



FLY A KITE | WEEK 1 | APRIL 3-4, 2021

## 4s-5s Lesson

# Jesus is Alive!

**Bible Story:** Jesus is alive! Easter • *Matthew 26:20-30; 27:45-50; 28:1-7*

**Memory Verse:** “How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.” Ephesians 3:18, NIV

**Key Question:** Who wants to be your friend forever?

**Bottom Line:** Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

**Basic Truth:** I am loved by God no matter what so I can belong in God's family forever.

**KID CONNECT:  
30 MINUTES**

**LARGE GROUP:  
15 MINUTES**

**SMALL GROUP:  
15 MINUTES**

## LEADER BIBLE STUDY

*This month, we are going to be talking about something that is high and wide and deep. Do you know what it is? Yes, it's the love of Jesus. Jesus' love for each of us is so wide and long and high and deep that we can't even measure it! And, we are going to have so much fun introducing this truth to our preschoolers this month! We start the month with the best Sunday of the year—Easter! How exciting that we get to share the story of Easter with our youngest friends this month. Some of them will be hearing for the very first time that Jesus wants to be their friend forever. Yes! Jesus is alive, and He wants to be our friend forever! We want to share the good news that Jesus is alive with our preschoolers all month long. We want them to hear over and over again that Jesus wants to be their friend forever. We want this foundational truth of Jesus' great love for them to live in each preschooler's heart.*

Story Focus: **Jesus is alive!** We kick everything off by sharing the amazing true story about why we celebrate Easter. We will teach our preschoolers that Jesus is special because Jesus is God's Son. Jesus did amazing things and showed us how to love one another. Then, angry people hurt Jesus so badly that He died. But Jesus came back—just like He said He would! Yes! Jesus is alive, and He wants to be our friend forever! For some children, this will be the first time they hear this incredible story.

## KID CONNECT

### WELCOME TIME

**(VIDEO: ARRIVAL MUSIC)**

Play intro music in the background as you greet preschoolers and follow the KidCity check-in procedures. Set out a few favorite theme-related toys, such as puzzles and blocks.

### OPENING ACTIVITY

**(Rocks, Magnifying Glasses)**

#### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Set the rocks and magnifying glasses on the tables.

*During the Activity:* Encourage the children to investigate the rocks by handling them and looking at them through the magnifying glasses.

*After the Activity:* Collect all rocks and magnifying glasses and set aside for clean-up.

#### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* "Friends, come sit at the table. What do you see? *(Pause.)* Yes, lots of different rocks! Let's take a closer look. You can hold them and look at them through your magnifying glass like this." *(Demonstrate.)*

*After the Activity:* "What did you see when you took a closer look? *(Pause.)* That's so cool. I love how all of these rocks are so different. Some are smooth, and some are rough. Some sparkle a little, and they're all different colors. Today, we're going to hear about a special rock in our story, but it was WAY too big to hold in your hand. Come with me!"

*Transition to Large Group...*

## LARGE GROUP

### COUNTDOWN

**(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN)**

Show the countdown video as the children clean up and transition to Large Group.

### SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS

**(CG: EXPECTATION SLIDE; BASIC TRUTHS SLIDE; BIBLE)**

**LGL:** Hello my friends! How are you today? Come sit with me. I am so glad to see you here. I love being here with you!

Here in KidCity we have three rules. How many rules do we have? *(kids respond)* That's right! Three rules. Let's go over our rules now. (List rules while counting on fingers)

1. **Be kind.** We can be kind by using our speaking voices, by staying on our blankets (or whatever space you have), and by obeying our leaders' directions.
2. **Be safe.** We can be safe by walking around the classroom and keeping our hands to ourselves.
3. **Have fun!** We are going to have SO much fun, and that's because you are here!

Can everybody follow those rules today? (kids respond) Great! KidCity is a place where we learn about God and Jesus! And there are three big truths that we want you to know. Let's say them all together! Are you ready?

