

# Salvation – Jesus has risen from the dead.

## Observation:

1. To find this week's video pull up Children's Ministry on the website and select Easter Science. It is also on the Children's Facebook page.
2. Did you notice how just one action brought down the whole setup? With one sacrifice Jesus took away all barriers between us and God. What does closeness with God feel like or mean to you?

## Research:

1. Read the story of Easter found in Luke 24:36-49
2. Or act out the Easter story:

After Jesus died the ground SHOOK. Then his friends laid him in a tomb, and a stone was PUSHED in front. They were very SAD. On the 3rd day the sun ROSE and an angel PUSHED the stone away. The soldiers guarding the tomb were very SCARED and RAN away. Then two of Jesus' friends came and saw the open tomb. They also saw the angel and were afraid. But the angel said, "He is not here. He has risen!" (CHEER & WAVE ARMS) The



angel told the women to go and tell the disciples. So, the women RAN off to tell the good news.

### 1. Question:

- Did the women and disciples expect Jesus to rise from the dead? *No, they were amazed. Some were scared they were seeing a ghost. Others were mad because they thought his body had been stolen.*
- Why did Jesus need to do this? *He is the Son of God, the Messiah. He needed to die and rise again to forgive our sins and give us new life.*
- Once everyone realized Jesus really had risen from the dead, how do you think they felt? *They must have been so joyful to realize Jesus really is the Son of God. If you've never accepted Jesus as your Savior, why don't you make that decision today? Simply pray for Jesus to come live in your heart and forgive you of your sins. You can also state the Discipleship pledge at the end of the lesson to renew your commitment to Jesus.*

### Experiment:

- A Bridge to God
  1. Supplies: a small ball (like a ping pong ball), a cup, and a tube (like a wrapping paper roll)
  2. Stand someone next to the cup and drop the ball in. Easy, right? Let everyone who wants, take a turn.



3. Next stand one person about 3 feet away from the cup. Let them try to get the ball into the cup. Have everyone take a turn trying to get the ball into the cup. You could do this from even further away, if you like.
  4. Now set up your tube and try again to get the ball into the cup. Easy again now that you have a bridge.
  5. Say: When God first created the world there was no sin. So, it was easy to connect with God, like it was easy to get the ball into the cup. However, the things we do wrong (our sins) create distance between us and God. And just like it was too hard to get the ball in the cup from far away, we can't reach God on our own. Jesus is the bridge we need. The ball could reach the cup when it followed the track. So too for us when we declare that Jesus is the way, and we want to follow him, we can have closeness with God. Yea!
- If you would like to make some of your own chain reactions like we did in the video, do a search for "herringbone chain reactions."

#### Conclusion:

- The Christmas story tells us that Jesus was special from the beginning of His life on earth. And throughout His life, he was headed to the cross. He willingly gave His life for you. The whole Bible builds to this minute from the very first sin. Remember always John 3:16 and 17.



- Dear Jesus, thank you for your sacrifice. Thank you for giving us closeness with God who loves us so very, very much. Amen.

### *Asbury Children's Discipleship Pledge*

*I pledge to be a disciple by*

*worshipping God always.*

*Growing in my faith,*

*Happily serving God,*

*And sharing God's love.*

