

THE CREED

THE SECOND ARTICLE (PART 2)

ACTIVITY

JUST AS HE IS RISEN

Theme: We did not live up to the potential for which God designed us. We fell into sin and destroyed God's image in us. But God sent Jesus to save us. He defeated death on our behalf. One day He will raise the bodies of the faithful from the grave and change them so that they will be like His glorious body.

Materials: One paper lunch bag and one balloon for each student

Procedure: (10 minutes)

Distribute the paper bags, still flattened. Say, **When God created the first humans, He made them in His own image. He breathed into them and gave them life.** Have students blow into the bag, filling it with air. Continue, **But we sinned.** Direct students to tear large holes in the bag and to flatten it to represent the effects of sin. Then say, **We lost the image of God. But God sent His Son, Jesus, to save us.** Blow up the balloon. Continue, **After living a holy life in our place, Jesus also took our place on the cross, dying for our sins.** Let the air out of the balloon. **Then He rose again. His life with God returned.** Blow up the balloon again. **Now we also have new life in Him. After we die, Jesus will raise us from the dead and transform our lowly bodies.** Pass out balloons, one to each student. Have them place the balloons inside their bags and blow up the balloon. The expanding balloon will also inflate the bag.