids **say** together, "Jesus died for all our sin so we can be friends forever with Him," then **do** the action to get across to the other tape line.
5. **Repeat** steps 2-4 as time allows. **Choose** a new action for each round.
6. **As time allows**, kids can **come up with** their own actions get from one line to the other.
7. **Give** every kid an egg with a toy inside as a prize!

Please save questions on back for Small Group Discussion.

Small Group Discussion

Say the point and Bible verse together.

Jesus died for all our sin so we can be friends forever with Him.

1 John 4:10 NIRV ... God ... loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins.

1. **In the Bible verse, what did God do to show He loves us? He sent His Son to give His life to pay for our sins.**

Choose a few review questions.

1. **What do you think Easter is all about? Jesus came back to life after dying on the cross for our sin.**
2. **What are some things that might make people feel guilty, like they're in trouble? Answers will vary.**
3. **What good news does Jesus have for people who feel guilty or who feel like they're in trouble? Jesus always forgives us, loves us, and makes us new as soon as we ask Him to.**
4. **How did Jesus dying on the cross show love? Answers will vary.**
5. **What do you think is great about having a forever friendship with God? Answers will vary.**

Choose an action step question.

1. **What do you usually do when you feel guilty, like you're in trouble? Answers will vary.**
2. **How can following Jesus help you when you feel guilty, like you're in trouble? Answers will vary.**

Pray together.

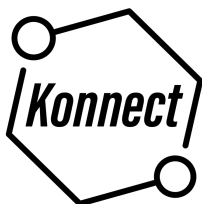
1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over the prayer requests.

Not sure what to pray? Pray this: God, thank You for sending Jesus. Please help us choose to follow Jesus and find friendship with You. In Jesus' name, amen.

Check Out

Stay in small groups until kids are checked out.

1. Encourage **kids to talk** about what's on their mind, and **play** the game again.
2. When a kid from your small group leaves, **say** a positive and specific compliment to their family.
3. **Ask** parents to **take a pic** of the parent convo card at the door to help **continue the conversation** at home.



ACTIONS ACTIVITY SUPPLEMENT JESUS ON THE CROSS // WEEK 1

Game adaptations if a kid in your group has a disability:

- Let them call out the ways the kids can get from one line to the other.
- Assist them as needed so they can participate as much as possible.

Actions

- Crawl like a puppy
- Hop on one foot
- Pretend to ice skate
- Walk backwards
- Spin while you walk
- Put one leg straight in front of you and hop
- Wave your arms over your head while you walk
- Pretend to swim
- Creep across like a worm
- Clap your hands over your head while you walk
- Pretend you're walking through Jell-O
- Stomp like an elephant
- March
- Hold one foot behind your back and hop
- Slither across like a snake
- Pretend you're walking on the moon
- Prance like a pony
- Hop like a frog
- Roll across
- Pretend to fly like a bird
- Walk like your knees are glued together
- Hop across like a bunny
- Do a crab walk
- Pretend you're walking on a tightrope
- Pretend you're walking in the middle of an earthquake
- Zip across faster than lightning
- Pretend you have to smash through a brick wall to get across
- Tiptoe
- Dance across
- Slide across slower than a snail
- Walk
- Pretend the floor is hot
- Pretend to ride a bike
- Pretend to swing across on a rope
- Sneak like a ninja
- Skip
- Pretend to hop on stones in a river without getting your feet wet
- Pretend the floor is made of glue
- Walk across on your knees
- Walk backwards
- Walk with your eyes closed
- Pretend like you're floating



**Start this convo
with your kid:**

**What do you think
Easter is all
about?**

Check out this YouVersion Bible Plan:
Do You Know Who Jesus Is?