WEEK 1
SMALL GROUP GUIDE

CLUE

BIG IDEA
The Bible says Jesus is alive!

BIBLE
Jesus Died and Rose Again
Matthew 27:45–28:10; Isaiah 25:6–9

ABOUT THIS WEEK
Mysteries leave behind clues, sparking a search for answers. This week, we'll investigate the greatest mystery of all: how Jesus died and rose again, just like he said he would when he left his friends clues about God's plan. Jesus proved that nothing is impossible for him and that all the clues lead to the fact that **the Bible says Jesus is alive!**

MEMORY VERSE
"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." — Romans 5:8 (NIV)

DISCUSSION

BIBLE QUESTIONS

- **Did anyone witness the death of Jesus?** Many people including Jesus' followers, Mary Magdalene and Mary, the religious leaders, and the soldiers.
- **When Jesus died, where was he laid?** In a tomb, a stone was rolled to seal the tomb, and guards were placed to keep watch.
- **What did the women discover when they came to the tomb in the morning?** The stone had been rolled away and an angel told them Jesus was alive!
- **Read Isaiah 25:9. According to the clues in this verse, why can we rejoice and be glad?** Because God saved us. We can trust God's promises and salvation.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- **What are some things you would tell a friend about why you celebrate Easter?**
- **What else did the Bible teach you about Jesus?**
- **What does it mean to you that Jesus is alive today?**

ACTIVITY

WHAT TO DO

Give each kid a piece of cardboard, red yarn or ribbon, and a copy of the handout. Have kids tightly wrap the red ribbon around the board in crisscross shapes and secure the ends with tape on the back. Have them cut out the images from the handout and slide them between the strings. Optional: Wrap the cardboard with newspaper or wrapping paper, or insert the cardboard into a frame for a more polished look. Scan QR code to see a worked example.

WHAT TO SAY

The Bible says Jesus is alive! Share the story with your friends and family using all the clues you collected from today's story.

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