

## FULL BLOOM

WEEK 3

### **BIG IDEA**

Jesus makes all things new.

### **BIBLE**

Jesus is Alive: Luke 24:1–12; Revelation 22:1–5

## **ABOUT THIS WEEK**

Once you plant a seed, you'll need to provide the right amount of water, sunlight, and air so that it can bloom into something brand new. This week, we'll hear about how Jesus died, came back to life, and made a way for all of us to bloom and grow with God. He came out of the darkness and brought light into the world because Jesus makes all things new.

## *Large Group Time*

Welcome

**Reagan:** Play 5 minute countdown at 9:25/11:25

**Check-In: Kelly G/Tanea**

**Welcome- Andrew S.**

Hey, welcome back to *Full Bloom*. Last time, we were in the garden of Gethsemane with Jesus, learning about what he was feeling. But guess what? Today's a super special day in our garden—it's Easter Sunday! Everything looks even more amazing than before—flowers are blooming wider, grass is greener, and all the bugs are having a blast together. It's like a huge party in our garden, but why?

Well, let's find out together why this day is so special. Get ready for an awesome story that's going to make our garden party even more exciting!

### **WELCOME**

**Welcome first time guests and explain bible bucks (100)**

- Bible bucks for Bibles (10)

- Remind to turn in homework (150) and say verse (100)

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

## WHAT? What are we talking about today?

QUESTION | What's your favorite Easter activity?- Andrew S.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Ask the question and have kids take turns sharing their answers.
- **What's your favorite Easter activity?**
- There are so many great Easter activities we get to try out. Whether we love coloring eggs, having an Easter egg hunt with our families, or eating all the treats we can find, there's so much to love about the Easter season.
- But Easter is about so much more than marshmallow Peeps, candy, or colorful eggs. It's about what Jesus did to connect us back to God, as close as the first humans were to God in that garden. What did he do, exactly? Let's find out together.

MEMORY VERSE | 2 Peter 3:18a (NIV)- Andrew S.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Introduce this month's memory verse and explain its meaning
- **"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen."**

Key points about this verse:

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- This verse is a call to continuous spiritual development, urging believers to not become stagnant in their faith but to continually deepen their understanding of God's grace and their relationship with Jesus.

To grow in grace and knowledge, believers are encouraged to:

- **Study the Word:** Regularly engage with the Bible to learn more about God and His plan.
- **Pray:** Seek God's guidance and wisdom through prayer.
- **Seek Fellowship:** Connect with other believers to encourage and challenge each other in their faith.
- **Live a Life of Obedience:** Strive to live in accordance with God's will, demonstrating the fruits of the Spirit

BIG IDEA | Jesus makes all things new.- Lydia

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Introduce the Big Idea
- Let's say it together: **Jesus makes all things new.**

**Tithes and offerings**

Pray for: Krishna to realize his full God-given potential

**Worship- Lydia**

1. Alive
2. God of wonders

**\*Video\***

## SO WHAT? Why does it matter to God and to us?

SCRIPTURE | Luke 24:1-12 (Jesus is Alive)

**Lydia- Release to small groups**

**Leaders: Please do not combine groups. Ideal small group size (3-5 kids)**

**Introduce yourself**

**Give out bible bucks for participation**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Invite kids to look up the verses with you and read together
- **Let's read Luke 24:1-8.**
  - After Jesus was arrested in the garden, he went through unimaginable pain. Then he was put on a cross and left to die. After he died, his body was placed inside a tomb, and a stone closed off the entrance. His friends and family mourned his death, but God knew something they didn't know. Jesus wouldn't stay in the tomb forever.
  - **What did they find when they arrived at the tomb?** *The stone was rolled away, and Jesus was missing.*
  - Three days later, some of the women who had followed Jesus visited his tomb and brought spices used for the dead. They were surprised by what they saw. The stone in front of the tomb was gone. When they walked into the tomb, they saw Jesus wasn't there either.
  - **Why was the tomb empty?** *Because Jesus rose again!*
- **What might you have thought if you were one of the women?**
  - As they looked around, they saw these two men in really bright clothing, like having a flashlight shine into your eyes. These men told them that Jesus wasn't in the tomb, of course, because he was alive.
  - **What did the women do after this experience?** *They ran to the disciples to tell them what happened.*
  - So, they did what any of us would do when something incredible happens ... they went and told their friends.
- **Let's read Luke 24:9-12.**
  - Their friends couldn't believe what the women were saying. After all, they had seen Jesus die. So, they went to see for themselves, and it was just like the women said. Jesus was indeed alive.
  - Jesus conquered death and came back to life! Like a plant from a seed, he came out of the darkness to bring new life into the world. This is why we celebrate Easter. Jesus died, and because he did, our separation from God due to sin could be fixed.
- But Jesus didn't remain dead. He came back to life and showed that God is more powerful than even death and that powerful God loves us and wants to know us. Our life with God can now be in *full bloom*, thanks to Jesus!

