

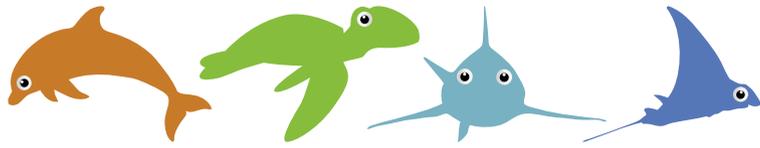


# Junior Church

**LESSON PLANS: 11-04-21**

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# Family Fun

(All Ages)

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## Dead or alive quiz

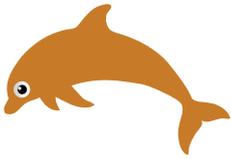
**Activity time:** 5–10 minutes

**Aim:** to realise that Jesus is alive for ever

**You will need:** photos from page 368

1. Show the photos one at a time and ask the children whether the things shown are dead or alive. Put the pictures into two groups.
2. Go through the things that are dead and ask 'Will this live one day?' and then go through the things that are alive and ask 'Will this die one day?'
3. Finally, ask whether Jesus is dead or alive, and ask: 'Will he die one day?' and 'Why not?'





# Dolphins

(Age 3, F1 & F2)

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## Balloon fun

**Activity time:** 5 minutes

**Aim:** to be happy that Jesus is alive again

**You will need:** inflated balloon, spare balloons, balloon pump, a permanent marker pen or sticky shapes

1. Here are words that Jesus' friends might have said when they saw Jesus alive again. Say the rhyme with the children, pointing to the relevant parts of your body: 'We can see him, in this place, We can feel him, touch his face, We can hear him, as he speaks, We can watch him, as he eats. Jesus is alive, we know. Let's tell our friends that it is so.'
2. Repeat the rhyme, but this time draw or stick shapes on the inflated balloon to make a face: eyes, ears and mouth. Play with the balloon, patting it to each other, to celebrate the fact that Jesus is alive. Try saying, 'Jesus is alive!' as you pat it to each other.
3. Make more balloon 'Jesus' faces for the children to take home, to remind them that Jesus is alive.



# Turtles Sharks

(Year 1 & 2)

(Year 3 & 4)

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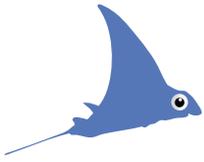
## Poster making

**Activity time:** 10–15 minutes

**Aim:** to think about what we can tell others about Jesus

**You will need:** two large sheets of paper

1. Write 'We can tell our good news' at the top of one of the large sheets of paper. Ask the children if they have any good news, and invite them in turn to write their ideas underneath the heading.
2. On the second large sheet of paper, write 'We can tell our God news'. Ask the children for their 'God news' (a way he has helped them, an answer to prayer), and encourage them to write it under the second heading.
3. Chat about whether it is easier to tell our good news or our 'God news'. Pray that God will help you all tell news about him.



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## Xstream

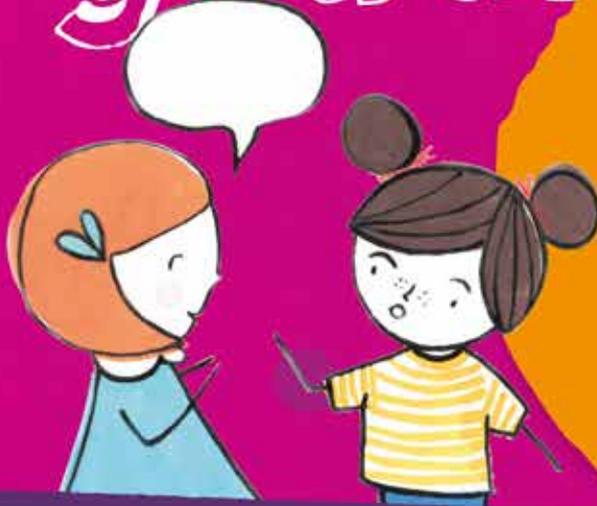
**Activity time:** 10 minutes

**Aim:** to provide some practical suggestions of things to do because Jesus is risen

**You will need:** copies of the Xstream sheet from page 369

1. Remind the children that the disciples were told to tell the world about the difference Jesus could make. They were told to begin in Jerusalem, which is where they were. Jesus wants us to tell others about him, starting from where we are. That might mean talking to people about him or behaving differently towards others in the ways that he did.
2. Read the Xstream sheet from page 369 with the children and encourage each of them to think of creative ideas that they could use to tell others about Jesus. Chat with them about their ideas, and help them to choose three they could do before the next session.
3. Encourage them to pray for each other, that God's Holy Spirit will help them to do these things and help more people know about Jesus. Play the game about Jesus' Easter journey.

# Begin where you are



Some people have had a big idea that has helped spread the gospel. But there are also many people in every country of the world who have small, simple, everyday ideas which also help to spread the gospel. These might be talking about Jesus or behaving like him in smaller ways wherever they are or whoever they're with. Jesus needs them too. Maybe you are one of them! Jesus needs you too.

Here are some ideas for starting small and starting here.

1

Pray every day this week for a friend who does not know Jesus.

4

Say something nice to someone every day.

2

Look out for opportunities to talk to a friend about Jesus.

5

Listen carefully to what other people say to you.

3

Offer to help at home in a way you don't normally.

6

Be generous.

7

(Put your own idea here.)

choose three of these to do this week and tick them when you have done them.

<b>START</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	Jesus enters Jerusalem to cheering crowds. Go forward 3.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	Jesus turns over the table in the Temple. Throw again.
<b>15</b>	In Bethany, a woman pours expensive perfume on Jesus' head. Add 2 to next throw.	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	Jesus condemns the Pharisees. Go straight to Bethany (square 14).	The Pharisees try to trick Jesus. Go back 1.	
<b>16</b>							
Jesus and his friends eat the Passover meal. Throw again.	Jesus says that someone will betray him. Go back 2.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	Jesus shares bread and wine - his body and blood. Go forward 2.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	
							<b>24</b>
<b>31</b>	Jesus' friends run away. Follow their path and go back to square 22.	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	Jesus is arrested - betrayed by a friend! Go back 3.	<b>26</b>	Jesus prays in a garden, but his friends can't stay awake. Miss a go.	
Peter says he doesn't know Jesus. Miss a go.							
<b>33</b>	<b>34</b>	Jesus is put on trial. Wait until another player passes you.	<b>36</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	Jesus is sentenced to death. Go back 2.	
							<b>40</b>
<b>47</b>	<b>46</b>	Jesus is buried in a tomb. Swap places with the player at the back.	<b>44</b>	<b>43</b>	Jesus is put on a cross to die. Throw a 6 to move again.	<b>41</b>	
<b>48</b>							
It's the Sabbath day and no one can do anything. Miss a go.	<b>50</b>	Jesus is alive! Go forward 3 spaces.	<b>52</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>END</b> (or is it?)