

# GOOD NEWS BEARS CLUB

## BIBLE DISCOVERY

### "Jesus the Life Saver"

Recommended for: All

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- LESSON AIM:** To know that Jesus is the only One who can take away our sins and give us a new life of freedom.
- MEMORY VERSE:** *"Look, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world."*  
John 1:29
- SUPPLIES:** Small suitcase with heavy weights, paper plates, Life Saver<sup>®</sup> candies, felt pens or crayons, visual of Scripture verse.
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**OPENING:** Have a suitcase loaded down so heavy that none of the children can lift it. In large letters, label the suitcase "SIN." Have a strong person dressed as Jesus greet the children and participate with the class until the lesson.



**BIBLE DISCOVERY:** As you gather the children in a circle around the suitcase of "sin," act like a clumsy clown and keep tripping over the suitcase. With exasperation, ask if any of the children can lift it out of the way. After a few attempts, suddenly "remember" or "discover" that the suitcase is "sin." Tell the children how the Bible teaches us to get rid of sin. Read from the Bible about Jesus being the only One who has the power and strength to take away sin. Have a strong adult to play the part of Jesus. Ask Jesus to please come up and take away your sin. When he has, thank him. Then have him hand you an envelope in exchange for the suitcase of "SIN" before he leaves the scene with the suitcase. Open the envelope and show the word "**FORGIVEN**" written in large letters.



**ACTIVITY:** Have the children create a life preserver out of paper plates. Cut the centers out of paper plates. (For younger children have the centers already cut out). Have them color one side of the large "lifesaver" on the other side write "Jesus is my Life Saver." Allow them to take the Life Saver home or hang them around the room.

**SNACK:** Serve donuts which resemble a life preserver.



**CONCLUSION:** Pray with any children that need to get rid of sin.

**Optional Activity:** Give the older kids magazines and newspapers. Ask them this question: “How do people deal with life, stress, etc.?” Cut out pictures, headlines or articles which show people dealing with the struggles of life. After 5-10 minutes, ask for volunteers who will share what they found and their opinions about the question above. Hopefully, someone cut out pictures or articles about turning to God. Steer the discussion to this point: “Nothing we can try will help us deal with sin as well as turning to Jesus. Jesus is our ‘Life Saver!’”