

# GOD IS LOVING!

JOHN 17-20

## HERE'S WHAT HAPPENS...

Jesus says the greatest act of love is to die for your friends. Then, after praying about what's about to experience, Jesus endures torture and is hung on a cross, where he dies. By dying on the cross for us, Jesus shows us the ultimate act of God's love.

"God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him." 1 John 4:9



## WHAT YOU'LL NEED THIS WEEK...

- Bible
- Painter's Tape
- paper or chairs
- 1 Can Crescent dinner rolls
- 8 large marshmallows
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 2 Tbsp. Ground Cinnamon
- 2 Tbsp. White Sugar
- Jesus is Risen Pop-Up Craft Kit

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

**PIRANHA RIVER-** Kids will try to jump across an imaginary river to learn how there are some things in life we cannot do on our own.

**RESURRECTION ROLLS -** Families will make a sweet treat that reminds them that the tomb was empty!

**JESUS IS RISEN POP-UP CRAFT -**Students will use the kit provided to show how Jesus rose from the tomb!

## **PIRANHA RIVER:**

Place 2 parallel lines on the floor with painter's tape, or cones if outside, making lines 12 feet apart to represent the banks of a river. For at least 1 bank of the river, allow enough room so that kids can get a running start to jump.

1) Show kids the river you set up and explain that they must cross the river. However, the river is full of bad-tempered, flesh-eating, super-hungry piranhas. If any part of a kid hits the "water", he or she will become a piranha snack. Kids can only use their ability to jump to find a way across the river.

2) Line up the kids at the edge of the river and invite them to try jumping across a few times. Then let them try to get a running start.

3) When neither of those work, use chairs or pieces of paper to build a bridge, and have kids cross that way.

Kids could cross the river, but they needed help to get there. God showed his love for us when Jesus died on the cross so we could be forgiven for our sins. Sin was like this river - too wide to cross on our own. But Jesus built a bridge for us to become friends of God and live with him forever!

## **RESURRECTION ROLLS:**

- 1) Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Lightly grease a baking sheet.
- 2) Separate crescent rolls into individual triangles.
- 3) In a small bowl, mix together cinnamon and sugar.
- 4) Dip a marshmallow into melted butter, then roll in sugar mixture. Place marshmallow into center of a dough triangle. Carefully wrap the dough around the marshmallow. Pinch the seams together tightly to seal in marshmallow as it melts. Place on a baking sheet. Repeat.
- 5) Bake in a preheated oven until golden brown, about 15 minutes.
- 6) Let cool, break open and enjoy!

## **JESUS IS RISEN POP-UP CRAFT:**

For this craft the instructions are in the kit. Younger students may need help with the smaller foam pieces.

When placing the Jesus figure on the popsicle stick, it is helpful to measure off an inch from the top of the stick. Then align the bottom of Jesus with the one inch mark. This will help make sure that Jesus disappears when he is supposed to.

