

Jesus Is Alive!
John 20:1-18

WEEK 6

POINT ➔ **WE BELIEVE
JESUS IS ALIVE.**

SAY: Let's sing a song about Jesus. Teach children words and motions to ● "Jesus Is Alive" (track 10) on the CD, to the tune of "Old McDonald Had a Farm."

SING:

Our friend Jesus is alive. (Clap in time to music.)

E-I-E-I-O.

Our friend Jesus is alive;

We want you to know. (Point to someone on the word you.)

He loves me; he loves you. (Point to self; point outward.)

He loves everybody, too. (Point outward and turn in circle.)

Our friend Jesus is alive. (Clap in time to music.)

E-I-E-I-O.

(Repeat.)

Open your Bible to John 20, and show the kids the words. **SAY:** The Bible is God's special book that tells about how God comes to the rescue. The greatest rescue ever was when Jesus helped us by dying on the cross for us.

Early on the Sunday after Jesus died, Mary went to the tomb where he was buried and saw that the big stone was rolled away. She left and told Jesus' friends Peter and John that someone had taken Jesus' body away. John and Peter raced to the tomb. They looked inside and saw it was empty, and they believed Jesus was alive.

Stand with kids and lead them in singing "Jesus Is Alive" again.

SAY: Peter and John went home, but Mary stood at the tomb, crying. Then a man asked her why she was crying. It was Jesus! Then Mary believed Jesus was alive, too. Let's sing to celebrate with Mary! Lead kids in singing "Jesus Is Alive."

ASK: Who is someone you know who has died?

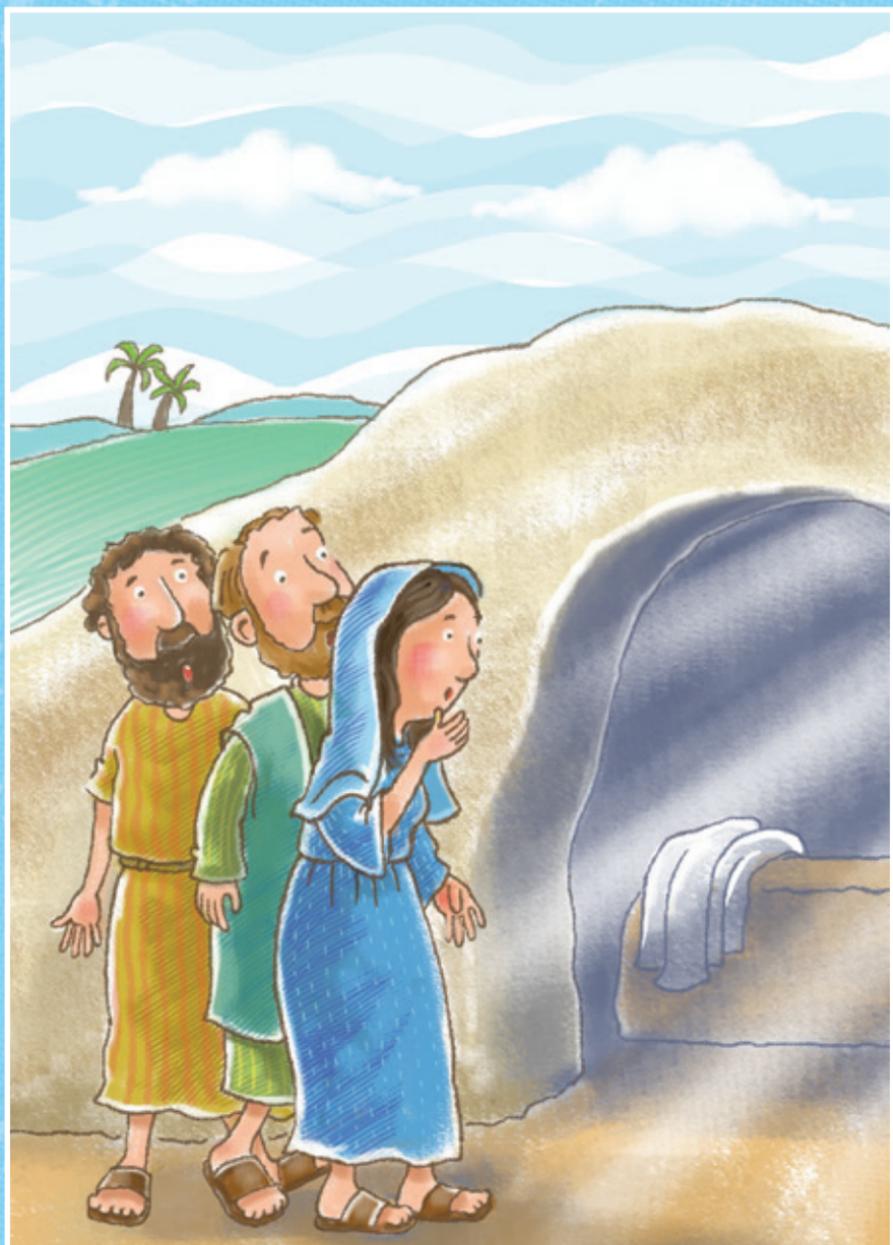
Why is it so amazing that Jesus is alive?

