


# DISCOVERING GOD'S TREASURE: WHO I AM IN CHRIST

## Lesson 13

Large Group Lesson Plan | All Ages



### LESSON 13: God's Power, Living In Me!

<p><b>Bible Story</b></p> <p>Jesus Is Alive! <i>John 20:1-20</i></p>	<p><b>Materials</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A Bible</li><li>• A bag of individually-wrapped candies</li><li>• Optional (create a tomb):<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Four large cardboard boxes</li><li>○ Heavy duty tape</li><li>○ Utility knife</li><li>○ One or two rolls of brown contact paper</li></ul></li></ul> <p>*Materials marked with an asterisk are in the CKC Games Bag.</p>
<p><b>Bible Verse</b></p> <p>“The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you.” <i>Romans 8:11a, NLT</i></p>	
<p> <b>Identity</b>   Who God Says I Am</p> <p>I live not by my might but by the power of God.</p>	

## Large Group Lesson 15 Minutes

To get everyone's attention, ask loudly, **"Who Is Jesus?"**

- **Jesus is the Son of God.**
  - Point one finger to the sky.
- **Jesus came from heaven to earth.**
  - Point two fingers to the sky, and then slowly bring them down to your sides to make a giant circle.
- **He lived a perfect life.**
  - Give two thumbs up.
- **He died on the cross to pay for our sin.**
  - Hold both arms out horizontally, forming a cross.
- **His body was buried in the ground.**
  - Hold up both arms high above your head, and then bending low, bring your arms down to hold your knees.
- **Three days later, he rose from the dead victorious!**
  - Hold up the number three. Use both hands and slowly lift them up, and then wave both hands above your head in celebration.
- **He is in heaven now preparing a place for you and me! Preparing a place for you and me!**
  - Point one finger toward heaven. Then, with two fists, tap one fist on top of the other fist twice, and then switch the fist that is on top and do it again. You will do this repetition twice.
- **Right now he sits on a throne in heavenly places.**
  - Tap your wrist like a watch. Then pretend to sit down while standing.
- **There he prays to the Father for each and every one,**
  - Make praying hands. Then, with those praying hands, gesture toward others around you.
- **...and sends the Holy Spirit to all God's children.**
  - Slide one hand across the palm of the other away from your body.
- **One day he will come again as the eternal king**
  - Hold up the number one. Then make a crown with your hands atop your head.
- **...and he will turn every wrong thing, right!**
  - Turn around in a circle once with two thumbs down, and when you finish, give two thumbs up.

Ask the children to give a recap of what they've discovered about Jesus thus far. (Jesus, the Son of God, became a human being. He lived a perfect life of obedience to God. He died for our sins on a cross, and he was buried in a tomb.) Pass out candy or a ticket to those who participate.

**We've been declaring it week after week, so it won't be a surprise to learn about what's coming, but what work of Jesus are we going to look at next?**

Take student responses. (Jesus rose from the dead victorious!)

For the following skit you will need one student to play the angel, one student to play the role of Jesus, one student to play the role of Mary Magdalene, two additional students to be the other women in the story, two students to be the guards, and three students to be Jesus's friends in the upper room. Some students will only have acting roles, and some students may have to repeat a line, so keep that in mind while selecting student volunteers.

Optional: Create a tomb out of cardboard boxes to use as a prop. [Here's an example with instructions.](#)

**After Jesus died and was buried, Jesus' friends were very sad. They thought they would never see their best friend again. It wasn't supposed to end like this...**

**Three days later, God sent an earthquake, and an angel from heaven. When the guards in front of Jesus's tomb saw the angel, they fell down with fright.** (The two guards fall on their knees.) **The angel rolled the huge stone away, sat on top of it, and waited.** (Have the angel pretend to roll a large stone on the ground.)

**At the first glimmer of dawn, Mary Magdalene and other women headed to the tomb to wash Jesus' body. They immediately noticed something odd – the tomb was wide open. They peered through the opening into the dark tomb. Jesus' body was gone! And something else was there – a shining man with clothes made from lightning. The angel said, "Don't be scared!"** (The angel repeats the line.) **But the women couldn't help it!** (Mary and the women cover their faces in fear.)

**"What are you doing here?"** (The angel repeats the line). **This is a tomb, and tombs are for dead people, and Jesus isn't dead anymore! He is alive again!**" (The angel repeats the line.)

**The other women rushed home with the news, but Mary stayed behind. How could it be true? Jesus was definitely dead – how could he be alive now? Just then, Mary heard someone else in the garden.** (Invite the large group to tap their feet on the ground as Jesus walks toward Mary.)

**"Perhaps it's the gardener. He'll know where Jesus' body is."** (Mary repeats the line.) **So Mary walked toward the man she thought was the gardener, hoping to ask him if he had seen anything. "I don't know where Jesus is! I can't find him!"** (Mary repeats the line to Jesus.)

**But guess what? The gardener was really Jesus! He said her name, and Mary knew it was Jesus immediately! Mary fell to the ground. Suddenly tears filled her eyes and great sobs shook her whole body.** (Mary cries.) **Jesus was alive! "Yes, it's me Mary. I'm**

**so glad to see you. You must go and tell the others that I'm alive!"** (Jesus repeats the line.)

**Back in the city, Jesus' friends were afraid, so they were hiding in an upstairs room with the door bolted shut. But that didn't stop Jesus. He just walked right through the wall. Jesus' friends were telling themselves, "This can't be, it's impossible! This isn't happening."** (Jesus's friends repeat the line.) **But it was happening – right in front of them! "I'm really here! I'm alive!"** (Jesus repeats the line.)

**For forty days, Jesus appeared to many people so that they might know the power of God at work in Jesus to bring him from death to life. For this was the power of God that would soon be at work in Jesus's friends when Jesus would ascend into heaven and be given the right from His Father to send the Holy Spirit. The same is true for me and for you! The power of God that raised Jesus from the dead can live within you and me.**

Review the Bible verse before giving directions and dismissing students to their small groups:

**"The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you."** *Romans 8:11a, NLT*