

Jesus lives!

Use these stories with Bubbles Sheets 49–52.

49 A meal with Jesus

"It's Passover," Jesus told his friends.
 "Time for our special meal."
 When the meal was ready, Jesus said, "This is the last Passover meal we will all eat together. Soon, some sad things are going to happen."
 Jesus held a cup of wine in his hands. "Thank you, God," he said. Then Jesus gave the cup to his friends.
 "Pass this round and all have a drink from it," he said.
 Next, Jesus held a loaf of bread and broke it into pieces. "Thank you, God," he said, and gave it to his friends. "When you eat this," he told them, "I want you to think about me."
 After their meal, Jesus held another cup of wine in his hands.
 "Share this," he said. "Soon someone in this room will choose not to be my friend any more."
 His friends looked at each other, amazed. "Who is it?" they wondered.
 Luke 22:7–23

50 Jesus in the garden

After the special meal with his friends, Jesus went into a garden to pray.
 "Sit here and keep watch while I go and pray," he told his friends.
 Then Jesus prayed to God. "I feel very scared, Father," Jesus prayed. "Please help me!"
 Jesus went back to his friends and found them sleeping. It was late and they were very tired.
 "Please stay awake and pray for me," Jesus said to them.
 Then Jesus prayed again. "Please help me, Father. Help me to do what you want."
 Then Jesus saw his friend, Judas, coming with a crowd of soldiers. Judas showed the soldiers who Jesus was. Some of Jesus' friends were going to fight the soldiers. But Jesus said, "No! Do not fight! This is all part of God's plan."
 Jesus went with the soldiers. But all his friends left him and ran away.
 Matthew 26:36–56; Mark 14:32–50; Luke 22:39–53; John 18:3–12

51 Peter lets Jesus down

"Jesus, I will always be your friend," said Peter. Jesus was sad.
 "Tomorrow," he said, "before the cockerel crows for a new day, you will have said three times that you don't know me."
 "No!" replied Peter. "I would never say that!"



"Are you a friend of Jesus?" asked the man.
 "No! I'm not!" said Peter.
 "Are you a friend of Jesus?" asked the man.
 "No! I'm not!" insisted Peter.
 Cock-a-doodle-doo! The cockerel crowed! It was a new day. And Peter remembered what Jesus had said! Peter felt so sad – he loved Jesus but he had pretended he did not know him!

Mark 14:27–31; 66–72

52 Jesus dies

Some people did not like Jesus talking about God. They sent soldiers to take him away.
 The soldiers gave Jesus a big, heavy cross made out of wood. Jesus had to carry it out of the city, to a hill nearby.
 The soldiers put Jesus on the cross and stood it up in the ground.
 A long time went by. It hurt Jesus a lot, to be on the cross. The soldiers stood on guard. Many other people came to see what was going on.
 Jesus talked to God. "Father," he said. "forgive these people for doing this to me. They don't know what they are doing."



And then, Jesus died.
 It seemed like the end of everything. But God had other plans. In a few days' time, something would happen, something amazing and fantastic and wonderful. And Jesus would be alive again, for ever.
 Mark 15:21–37



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