Peter, John, and Mary helped tell others about Jesus. What can you tell others about Jesus?

SAY: Jesus came to the rescue when he came back to life. And he made sure his friends knew he was alive.

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ASK: Tell about one of the most exciting things that's happened to you.

What do you do when you get excited?

SAY: Jesus is alive! That's something to celebrate. Let's celebrate it by clapping really loudly. As you clap, shout for joy! Let's see if we can clap for a whole minute. Lead kids in cheering and clapping for one minute.

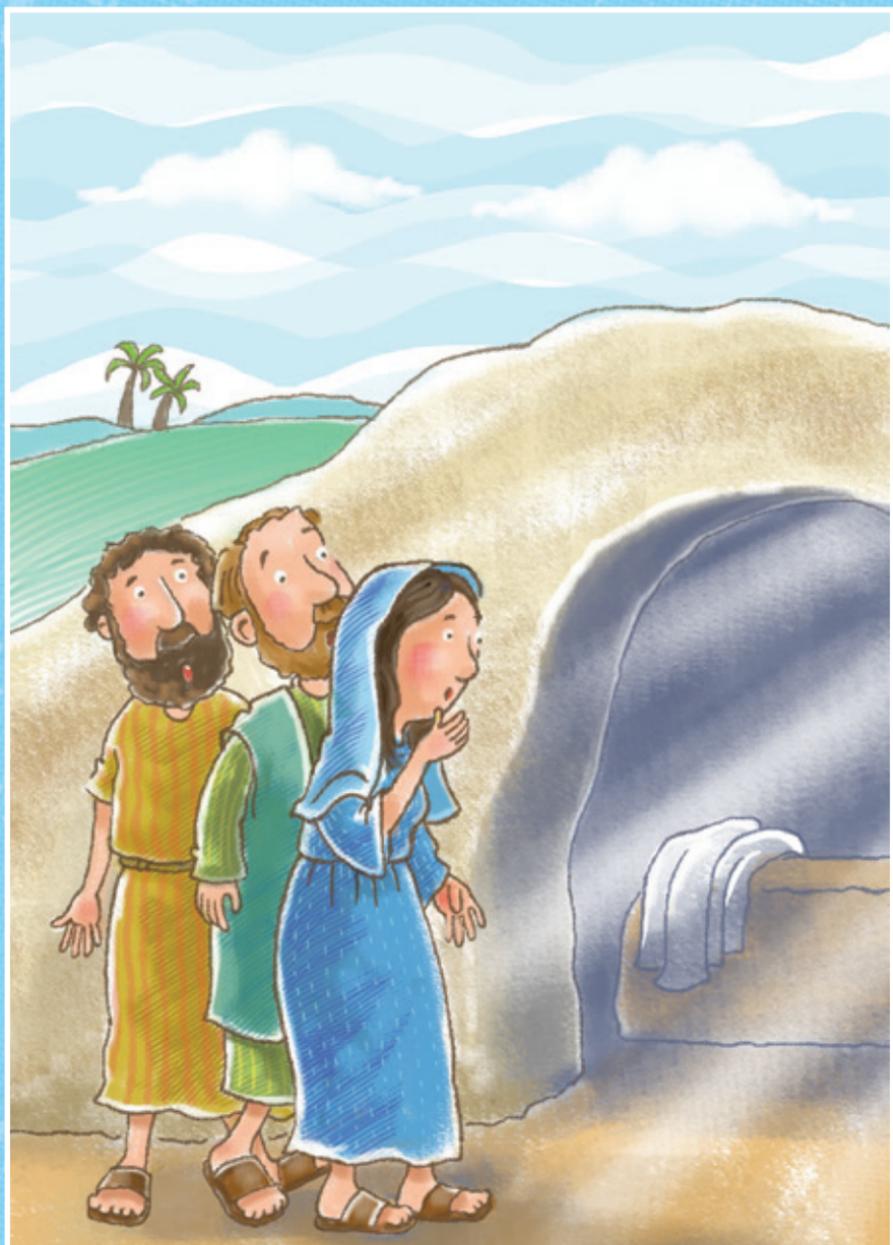
SAY: Now let's celebrate with high fives! High five everyone in this room. Allow time.

