

# Day 4 - Jesus Died and Rose Again

Welcome to Day 4 of VBX 2021! We are so glad you have joined us this week as we unearth the truth about Jesus. Today is THROWBACK Thursday! Make sure to wear an old VBX shirt today. Today we are seeking truth by learning that Jesus fulfilled God's plan. Don't forget to kick off your day by visiting our website ([lawrencevillevbx.org](http://lawrencevillevbx.org)) for a morning message from one of our VBX Directors! We can't wait to see how much fun you have today, so make sure to take pictures today and post them on Facebook or Instagram with the hashtag #lawrencevillevbx. Have an awesome day!



**Theme Verse:** You will seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart. *Jeremiah 29:13*

**Point:** Jesus fulfilled God's plan to become our Savior

**Bible Story:** Jesus is Alive Isaiah 53:5,9-11; John 19:17-20:18

## BIBLE STUDY

- **Bible Story** Say: ***“Our Bible story today is about when Jesus died and rose again. Let's find out more!”*** (Read the Story below)
- **Connect Points** Say: ***“Today's story is hard to hear and you probably felt many emotions. Let's review the story and you show me how you feel:***
  - ***Prophets told that the Savior would be raised from the dead. (confused, wonder, hope)***
  - ***Jesus was crucified between two criminals. (anger, sadness)***
  - ***Jesus was buried in a stone tomb with a rock sealing the door. (sadness, hopeless)***
  - ***Mary Magdalene found the tomb empty. (shock, amazement)***
  - ***Mary thought Jesus' body had been taken away. (sadness, grief)***
  - ***Jesus called Mary by name. (Wonder, relief, joy)***
  - ***Jesus is Alive! (Jumping for JOY)***

***Remember that Jesus followed God's plan to be our Savior”***

- **Activity Books** Turn to the Day 4 pages in the activity book(s), review the Bible story & complete pages.
- **Review Scripture** Using the Jeremiah 29:13 poster, have the children recite the verse while pretending to be on an archaeological site: digging with a shovel, sweeping with a hand broom, or whatever they create!
- **Wrap Up** Say ***“You have discovered that God made and kept the promise to send a Savior. That Savior is Jesus, and He has all the power God promised. Jesus not only knew God's plan, but also finished God's plan. Today, the truth we unearthed is Jesus fulfilled God's plan to be our Savior. Why? Because He loves you.”***

## Bible Story

*Jesus is Alive - Isaiah 53:5,9-11; John 19:17-20:18*

God told prophets that Jesus would be born. God also told them how Jesus would be punished for our sins. The prophets also said that Jesus would die with the wicked, be buried with the rich, and be raised from the dead. All of this seemed too amazing to be true, but Jesus fulfilled every single prophecy.

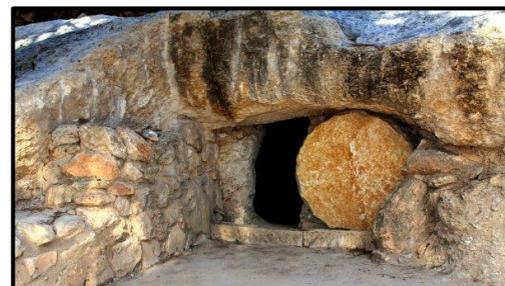
Jesus was crucified between two criminals. When Jesus knew He had completed everything He came to do, He said, “It is finished.” Then, He died. Joseph of Arimathea, a wealthy man, asked to take care of Jesus' body. Joseph and Nicodemus took great care to prepare Jesus' body and place it in a brand-new tomb Joseph has just made. Then, they rolled a stone across the opening to seal the tomb.

Early on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb to complete the burial rituals. When she got there, the stone was removed, and Jesus was gone! Mary ran to tell the disciples. Peter and John raced to the tomb and looked inside. The burial clothes were there, but Jesus was not. They believed what they saw but still could not understand.

Mary stood outside the tomb crying. She saw someone there, but she thought he was the gardener. The man said, “Mary.” At the sound of His voice, Mary knew He was Jesus. She was overjoyed! She couldn't wait to tell the disciples. “I have seen the Lord!” she said. Jesus is alive!

## Today's Artifact: Rolling Tomb Stone

During Jesus' lifetime, the poor or lower class utilized nearby caves for burial. Only the wealthy could purchase a tomb cut out of the rock, and only the wealthy could afford a rolling stone for the opening. In fact, very few exist. The vast majority of people would simply place a square block stone against the cave entrance.



**Think About It:** Have you ever had a time when you felt utterly defeated and then ... God revealed Himself in a very real way? Did you excitedly run to tell your friends about it?

### GAMES

#### **Rolling, Rolling, Rolling**

**Prep:** Gather 1 straw per player and at least 1 table tennis ball per team. Create a track with tape on the floor.

**Play:** Divide your group into two teams. Give each player a straw. On GO the first player on each team will try to roll the ball to the end of the track and back by blowing through the straw. Once they return to the start of the line, the next player will do the same thing. A team wins once all of the players on that team successfully make it to the end of the track and back.

**Suggestions:** Make one tape track per team so the kids do not get in each other's way. Connect this game to today's Bible story by reminding players that just as they had to follow the track prepared for them, Jesus followed the plan God had prepared for Him to be the Savior.

#### **Make A Plan**

**Prep:** Split your group into even teams. Make a plan of action ahead of time that each team will have to complete. Give each team a copy of the plan.

**Play:** Instruct players that on GO they will compete to complete the plan correctly. The first team to finish following the plan wins.

**Suggestions:** Example of actions to include in your plan, Do 10 jumping jacks, spin around 4 times, run to the cones, high five 3 other people, etc. The last action of the plan should involve interacting with the leader in some way, such as a high five, so you know who finished first. Connect this game to today's lesson by telling the players that just as they followed a plan in the game, Jesus fulfilled God's plan to be our Savior.

### CRAFT

#### **Kindness Rocks:**

rock  
yarn  
paint  
markers  
glue  
googly eyes

Find a rock that fits into the palm of your hand. Drizzle it with glue to wrap yarn around it or decorate it with sharpies. Create a face with markers or paint. Don't forget to glue googly eyes on it so your rock.

### Music & Bible Story

Be Sure to check out Thursday's page on our website ([lawrencevillevb.org](http://lawrencevillevb.org)) to watch the music video to learn the song and hand motions then sing and dance along to today's songs, led by our music leaders! After that, listen to a short lesson from a special guest speaker!

***For additional activities, discussion prompts, videos, & more, visit Thursday's Page on [lawrencevillevb.org](http://lawrencevillevb.org).***

### WANT TO GO DEEPER?

**Snack Suggestion:** Bake cookies. Mention that this snack is round, which can remind us of the stone that was used to seal the tomb where Jesus was buried after His death. Remind them, though, that Mary found the stone rolled away and spoke with Jesus. He is alive!

**Discussion Prompt:** Discuss a time when you made a promise that you didn't/couldn't keep. Does Jesus ever not keep his promises to us? Why?