

He Is Risen! Lesson 2

SuperTruth: Jesus fulfilled God's plan of salvation by dying on the cross.

SuperVerse: *They have pierced My hands and feet.* Psalm 22:16b (NLT)

Bible Story: Matthew 26:36–28:10; Mark 14:32–16:10; Luke 22:39–24:12; John 17:1–20:18

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

How incredible to realize that Jesus, who never sinned even once, willingly paid the punishment for everyone's sins by dying on the cross.

- Select a video to have playing as children enter the Large Group room. Videos are under Resources on the top menu bar.
- Superbook takes Joy, Gizmo, Chris, and his mother to ancient Jerusalem. They witness Jesus' prayer in the garden, His trial before Pontius Pilate, His death on the cross, and finally His glorious resurrection.
- In today's Bible Background video we will learn more about the events surrounding Jesus' death and resurrection.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Aim for God's Will (15 minutes)

Objective: Explore the Superbook story by playing a game.

- God loves us and He knows our future—so His will is best for our lives. Let's play a game where we aim for God's will!

Game Instructions:

- The teams stand single-file behind the line, facing the group of containers. Teams play at the same time. The first player of each team tosses three balls, aiming for the container in the center representing "God's Will," rather than the surrounding containers, representing "My Will."

Teaching: Yours Not Mine—Decide (15 minutes)

Objective: Connect with the message by discussing God's will.

- In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed that God's will—not His own will—would be done. Jesus chose what God wanted, not what He wanted. Jesus demonstrated His love and obedience to God by laying down His own will in obedience to God's will.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- Children will continue to pray about God's will instead of their own will.

SuperVerse: Superbook Switch (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- David accurately describes Jesus' crucifixion and death on the cross. What makes it truly amazing is that David wrote this long before crucifixion was practiced, and about 1,000 years before Jesus was born! Jesus lived without sin yet carried our sins on the cross.
- Children will say the SuperVerse together and then close in prayer.

Prayer: God's Will Prayer (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- In our Bible story, Jesus was troubled about what was to take place next in God's plan—His arrest, trial and crucifixion. Even so, first and foremost, He prayed for God's will to be done!
- Encourage the children to find a place in the room where they can have a private prayer with God about a situation that they are facing or a decision they must make. Ask the children to pray for God's will over their own will.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Tug of War Skit: Demonstrate a tug-of-war between two wills. | Grades 1–6 | 10 min

Marble Game: Play an action game about God's plan of love. | Grades 1–6 | 15 min

Coloring Page: Color a picture of Jesus from the Superbook story. | Grades 1–3 | 15 min

Cross Worksheet: Study the cross to learn about our eternal King. | Grades 4–6 | 15 min

Game Materials Needed:

- Aim for God's Will Pattern
- Six medium-size round containers—such as waste baskets or beach buckets.
- Construction paper in two different colors—3 sheets of one color per child, or per team
- Two boxes to hold the paper "balls"
- Masking or painters tape

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Cross Pattern, cardstock, and 24" string for children who missed Lesson 1
- Note: See Lesson 1 challenge instructions for assembly
- Two disposable cups
- Permanent marker
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App