SAY: Now let's celebrate by jumping up and down! See if you can jump for a whole minute. While you jump, shout, "Jesus is alive!" Allow time.

ASK: What's the most exciting thing about Jesus being alive?

Tell about a time you shared exciting news with someone.

SAY: God showed his power when he raised Jesus from the dead and made him alive. And we celebrate that when ➔ **WE BELIEVE JESUS IS ALIVE.**



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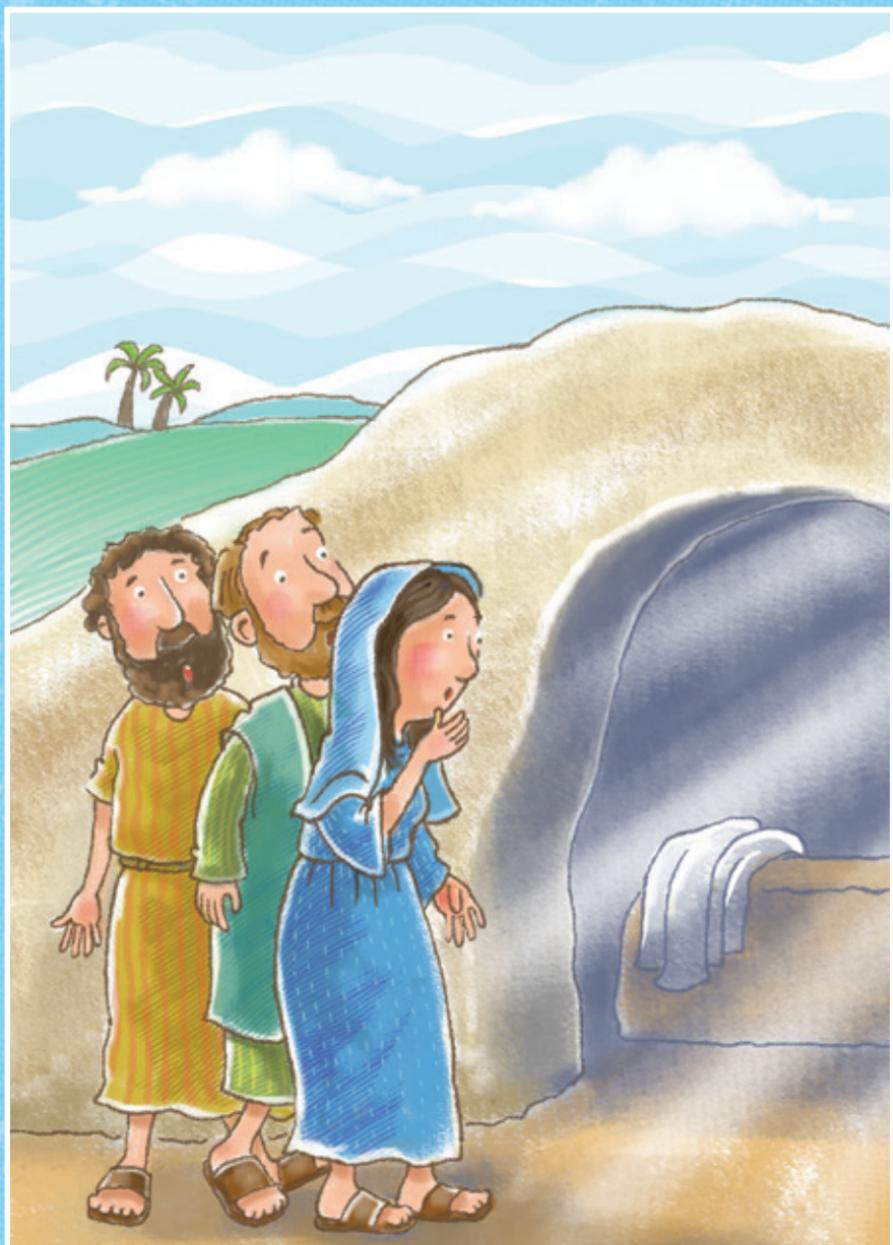
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Give each child some *Wikki Stix*. Have children work together and use the *Wikki Stix* to create a 3-foot-high outline of a tomb on a blank wall. (It's okay if lines don't connect very well.) Have kids stand on the opposite side of the room from the tomb.

SAY: Hop to the tomb, look inside, and shout, "Jesus is alive!" Then hop back. Repeat a few times, having kids take turns going to the tomb in different fun ways, such as running, taking giant steps, or tiptoeing.

ASK: When Peter and John didn't see Jesus, they knew he was alive. You can't see Jesus either—how do you know he's alive?

SAY: Jesus told his friends before he died that he'd come back to life. But they didn't really understand him, so they were surprised to find his grave empty! That's when Peter and John first understood what Jesus meant. He's alive! Like Peter and John, ➔ WE BELIEVE JESUS IS ALIVE.



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Gather kids in front of you. **SAY: I'm going to name several things. If the thing I name is alive, jump up and wiggle around. If it's not alive, sit down as quickly as you can and hold very still.** Name each of the items below, pausing after each for kids to respond. If time allows, add your own ideas to the list or let kids take turns naming things.

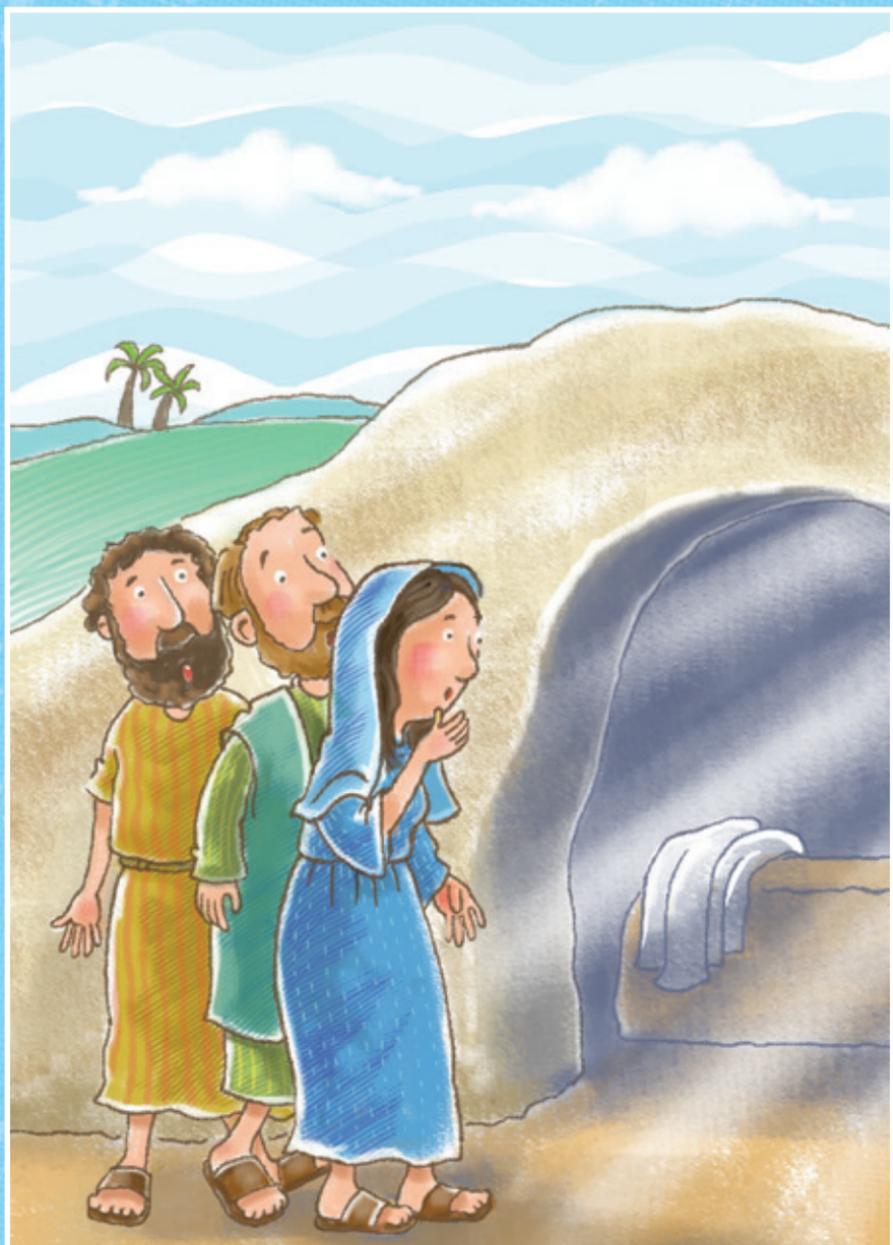
- a bike
- a puppy
- a flower
- a doll
- a baby
- a blade of grass
- a picture
- a turtle
- a rock

ASK: What helps you know if something is alive or not?

What can someone do when he or she is alive?

What can Jesus do since he's alive?

SAY: The Bible tells us that Jesus is alive. He died on the cross, but then God brought him back to life again. People who saw him and touched him when he came back to life told what they saw and felt and heard, so we could read it in our Bibles and know the truth. Because of them, ➔ **WE BELIEVE JESUS IS ALIVE.**



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Pass out paper and *Color Switchers Markers*. Have kids draw pictures of the tomb where Jesus was placed after he died on the cross. Have kids include a large stone in front of the tomb entrance.

SAY: Someone placed a large stone in front of the entrance to Jesus' tomb, so no one could get in or out. But when Mary Magdalene went to visit the tomb, she found the stone rolled away! When Peter and John saw it, they believed Jesus was alive.

Have kids color over the stones in their pictures with the white side of their *Color Switchers Markers* in order to reverse the colors and make the tomb look open.

ASK: What did the open tomb mean?

What have you seen that helps you believe Jesus is alive?

SAY: When Jesus' friends saw the empty tomb, they knew that Jesus was alive. And ➔ WE BELIEVE JESUS IS ALIVE today because we see the things he does in our lives to show how much he loves us.