

A photograph of three young people laughing together, overlaid with a purple and pink gradient and a white dot pattern. The text 'JESUS IS LIFE' is centered over the image.

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LIFE

HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE:

In our busy, chaotic world, students (and adults, if we're honest!) often struggle to connect with Jesus personally and to see how a relationship with Him is relevant in their everyday lives. Using John 11 as a framework, this three-session curriculum explores the awesome truth that Jesus not only has a role to play in our lives—He *is* life!

Through these three lessons, you can help your students go deep and wide with the truth that *Jesus is life* by teaching them to stand on His promises and rely on His resurrection power, especially during difficult times. Because of the price He paid and the power He displayed, Jesus has forever proven His love and faithfulness, even when life is painful. These studies will help students learn to enjoy life with Jesus now, look forward to an eternity with Him, and embrace the mission to share this message of life with the dying world around us.

In each session, you'll find an opportunity to share the Gospel with your students. We encourage you to do so each week (no matter what curriculum you're using!). There are a few reasons for this:

- ◇ There may be students present who never come to your group again, for whatever reason, so it's an opportunity to make sure they hear the Good News while they're there.
- ◇ Sometimes students we assume are saved haven't ever personally trusted Christ, even if they've heard the Gospel many times. You never know if this may be the time it "clicks"!
- ◇ For students who have already trusted Christ, hearing the Gospel again reinforces their understanding and can help them learn how to share the Good News with others.

These studies can be used in a large group setting, for small group discussions, as a hybrid of the two, or for online meetings. In each lesson, you'll see game adaptations for those gathering online.

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Each session includes:

- ◇ An opening game
- ◇ Teaching points that can be used either as a brief overview or as the basis for a talk/sermon
- ◇ Discussion questions
- ◇ A Gospel explanation/presentation
- ◇ A closing prayer/prayer time
- ◇ A student challenge

Our prayer is that *Jesus Is Life* will inspire your students to connect with Jesus in their daily lives—and to learn to connect their friends with Jesus as well.

SESSION 1

Because *JESUS IS LIFE*, we can be sure of His love for us, even when we can't understand His plan.

GAME

Group Pictionary

Classic Pictionary—but on a larger scale.

Supplies you'll need:

- ◇ Two to four whiteboards or large easel flip-chart pads
- ◇ Dry-erase markers (one for each board)
- ◇ Pictionary words. You can make up your own or purchase the game and use those.

Instructions:

1. Place a whiteboard in each corner of the room.
2. Split everyone into two to four teams.
3. Find a place in the middle of the room that's equal distance from all whiteboards.
4. Put each team into a different corner of the room, around their own whiteboard.
5. Each team must select one person to draw for each round.
6. Meet with the people drawing in the middle of the room.