



# The Day After



## THE MISSION AIM

Jesus proves that He has conquered death so that we can witness to it.



## KEY VERSE

**Luke 24:46-47:** "He told them, 'This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.'"



## Pre-Mission Activity



## Supplies Needed

- Spy Book for each recruit for use with Mission #2, Field Mission Project and Prayer Huddle (see attachment page 7)
- Stickers
- Pencils
- Pencil crayons

## Directions

**SAY:** Anyone know what a detective does?

**DO:** Give a moment for response.

**SAY:** He or she gathers evidence to prove if something has happened or if it's true or not. Today, you are going to be detectives and you're going to get your very own Spy Books. To start, you can take a few minutes now to decorate the cover of your book.

**DO:** Give the recruits time to decorate by colouring or using stickers. (I'd suggest no markers as they often bleed through.) If there is time, play a game of "Wink". Have the recruits sit in a circle. Send one person out of the room (Their job is to guess who you have chosen as the one to wink). Choose another recruit to be the person who winks. If the chosen person winks or does an exaggerated blink at a recruit, they fall backwards as if they're dead. Once everyone in the circle knows what to do have the person who was out of the room come back and try to guess who the chosen winker is as he/she winks and knocks recruits over.



## Mission Uplink 1



Have ready YouTube playlist: "Season 2 – The Easter Story Episode 2: The Day After"

Play "The Easter Story (S2) Episode 2 (1/4)". Episode begins with the *Ready to Serve* theme song, followed automatically by the MISSION # 1 VIDEO. Pause the video when the MISSION # 1 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 1.

If using PPT for video, have *Easter-Episode\_2-The\_Day\_After.pptx* ready and play slide one. Pause on the MISSION # 1 CARD so you and your recruits can complete Mission # 1.



## Mission #1



### Supplies Needed

- Proof of the cross puzzle (see attachment page 8-12)
- Tape/sticky tack
- Magnifying glasses – Seven if possible (Dollar store) or paper ones or just let them pretend
- Bibles



### Mission Assignment

**SAY:** This does sound like a bit of a mystery. We believe that Jesus died on the cross but how do we know. Mmmm! Let's give a drum roll for Mission # 1 (reading mission card from satellite uplink). "Take some time to find the evidence to prove that Jesus did indeed die on the cross."

**SAY:** There is nothing like a good mystery. Today, you have a mystery puzzle to solve. Hidden around the \_\_\_\_\_ (building, room etc.) are seven puzzle pieces. You will be given a number and your job, alone or with a group, is to go and find the piece that matches your number. When you have found it, bring it back to the group, read it and look up at least one of the Bible references to tell us what proof there was that Jesus died.

**DO:** If you are using real magnifying glasses get those out now. If not, move on.

**SAY:** Of course, you will need your magnifying glasses so please carefully get those out and look me in the eye.

**DO:** Divide the recruits into seven groups (you can have some people have more than one number or some groups have more than one in the group depending on your numbers). Give the recruits any parameters in terms of where they can look for their puzzle piece and send them off to find their appropriate number. When they return, remind them to look up at least one of the Bible references.

**SAY:** It looks like we're all back and you've had a chance to look through your Bibles to see what they say about Jesus' death. Now, I want each group to tell us what they have learned.



**DO:** Give the groups a chance to share. (use the puzzle pieces as necessary to fill in anything that was missed.)

**SAY:** Now that we have our evidence, let's put the puzzle together with the picture side up to remind us that each piece of evidence collected tells us the true story of Jesus' death.

**DO:** Give the recruits a chance to put the puzzle together.

**SAY:** Well done recruits, part of the mystery is solved. Way to go! I think we're getting some great evidence for Molly and the team that will help them share the truth with their friends. Let's take a moment to draw or write what you have discovered about Jesus' death on the first page or two of your Spy Books.

**DO:** Give the recruits a chance to draw or record some evidence (tomb, dark sky, earthquakes, women following, guards)

**SAY:** Let's take a photo of our puzzle and send it back to the team. Now we can get back to them too.



### Mission Uplink 2



YouTube: Play "The Easter Story (S2) Episode 2 (2/4)". Pause the video when the MISSION # 2 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 2.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when MISSION #2 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 2.



