

“I am the resurrection and the life”

Theme: Jesus said ‘I am the resurrection and the life’. Death is not the end.

Games:

Wink, wink, resurrection

Similar to wink murder, but this time if someone is winked at, they must jump up and shout “I’m alive”, instead of dying. The detective is allowed three guesses to work out who the resurrector is before everyone is ‘alive’.

Sleeping Lions

Get the children to lie on the floor. Try to make the children move, laugh or smile. The child who stays still the longest is the winner. A nice quiet game to calm them down if you need to!

Splat!

Children in a circle with one ‘splatter’ in the middle. Splatter points hand (like throwing a pie) to one child, who must duck. The two either side point to each other and say ‘Splat’. The slowest one sits down. If the child pointed at is too slow to duck, they sit down. When only two are left, stand back to back. Splatter chooses a trigger word, e.g. splat. The splatter says similar words, e.g. split. For each non-trigger word, the two take a step away from each other. On the trigger word, they turn, point and say ‘Splat’. The winner is the quickest.

Introduction:

See if the children know what resurrection means: to come to life again after death. Ask the children if they have ever had a pet or family member die. (*Please be very sensitive, as some children may have lost someone very close.*) Let the children briefly talk about how sad it is when someone dies and explain that Mary and Martha were very sad in the story.

Story: John 11: 1-44. This is the story of Lazarus. You could tell the story in your own words or if you have The Miracle Maker DVD then you could show the story from the film.

Application: Mary and Martha were very sad when Lazarus died, just as we would be if we lost someone we loved. When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, he was showing people that he had power even over death. When Jesus died on the cross, death could not hold him because he had never sinned, so he came back to life. He took the blame for all the wrong things we have done. This makes it possible for us to go to heaven and live forever with him.

Memory verse: John 11 v 25 “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die”

Write each letter of “resurrection” on a separate piece of paper. On the other side of each piece write a bit of the memory verse. Get the children to arrange it into the word (they may need some help). Turn it over to reveal the completed memory verse.

Prayer/reflection:

Sit the children down and give each of them a pencil and piece of paper. Ask them to write down any questions they have and then you could either stick them onto a cross or put them into a container and ask God to reveal the answer to the questions to the children in the coming week (or Leaders can respond to the questions there and then).