SCRIPTURE | Revelation 22:1-5

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Read or paraphrase this Scripture for kids.*
- **Did you notice that the Bible starts and ends with a garden?** There's a garden at the very beginning of the Bible in Genesis—the Garden of Eden—and then, here in the last book called Revelation, there's another garden.
- Doesn't this garden sound amazing? There's a flowing river, trees full of fruit, and so much beauty to take in. Best of all, this garden is where God lives. In this new garden, we get to spend time with God forever. This is the garden Jesus wants to take us to.
- When Jesus came into the world, he wanted to help us get back into this garden where we could spend time with God. Everything Jesus did was to help make a way for us to have brand new lives with God. In this garden, there's no pain or hurt. There isn't any darkness because God lights up the garden. How cool is that?
- All of it is because Jesus came to the world to do something brand new. **Jesus makes all things new.**
- **Read Revelation 22:3–5. What are some things this passage says will be changed because of what God has done?** *There will be a new garden and healing. There will be no more night. People will get to live with God.*

## NOW WHAT? What does God want us to do about it?

### REFLECTION | Garden Time With God

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Use this time to have kids calm down and think about what they learned today.*
- Close your eyes and breathe deeply. Imagine you are in a garden, and the sun is just rising. The morning dewdrops can be seen on the plants, and you have to squint a little as the sunlight comes through the cracks in between the trees.
- **Name some sounds you hear.**
- As you think about being in this garden, turn your thoughts to God. God created everything in the garden and helped it to grow ... including us. Let's talk about some ways we can grow today.
  - **Can you think of some things in this world that you feel are broken? How might Jesus make those things new?**
  - **What do you think your life would look like without Jesus?**
  - **Do you want to have the new life Jesus gives? What can you do to be closer to God?**
- Gardens never stop growing. When a plant has everything it needs, it will grow for years and years. That's why some trees and plants can end up as big as a house!
- There are always ways for us to keep growing close to God. We can learn more about who God is or try new ways to spend time with God. If we make a mistake, we don't need to worry. Jesus gives us a chance to start over.
- Jesus is how we grow in full bloom with God. **Jesus makes all things new.**
- **When are some times we need something new? What are some things Jesus might make new?**
- **Who can you share the story of Jesus with this week?**
- **How can you show others what a new life with Jesus looks like?**

### Prayer

**Have kids write their prayer requests down if they have them and pray for them to end small groups. Please turn in prayer request cards at the end of service**

- Jesus, thank you for what you've done for us. You rose from the grave and made a way for everyone to have a relationship with God. Because of you, we can have a new life. You make all things new, including us! Amen.

**SPIN IT TO WIN IT:** Lydia (please have Bible Bucks ready to hand out), give a 3 minute warning at 10:25/12:25

**PICK UP, CALL NAMES:** Andrew

**PICK UP, CHECK TAGS:** Kelly G/Tanea

**PICK UP, HAND OUTS:**

**KID STORE:** Lydia and Addison

**VERSE/SAVE TABLE:** Reagan-(Store afterwards)

**If you are not doing a task, engage with kids after service. Remember "they don't care how much you know until they know how much you care". YOU could be the reason a child wants to come to church.**

**Please clean up your small group space after kids are picked up**