



## 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