

Chew Chew Snacks



DAY 4



BIBLE POINT

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Jesus' power lets us live forever.

Bible Story: Jesus' death and resurrection. (Matthew 26:17–28:10)

Bible Verse: “The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you.”
(Romans 8:11)

Consider This...

- ▶ The Passover meal shared between Jesus and his disciples commemorated God's miraculous provision for his people centuries earlier. In this traditional celebration, Jews remembered the sacrificial lamb, whose blood (marked on their doorposts in Egypt) saved them. How appropriate that Jesus—*our* sacrificial lamb—completes his work on earth with such a symbolic event.
- ▶ In Jesus' culture—and in some Middle Eastern cultures today—eating together equaled friendship. Scholars equate sharing a meal with trust and intimacy, adding weight to Jesus' comment to Judas: “One of you who has just eaten from this bowl with me will betray me” (Matthew 26:23).
- ▶ The Roman government had deprived the Sanhedrin of the right to carry out most capital punishments. Therefore, even though the chief priests and elders found Jesus guilty, they had to turn him over to Pilate for execution.
- ▶ At Jesus' death, Matthew 27:51 records that “the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.” There were actually two curtains in the Temple. One divided the Most Holy Place from the Holy Place; the other separated the Holy Place from the court. Matthew doesn't specify *which* curtain tore, but a rending of either one would symbolize changes between God, ritual law, and humanity.
- ▶ Even Jesus' followers found his resurrection hard to believe! Matthew 28:17 tells us, “but some of them doubted!” Yet Jesus eased their doubts by appearing to them repeatedly over 40 days (Acts 1:3; 10:40-41).



Why It Matters...

Death is an uncomfortable—and even scary—topic for children *and* adults. Even though we don't like to talk or think about it, it's likely that most kids will experience the death of a pet, friend, or relative. That's why it's critical that we help children understand the hope we have through Jesus. Even though death may mean the end of *this* life, kids can celebrate the astonishing promise of eternal life with Jesus. Use today's lesson to help children understand their need for Jesus. Guide them as they discover that through Jesus' miraculous power, we can live forever in heaven.

SUPPLIES

- ▶ honey wheat pretzel twists
- ▶ frosting pouches

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TODAY'S TREAT CRUNCHY CROSSBUCK



Chew on this!

Our snacks look like train track signs that remind people to stop before crossing a train track. But when we turn them another way, they look like crosses that remind us of Jesus!

Remember

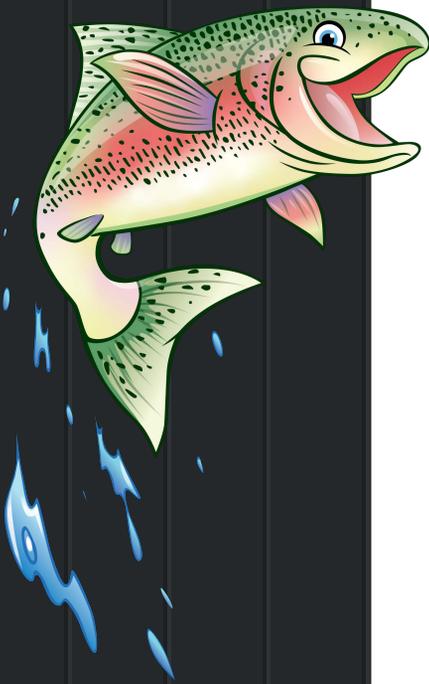
Romans 8:11 says, “The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you.” **Jesus’ power lets us live forever! (Trust Jesus!)**

Pray

Dear God, we thank you that you rose to save us. Because of you, we can have everlasting life. Help us to never forget your love for us. Amen.

Build it!

Using two honey wheat pretzel twists, squeeze a dime-size amount of frosting onto the center of one pretzel. Then lay a second pretzel on top of the other connecting the pretzels at the centers to make a cross.



Alternate Snack Tracks

- ▶ Veggie Straws with a dollop of cream cheese
- ▶ Pretzels and hummus
- ▶ Celery sticks and peanut butter
- ▶ Handi-snacks Oreo Cookie sticks ‘n Crème Dip Snack Packs
- ▶ Handi-snacks Premium Breadsticks ‘n Cheesy Dip Snack Packs