



Supplies

- several classroom toys, such as dolls or toy animals
- chair or stool

Talk About Living Things

Say: **Jesus' friends were so excited to see that Jesus is alive! They knew Jesus was alive because he talked to them and even ate with them.**

Ask: • **Tell me some ways we can tell something's alive.** Kids may say because it can move, talk, or breathe.

Test for Life

Say: **Let's test things in our room today to see what things are alive and what things are not.**

Stand with the chair beside you, and gather kids around you. Ask one willing child to stand next to you on the side opposite the chair. Place the first toy on the chair.

In your best game show voice, say: **For our first test, if you are alive, jump up and down.** Give the child a minute to jump up and down. Look back and forth between the child and the toy as if expecting the toy to move. The more you ham this up, the more fun it will be for the kids.

Say: **Well, it looks like [child's name] is alive, but I don't think this [toy] is. What about the rest of you? Are you alive? If you are, jump up and down!** Give kids a minute to jump.

Say: **Yep, it looks like you're all alive, but let's do another test.** Repeat the process with a few more "tests," choosing a new willing child and toy each time. You could ask kids to do the following, or come up with your own tests.

- Spin in a circle.
- Hop on one foot.
- Run in place.
- Wiggle.
- Fly like an airplane.

Test for Life Like Jesus

Continue doing "tests" as time allows, saving time for the following two tests.

Say: **For our next test, if you're alive, point to the way out of this room.** Give the willing child a chance to point to the door, and watch for the toy to do the same.

Say: **Looks like our [toy] isn't alive. But what about all our friends? Can you point the way?** Encourage kids to point to the door.

Say: **Jesus is alive. He shows us the way to go, too! Okay, this last test is for everyone! If you're alive, give a friend a hug or a fist bump.** Give the kids a chance to give hugs or fist bumps to some friends.

Say: **Hugs and high-fives are happy ways to celebrate! Jesus' friends could celebrate because Jesus is alive. Jesus is stronger than death, and he's always with us. He's always with us because he is alive!**