


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

## Lesson 12

Large Group Lesson Plan | All Ages



### LESSON 12: Sin Is Buried

<p><b>Bible Story</b></p> <p>“God In A Tomb” <i>Matthew 27:57-66, Mark 15:42-47, Luke 23:50-56, John 19:38-42</i></p>	<p><b>Materials</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A Bible</li><li>• A roll of bathroom tissue</li></ul>
<p><b>Bible Verse</b></p> <p>“For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.”</p> <p><i>Romans 6:4, NLT</i></p>	
<p> <b>Identity   Who God Says I Am</b></p> <p>My old sinful self can remain buried with Christ and I can be a saint.</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.

**Today we're going to explore a great mystery: Jesus, the Son of God, died, and his body was wrapped and laid in a tomb. The Author of life lay dead in the tomb. The everlasting God experienced death. Can you imagine anything Jesus could have done that was more humiliating than that?**

Ask two children to be volunteers. Have them stand in front of the group. Give one child a roll of bathroom tissue. As you are telling the story, have the child continuously wrap the other in the

bathroom tissue. If the child is standing up, have one adult leader stand behind them.

**When it was evening, there was a rich man named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He was a good and righteous man who did not agree with what had been done to Jesus. He was looking for and anticipating the kingdom of God.**

**Joseph went to Pilate and asked for Jesus's body so that Jesus could have a proper burial. Pilate wondered if Jesus was already dead, so he asked the centurion if Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Only those who are truly dead should be buried, right?**

**So Joseph took Jesus's body, wrapped it in clean linen, and laid Jesus in a new tomb in a garden, in a tomb where no one had ever been laid.**

**The women who were close to Jesus saw where Jesus had been laid, so they prepared special spices and ointments such as was customary at the time. A man named Nicodemus also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds' weight.**

**After the preparations were made, Joseph rolled a giant stone in front of the door.**

**After the Day of Preparation, the religious leaders gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore, order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, or his disciples might go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,'" Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.**

**How do we know that Jesus truly died?**

Take student responses. (Jesus's body was buried.)

**As I told this story, what happened to our friend up here?** (Motion to the child wrapped in bathroom tissue.)

**The Bible tells us that we have been buried with Jesus. Our sinful selves can be buried with Jesus. Sin is truly dead in those who believe that Jesus died for our sins and buried our sinful selves in the ground with him.**

Review the Bible verse: "For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives."

*Romans 6:4, NLT*

Give directions and dismiss students to their small groups.