

Jesus Died Cards

Effect

Show a card that says "Jesus Died for You" at the top and shows Jesus on the cross. Read John 3:16 at the bottom of the card. Have a volunteer write their name above "the world" in John 3:16 to show that even though God loves the whole world, God loves them specifically as well. Pull out the card and hand it to your volunteer but the card has instantly changed. It no longer says, "Jesus Died for You," but "Jesus is Alive," and Jesus is no longer on the cross. He is risen!

Video

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Instructions

Rubber band a stack of "Jesus is Alive" cards. Then cut off the top part of the front card – This is the half card that came with the deck. Put this card on top of the stack of "Jesus is Alive" cards and rubber band the stack so that the top part of this card shows and the bottom part of the card beneath it shows. Arrange the rubber bands to hide that only half a card is on top. This way, when the volunteer writes on the card, he will think he is writing on the front card but he is actually writing on "Jesus is Alive" the card beneath it. Practice pulling out the second card quickly from the bottom, without revealing that the top card is only a half.

Spiritual Application

Show the audience the stack of cards and tell them to look closely at the top card. Read to them "Jesus Died for You" and point out Jesus on the cross. Then read John 3:16 with them. Then choose a volunteer. Mark out "the world" from John 3:16 and have the volunteer write their name above it. Explain that Jesus loves each individual person. Then pull bottom card out, leaving the original "Jesus Died for You" half-card in place. Show them the person's name and ask them what has changed. Jesus is no longer on the cross! Even though Jesus died for us, He didn't stay dead. Point out the top and announce that "Jesus is Alive!"

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