

To our Kids Church parents,

Happy Easter Sunday!! We hope and pray you've had an encouraging Easter weekend as you remember the love of our Saviour and the power of our God!

Hopefully you received one of our activity packs for Good Friday which were wonderfully home-delivered by our Kids Church and Kids Plus leaders. If you missed out on a delivery, please contact Kevin via [kevin@snac.org.au](mailto:kevin@snac.org.au) or 0421 286 835 and we can work something out.

### Do you need a CEV Bible?

If you don't have a CEV Bible at home, we'd love to lend you one from church. You can keep it at home until Kids Church restarts. Please let Kevin know and we can arrange home delivery or you can pick up from a safe place.

Our focus in the kids material is to affirm that because Jesus rose to life, this gives us confidence that we too will rise to life. Our key verse for today is 1 Corinthians 15:20 – "But Christ has been raised to life! And he makes us certain that others will also be raised to life." Please note that the second sentence reflects the idea that Jesus is the "firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep" (see HCSB Bible). This is an image from farming where the first fruits of the crop are the sign that the rest of the harvest is to come. As part of Bible time, we suggest you read the resurrection story from the Big Picture Bible. If you don't have a copy of the Big Picture Bible and would like one, we can arrange for you to buy or borrow a copy. There is a special discounted sale price of \$25!

We hope you enjoy our special Easter online video featuring Big Red. Please note that the Good Friday and Easter Sunday videos fit together so make sure you watch both.

Please make sure you check out our password protected section of the website. We have some photos from SNAC families and some videos from some of our Kids Church and Kids Plus leaders saying the memory verse.

- Please email [kidschurch@snac.org.au](mailto:kidschurch@snac.org.au) for login details

It would be great if you could take a video of your family saying the memory verse and send it to [kidschurch@snac.org.au](mailto:kidschurch@snac.org.au) and we can post it in this section.

Here is our suggested timing for the morning. Don't worry if things take shorter or longer, it's just a guide. You'll need to adapt the program depending on the age of your children.

Time (approx.)	Activity
3 mins	Welcome + prayer
7 mins	Opening activity
3 mins	Song
4 mins	Watch teaching video
8 mins	Family chat
3 mins	Prayer
12 mins	Craft
Total time: 40 minutes	

Please know that we'll be praying for you.

In Christ,  
Kevin and the Kids Church team  
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## 1. Welcome + prayer

- This is a good opportunity to remind one another that what you are doing is important. An adult or child should pray for your time together.

## 2. Opening activity

- Play a game of follow the leader.
- Choose one person to start as the leader. Wherever the leader walks, everyone has to follow them. Whatever the leader does, everyone has to do the same.
  - Some ideas might be to crawl under a table, use a silly walk or brush your teeth (please use your own toothbrush!)
- After a reasonable amount of time, change leaders so that everyone gets a turn.
- You can explain that in our Bible teaching today, we're going to see that because Jesus rose to life, we too will rise to life. He is our leader and we will follow him.

## 3. Song

- Sing 'Boss of the Cross' by Colin Buchanan together. If you're not a confident singer, you just need to turn up the volume really loud! You'll find a video to teach the actions and some links to play the song online at [www.snac.org.au/kidschurch](http://www.snac.org.au/kidschurch)

## 4. Watch the teaching video

- Watch the teaching video together. You can watch it or download it at [www.snac.org.au/kidschurch](http://www.snac.org.au/kidschurch)
- It's always best if you can watch the video first as part of your preparation.

## 5. Family chat

Here are some suggested questions to chat about. You may need to adapt them depending on the ages of your children. You could also talk about some of the questions as you do craft. We've also included a suggested answer in brackets. This is not meant to be the 'correct answer' but hopefully a guide to help you in your preparation.

### Read the Big Picture Bible

- If you have a Big Picture Bible at home, read the resurrection story. It's 'Part 22' on pages 383 to 395. If you don't have a copy at home, let us know and we can either sell or lend you a copy. We have a special discounted sale price of \$25.

### Questions to discuss

- **How did Jesus' followers feel to see Jesus raised to life?**
  - [At first they were afraid, but then they were filled with joy.]
- **How does it make you feel to know Jesus was raised to life?**
  - [Hopefully your children say they are happy. If they say something different, don't dismiss their response but gently ask a few more questions to find out why they have responded in that way.]

### Read the CEV Bible

- If you have a CEV Bible at home, find 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 and read the verses together. If you don't have a CEV Bible, please let us know and we can get one to you. We've also included the verses at the end of this document.