### Mission #2



### Supplies Needed

- Mystery boxes each labelled with a different number (tissue boxes with the hole at the top that a recruit's hand can fit in would work well but any box or container that will work for you is fine):
  1. a box with some feathers in it and dried beans
  2. a box with a key in it and cooked pasta (line the box with some foil or a bag)
  3. a box with a can of tuna buried in dry pasta
  4. a box with a car buried in some sand
  5. an empty box
- Spy Books (see attachment page 7)
- Pencils
- Bible



Feel free to fill the boxes with anything as long as you have the feathers, key, tuna, car in them; you may wish to use a cover for each box so that the recruits cannot see inside of them or make sure that they are high enough so that the recruits need to reach up to feel for the items.





## Mission Assignment

**SAY:** The evidence is right there! Jesus really and truly rose again. As Christie said, it's not just Mary Magdelene or the Guard that saw Jesus alive, there are many other witnesses. I'm guessing that Mission # 2 is going to lead us to find out about some of them and the evidence we might need to collect, so let's have a drum roll please... (reading mission card from satellite uplink) "Using the Mystery Boxes and your investigative expertise find the items that have been found to show us the fact that Jesus rose again after He was most certainly dead!!!"

**SAY:** You'll need your Spy Books (page 3) and a pencil for this one. Your job is to feel inside each of the boxes and find any hidden items. When you think you know what is in the box, pull out your hand, write the number of the box and draw or write what you think the exhibit or item is. Be careful, there may be something gooey inside your box. Are you ready?

**DO:** Make sure that each recruit has their Spy Book and a pencil. Spread the boxes out so that they are around the room and the recruits are not all clumped together. Ensure that no one is able to see in the boxes as they try to discover what is inside of them.

**SAY:** Okay recruits, the time has come...what did you find in box or exhibit number one? Feathers? Who in the story of Easter might have feathers? The angels of course. In Luke 24:4-7 it tells us that while the women were wondering why the tomb was empty two men, presumed to be angels came and told them not to worry and to not look for the living among the dead. Jesus was alive. Pretend to float to the ground like a feather.

**SAY:** Alright, what about exhibit number two? A key? Any thoughts of what that might represent? ... It says in John 20:19 that the disciples were so scared after Jesus died that they hid in a locked room. Jesus Himself, the key to any room, walked in while they were there and said, "Peace be with you." Amazing! He is the key! Run to a wall and knock three times, run back to the group.

**SAY:** How about exhibit number three? A can of tuna? What on earth is that about? Let me read what Luke 24:36-44 says. Any thoughts on what this tells us about Jesus being alive? It's a tough one.

**DO:** Give the recruits a moment to think and share.

**SAY:** He was hungry. He had physical needs, if He was a ghost or something fake He wouldn't have been hungry and he certainly wouldn't be eating fish. Our third piece of evidence. Sit up tall and pretend to be eating your favourite meal.

**SAY:** Who can tell us what they found in exhibit number four? A car? Were they even invented yet? That seems quite strange. Let me read you a very cool story.

**DO:** Read Luke 24:13-32.

**SAY:** So, no cars on the road yet, but this car represents the road and the incredible walk that Jesus had with two men as they shared the story of His own death. They had no idea until He left but they had seen and walked with Jesus. Pretend to drive around the room like a race car being sure to stay in your lane.



**SAY:** Alright, I think we have one more piece of evidence for now. Exhibit number five please... What? There was nothing there? Okay, investigators, what are your thoughts on that one?

**DO:** Give the recruits a moment to think and respond.

**SAY:** Indeed, the empty tomb. Jesus was not there. He was gone. Shrug your shoulders and say, "He's gone!"

**SAY:** There are so many other exhibits in the Bible too. Jesus spoke to the women (Mark 16:1-8), He talked to Mary in the Garden (Mark 16:9-11, John 20:10-18), He let Thomas feel His hands and feet (John 20:24-31).

**SAY:** There are so many pieces of evidence to show that Jesus was alive. Many people saw Him and interacted with Him. You are amazing investigators finding the exhibits and seeing how they prove that Jesus rose again. Way to go! Now, we best get this information back to the team. Let's hold up our Spy Books and say, "To the Team". They can take our information and use it to help Molly and others see that Jesus is indeed alive.



### Mission Uplink 3



YouTube: Play "The Easter Story (S2) Episode 2 (3/4)". Pause the video when the FIELD MISSION CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the Field Mission Project.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when FIELD MISSION CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the Field Mission Project.



