

Small Group Experience

EASTER - “The Missing Piece”



Whatchagaddaknow?:

“Jesus Is The Missing Piece!”



Power Verse:

“The angel said, ‘You are looking for Jesus...He isn’t here. He has been raised from the dead.’”

-Matthew 28:5,6

Retelling The Bible Story

SUPPLY LIST:

* Bible Story Pictures Print Piece (*provided; print one set*)

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Before small group begins, print the pictures and review the story so you are familiar with the main points. Once small group begins, review the Bible Story by holding up the pictures one at a time and allowing the kids to explain the events of the story. Help fill in any gaps as needed and ensure the main points are being covered. Continue on this way until the story is complete.

Say - Everything is off when something is missing. I have pictures, but no written story, for us to review. It’s up to you to be the missing piece and help us review our Bible Story. I am going to hold up pictures, and I want you all to tell me what is happening in each scene.

- Hold up the pictures one at a time and allow kids to tell you the events. Help guide them through the main points of each picture -

Say - Thank you for being the missing piece to our story review! Great job. Without you, our story would not have been complete.

Ask - Why did Jesus give His life away?

-Allow time for the kids to respond; discuss their answers with the group-

Ask - How do you think the disciples felt after Jesus died?

-Allow time for the kids to respond; discuss their answers with the group-

Ask - After three days, Jesus rose from the dead. How do we know this is true?

-Allow time for the kids to respond; discuss their answers with the group-

Game/Activity

SUPPLY LIST:

- * Scripture Puzzle Print Piece (*provided; print one set*)
- * Bowl

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Before small group begins, print and cut up the Scripture Puzzle Print Pieces. Mix up the pieces and place them in the bowl. Once activity time begins, divide the group into four teams. Assign each team one of the scripture references from the Scripture Puzzle Print Pieces. To play the game, turn the bowl over and let the pieces fall to the floor. Say “go,” and let the teams race to find the pieces that complete their scripture puzzle. When a team completes their puzzle, they should stand and say, “We found the missing piece.” The first team to say the phrase and correctly complete their puzzle wins. This game can be played multiple rounds as time allows.

Say - We know that today is all about finding what is missing, and our game follows this theme. I have a bowl full of puzzle pieces. There are four different puzzles, and all of the pieces are in this one bowl. Each team has been assigned one verse. When I say “go,” each team should race to find the pieces to their missing puzzle and complete their scripture. When your scripture is complete, stand and say “We found the missing piece.” If your scripture puzzle is correct, you win! It’s time to see who can find the missing piece...and fast!

-Play Scripture Scramble; this game can be played multiple rounds as time allows-

Group Sharing

SUPPLY LIST:

- * Scripture Puzzle Print Pieces (*from the previous activity*)
- * Tape
- * Jesus Is The Missing Piece Print Pieces (*provided; print one per kid*)
- * Pencils, crayons, or markers

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Group sharing is focused on encouraging the kids to open up and discuss the lesson concepts and relate those concepts to their lives. Help facilitate and guide the discussion time. Have the kids stay in the groups they were in for game time. Tape together the scripture puzzles from the previous activity so that they stay together. Give each kid a Jesus Is The Missing Piece paper. Pass out one completed puzzle to each team, and have them read and discuss their scripture together.

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Say - Jesus gave His life for you and me. That is amazing. Have you ever stopped to really think about that? Can you imagine someone walking to their death just to save you?

Ask - How does that make you feel?

-Allow time for the kids to respond; discuss their answers with the group-

Say - Jesus gave His life for you, and He didn't do it for nothing. He did it because, without that sacrifice, your life would always be missing something.

Ask - Why is our life incomplete without Jesus? Why is Jesus the missing piece?

-Allow time for the kids to respond; discuss their answers with the group-

Say - Now I want us to see what the Bible says about Jesus being the missing piece. I am giving each team one of the Scripture Scramble puzzles. Read and discuss the verse together. Write your thoughts about Jesus being the missing piece on your page.

-Allow time for the groups to complete the task-

Ask - Who has John 14:6? Please read the verse aloud.

-Allow time for the team to read the verse aloud-

Ask - What did this verse mean to you?

-Allow time for the kids to respond; discuss their answers with the group-

Ask - Who has 1 Timothy 2:5? Please read the verse aloud.

-Allow time for the team to read the verse aloud-

Ask - What did this verse mean to you?

-Allow time for the kids to respond; discuss their answers with the group-

Ask - Who has Acts 4:12? Please read the verse aloud.

-Allow time for the team to read the verse aloud-

Ask - What did this verse mean to you?

-Allow time for the kids to respond; discuss their answers with the group-

Ask - Who has 1 John 5:12? Please read the verse aloud.

-Allow time for the team to read the verse aloud-

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Ask - What did this verse mean to you?

-Allow time for the kids to respond; discuss their answers with the group-

Say - It's pretty clear that Jesus is the piece that completes us all, but not everyone has the same opinion. There are way too many people who try and fill the missing piece in their lives with other things.

Ask - What are some other things that people try to fill their lives with?

-Allow time for the kids to respond; discuss their thoughts with the group-

Ask - Will those things ever fill the void in someone's life? Why or why not?

-Allow time for the kids to respond; discuss their thoughts with the group-

Prayer Time

Say - Jesus is ALIVE, and He wants to fill the missing piece in your life. Let's take some time to thank Him for His sacrifice and evaluate His place in our hearts and lives.

Pray

Closing

Say - Our salvation wasn't easily won, and Jesus made the difficult choice to give Himself over to death so that we could have life. The disciples and followers of Jesus were filled with sadness as they thought all hope was lost when Jesus died on the cross. I think the days after Jesus' death had to be some of the darkest and dread-filled times in history. Everyone felt a void; everyone on the planet knew something was missing. As the women went to the tomb, they walked with the heaviness of sorrow and grief. Imagine their shock when the body was gone! Imagine their shock when the angel appeared and gave them the news that Jesus was alive! Suddenly, they had hope! Jesus was alive, and His great plan for their lives was just beginning to unfold. They found their missing piece! The same Jesus who rose from the grave so long ago still lives. He has great plans for your life and they begin to unfold the day that you decide to give your life to Him and trust Him as your Savior! Jesus is your missing piece. Celebrate life and salvation today, and share the good news as you go! Thank you for coming today! I will see you again soon.











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**“I AM THE WAY,
AND THE TRUTH, AND THE
LIFE. NO ONE COMES TO
THE FATHER
EXCEPT THROUGH ME.”**

JOHN 14:6

**“FOR THERE IS ONE GOD,
ALID THERE IS
ONE MEDIATOR
BETWEEN GOD
AND MEN, THE
MAN CHRIST JESUS...”**

1 TIMOTHY 2:5

**“AND THERE IS SALVATION
IN NO ONE ELSE,
FOR THERE IS NO NAME
UNDER HEAVEN GIVEN
AMONG MEN BY WHICH WE
MUST BE SAVED.”**

ACTS 4:12

**“WHOEVER HAS
THE SON HAS LIFE;
WHOEVER DOES NOT
HAVE THE SON OF GOD
DOES NOT HAVE LIFE.”**

1 JOHN 5:12