## Investigate

- **If Jesus wasn't raised to life, what does this mean?**
  - [The message of the gospel is worthless. Our faith is worthless. We are still living in sin. We are worse off than anyone else.]
- **If Jesus was raised to life, what does this mean? (See especially verse 20)**
  - [This means that we will also be raised to life.]
  - [NB: The second sentence reflects the idea that Jesus is the "firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep" (see HCSB Bible). This is an image from farming where the first fruits of the crop are the sign that the rest of the harvest is to come. You don't necessarily need to explain all this to your kids but it's important for you to understand the difference in translation between CEV and HCSB.]

## Think it through

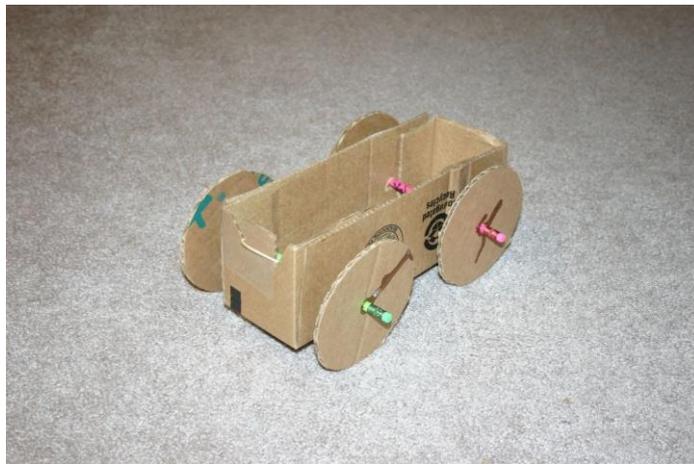
- **Can you know for sure that you will rise to life after you die?**
  - [Yes. All those who trust in Jesus can know they will live with him.]
- **What should we do if we feel afraid of what happens after we die?**
  - [We can remind ourselves that Jesus really did rise to life again. We can pray that God would help us trust his promise.]
- **Who can you share the good news of Easter with?**
  - [You might like to send someone a message explaining the true meaning of Easter, you could email them a soft copy of the Easter Activity pack or you could share the Big Red videos. Don't forget to pray that our family, friends and neighbours would want to know more about Jesus.]

## 6. Prayer

- Make sure you spend time thanking and praising God for the good news of Easter.

## 7. Craft

- Make two vehicles out of whatever materials you have at home. You could make 2 cars, 2 boats or a train + carriage. Connect your two vehicles together with a piece of string or something similar. This means that wherever the first vehicle goes, the second one will follow. See the next page for some ideas from the internet of different vehicles.
  - Alternatively, you could make one vehicle to 'lead' and as many vehicles to 'follow' as there are people in your family.
- This is a similar concept to the follow the leader activity. Wherever the first vehicle goes, the other vehicles follow. We know that because Jesus rose to life, we too will rise to life. You could write out or stick on 1 Corinthians 15:20 (CEV) on your vehicle/s.
- If you're happy for a photo of your craft to be posted on our encourage.snac.org.au site, please send a photo to kidschurch@snac.org.au. This is the password protected section of our website.



## 8. Morning tea

- Share some food together to celebrate the end of Kids Church.

## 9. Two more things ...

- **Memory verse video:** Over the weekend, it would be great if you could film your family saying the memory verse and email it to [kidschurch@snac.org.au](mailto:kidschurch@snac.org.au). Once we receive your video, we can post it in the password protected section of our website as below. Please keep an eye out for some more memory verse videos from our Kids Church and Kids Plus leaders.
  - Please email [kidschurch@snac.org.au](mailto:kidschurch@snac.org.au) for login details
- **Easter Egg Design Competition:** A friendly reminder that entries for our Easter Egg design competition will close on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April. We're looking forward to seeing your design!



## Memory verse - Romans 8:38-39

For I am persuaded that not even death or life,  
angels or rulers,  
things present or things to come, hostile powers,  
height or depth, or any other created thing  
will have the power to separate us  
from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord!

Romans chapter 8, verses 38 to 39

### **1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (CEV)**

<sup>12</sup> If we preach that Christ was raised from death, how can some of you say that the dead will not be raised to life? <sup>13</sup> If they won't be raised to life, Christ himself wasn't raised to life. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ wasn't raised to life, our message is worthless, and so is your faith. <sup>15</sup> If the dead won't be raised to life, we have told lies about God by saying that he raised Christ to life, when he really did not.

<sup>16</sup> So if the dead won't be raised to life, Christ wasn't raised to life. <sup>17</sup> Unless Christ was raised to life, your faith is useless, and you are still living in your sins. <sup>18</sup> And those people who died after putting their faith in him are completely lost. <sup>19</sup> If our hope in Christ is good only for this life, we are worse off than anyone else.

<sup>20</sup> But Christ has been raised to life! And he makes us certain that others will also be raised to life.