### Field Mission Project



### Supplies Needed

- Spy Books
- Pencils
- Bible

### Mission Project

**SAY:** We've pieced together a lot of evidence today. Jesus, the perfect Son of God truly died on the cross for our sins. Then based on the evidence we've found today we know that He rose again and appeared to many people. So what does this mean for us today? I think we should have a drum roll for Mission # 3... (reading mission card from satellite uplink) "Recruits, think about why it was so important that Jesus died and rose again and what we should do about it."

**SAY:** I think I have just the verse to help us. It's our key verse and you'll find it in your Spy Book (page 4). Let's take a look at it right now, Luke 24:46-47.

**DO:** Read the verse together.



**SAY:** This could be a bit tricky but with your partner or by yourself, take a moment to write or draw what you think this verse means. You have some space around the key verse in your Spy Book.

**DO:** Give the recruits a moment to write and draw.

**SAY:** Anyone brave enough to share? So, really what these verses are saying is that Jesus had to suffer and die but then He rose again. He had to suffer because if He didn't we would have to. God cannot look at sin and so we couldn't have a close relationship with Him in our sin. In fact, His Word says that the penalty for sin is death (Romans 6:23). However, Jesus died in our place so that we don't have to die. In fact, we can turn from our sins and be forgiven. Many people today don't know Jesus. They live without knowing that He loved them so much that He died for them. In Acts 1 it tells us that once we know Jesus, it's our job to go and tell others about what He did for us and He will give us courage to do that through His Holy Spirit. What do you think? Do you really believe? Are you ready to go and tell others about Jesus amazing love?



### Prayer Huddle



YouTube: Play "The Easter Story (S2) Episode 2 (4/4)". Pause the video when the PRAYER HUDDLE CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the prayer huddle.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when PRAYER HUDDLE CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the prayer huddle.



### Supplies Needed

- Spy books
- Pencils

### Directions

**SAY:** Today we're going to pray alone as we think about all that we have learned. In your Spy Book, there is a prayer that you can pray and you can fill in the blanks as you do so. Please get a pencil and find a quiet place in the room to pray. If you need help reading let us know. If you are not ready to pray this prayer that's okay. I'd rather you not pray, than to pray and not believe it. You could even pray, "Lord help my unbelief."

**DO:** Read the prayer aloud but in a solemn voice as the recruits are in their quiet places. Ensure that if any recruits are not sure what to do that you have some leaders helping them.

**SAY:** The proof is there my friends. How are you going to respond to it today, this week? Who are you going to tell about Jesus and His love and forgiveness. Let me pray for you.

**DO:** Pray over the recruits and send them off reminding them of just how much Jesus did for them to be saved.





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Luke 24: 46-67

"He told them, 'This is what was written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.'"

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**I'VE GOT THE PROOF...**

Jesus died and rose again. He loves me. I believe Jesus died so that I could be forgiven for my sins. I ask Him to forgive me for \_\_\_\_\_.

I believe He sent His Holy Spirit to help me make good choices and to tell others about Him. With His help, I am going to tell \_\_\_\_\_ all that I have learned about Easter.

I am going to pray that \_\_\_\_\_ comes to believe in Jesus too.

I promise to trust God and do my best to love others and the world around me.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_



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**SPY BOOK!**



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## Proof of the Cross Puzzle

Using the templates provided on pages 9-12 create a large seven piece puzzle of a cross with the cross on one side and each piece with one of the following on the other side.

1. He gave up his spirit, in other words He breathed His last breath and died. – Matthew 27:50; Mark 15:37; Luke 23:46; John 19:30
2. There were strange happenings – earthquakes, darkness, the curtain in the Temple tore in two. – Read Matthew 27:50, 51; Mark 15:33-34, 38; Luke 23:44-46
3. Soldiers checked to make sure He was dead before potentially breaking His bones - John 19:31-33
4. One soldier pierced His side showing physical proof that Jesus was dead – John 19:31-37
5. Some women were standing nearby and saw it all happen, they even went right to the tomb – Luke 23:49, Luke 23:55
6. Centurians and Guards saw the truth and commented on it as Jesus died – Mark 15:39; Luke 23:47
7. He was put in a tomb by Joseph of Arimathea and the tomb was blocked shut with a huge boulder – Matthew 27:57-60; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-54; John 19:38-42

As best as possible, divide these puzzle pieces around the building, the room (if in the room, try to have them taped under chairs, tables etc. so they are not visible), outside etc.

Try to find places that will allow the recruits to move around as much as possible.

Here is a sample of what your finished puzzle should look like:











