



Mini Lesson: New Testament

STORY:

Jesus Dies and Rises

THEME:

**We are sad Jesus died.
We are glad Jesus is alive!**

Read the Story

Sit in a low chair or on the floor with a Frolic First Bible. Ring a chime or use another sound to call children to story time. Gather them into a story-time circle.

When was a time that you were sad? When was a time that you were happy? Listen to children's responses. **In our first story today, people feel sad. But in our second story, they feel happy! Let's hear what happens.**

Hold up a Frolic First Bible and read the stories from pages 38-41. Finish your storytelling with the statements at the end of the stories: **We are sad Jesus died. We are glad Jesus is alive!**

More Story Fun

Hold up the Frolic First Bible for all children to see.

When the sun rose on Easter morning, the women went to visit Jesus' tomb. What color is the sun? Yellow. **Let's make the shape of the big sun in the air with our pointer fingers.** Show kids how to draw a big arc in the air. Then do it again together.

The women were surprised that Jesus wasn't there! Show me your surprised faces. Share surprised faces with the children.

Let's touch Jesus' hands like his friends did. Take turns placing hands on the poster or Bible.

Now let's celebrate Jesus like his friends did! Crouch down on the floor. Invite children on the count of three to jump up, shouting, "Jesus is risen!" Repeat many times at a variety of volume levels. **We are sad Jesus died. We are glad Jesus is alive!**

Prayer

Finish your time together with a prayer.

**Dear God,
Thank you for Jesus. We love Jesus.
We felt sad that Jesus died. We are glad Jesus is alive!
Amen.**

Notes

Jesus shared supper with his friends.



Jesus said, "Tell my friends that I am alive!"

