

# The Bible Says

## Group Activity

1. Read John 20:11-18 with the children.
2. Invite the children to gather in a circle, if there is space, or to stand at their places with their hands at their sides.
3. Explain that they will play a game similar to Simon Says.
4. Give directions in these or similar words:

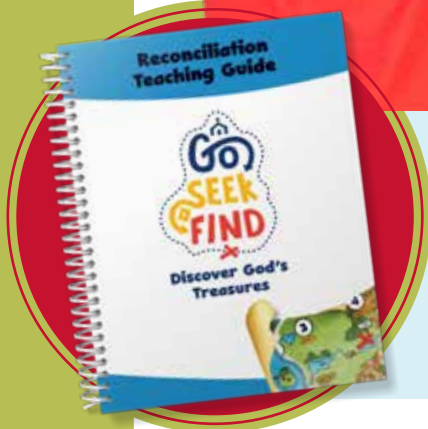
- We will begin by standing with our hands at our sides.
- When I say, "The Bible says, 'Christ has died,'" everyone will crouch down, put their hands over their heads, and repeat, "Christ has died." Then everyone will stand up again with hands at sides.
- When I say, "The Bible says, 'Christ is risen,'" everyone will lift their arms into the air and say, "Christ is risen. Alleluia!" *Alleluia* means, "Praise God!" Then everyone will put their hands at their sides again and wait for the next direction.
- If I don't say, "The Bible says," then you are to stand still and do nothing.
- If you move when I do not say, "The Bible says," you will be out of the game. The last person standing is the winner.



**Teacher Note:** As in the game Simon Says, vary your directions, sometimes saying, "The Bible says," and sometimes omitting it. Remind the children to stand with their hands at their sides while awaiting the next direction. It will be helpful to end the game with, "The Bible says, 'Christ has risen,'" to end on a positive note. You may want to arrange the children into teams. The team with the most members still standing at the end of the game (when you call "time!") is the winner.

## Process the Activity

- Remind the children of the Easter Bible story and how happy Mary Magdalene was when she realized that Jesus had risen from the dead.
- Tell the children that Jesus' rising from the dead is Good News that we celebrate each year at Easter. Explain that we rejoice in this and celebrate the fact that Jesus continues to be present to us in a special way today.



This activity is taken from chapter 1 of the *Reconciliation Teaching Guide* in the *Go Seek Find: Discover God's Treasures* program.

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