1. **I am made by God.** What is it? (kids repeat)
2. **I am loved by God no matter what.** What is it? (kids repeat)
3. **I am made for a purpose!** What is it? (kids repeat)

*LGL holds up Bible in front of him/her.*

**LGL:** Do you know what this is? *It's a Bible!* (hugging the Bible) Oh, I love the Bible! It's so special. The Bible is God's Big Story, and it tells us all about God! We are going to hear a true story from the Bible today.

## WORSHIP

**(VIDEO: VERY BEST FRIEND, I KNOW HE LOVES ME)**

Sing the worship songs together.

## INTRO SKETCH

**(Kite)**

*LGL brings the kite out with them.*

"Hello there, friends! Can you see what I'm holding? Isn't it beautiful? What do you think it is? *(Pause.)* Yes, a kite! Look at all these colors. Name some colors you see. *(Pause. Adjust language to fit the design of your kite.)*

You're right! Great job. My friend, Molly, gave me this colorful kite! When I told her that I'd never really flown a kite before, she brought me this one! Molly knows all about kites. She's been flying them since she was little. AND not only did she give me this kite, but we went outside that very day and she taught me how to fly it.

"It was the perfect day for kite flying. The sun was shining, and there was just the right amount of wind. *(Begin to move around the stage with the kite in front of you as if it's flying.)* So, there we were at the park, flying this colorful kite so high in the sky, when all of the sudden, the wind got stronger and stronger. And my kite flew farther and farther—all the way up into the clouds.

"I thought it had flown away. But then, Molly reminded me to just pull on the string. *(Hold out the string.)* And when I did, my kite came back! It went way, way up and up but then, it came back! What a great day. I think I'm ready to fly this thing solo.

“Just like my kite flew away from me for a bit and it came right back when I pulled the string, in our story today, Jesus went away for a bit, but then promised to come back! Let’s watch our story today.”

## WATCH THE BIBLE STORY

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY, BOTTOM LINE)

“WOW! What a great story. Jesus said He was going away, but that He would come back. And guess what? He did! Jesus is alive and wants to be our friend forever. **Who wants to be your friend forever?** *Jesus wants to be our friend forever!*”

## WRAP UP AND BASIC TRUTH

(CG: BASIC TRUTH SLIDE, BOTTOM LINE)

“Remember what our Basic Truth says, *[Basic Truth]* **I am loved by God no matter what so I can belong in God’s family forever.** When we accept Jesus as our friend forever then we belong in God’s family forever!”

## PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

(CG: MEMORY VERSE)

Let’s say our memory verse together. I will say it first and then you will say it with me.

“How wide (*hold arms out wide*)  
and long (*raise one hand high and hold one hand low*)  
and high (*jump*)  
and deep (*crouch*)  
is the love (*hug yourself*)  
of Christ,” (*point up*)  
Ephesians 3:18. (*Open hands like a book.*)

*Say it once while doing the motions and then invite the kids to do it with you.*

## PRAY AND TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

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## ACTING UP

(No Supplies)

### What You Do:

*During the Activity:* Lead the children in doing the following actions as you retell the Bible story.

4. Sit and pretend to eat.
5. Stand up and run-in-place.
6. Ball up on the floor.
7. Count to three then everyone jumps up with hands in the air.
8. Cheer for Jesus.

If time and interest allow, repeat the activity.

*After the Activity:* Talk about how Easter is a special time when we celebrate the good news that Jesus is alive!

### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* “Hi, friends! We heard an AMAZING story about Jesus today. Let’s act it out together.”

*During the Activity:* “Our Bible story began with Jesus eating with His friends, the disciples. Let’s pretend to eat together. (*Sit and pretend to eat.*) While they ate, Jesus told His friends that He had to go away but He would come back.

“Later, Jesus and His friends were in a garden and some mean people came and took Jesus away. Jesus’ friends were so scared that they ran away. Everyone, stand up and run-in-place. (*Run-in-place.*)

“Ok, stop running. The mean people hurt Jesus so badly that He died. Jesus’ friends buried Him in a tomb. Everyone, ball up on the floor like this. (*Ball up on the floor.*) A big stone was rolled in front of the tomb so no one could go in and no one could come out. Jesus’ friends were very sad.

“Now, when I count to three, I want everyone to jump up with your hands in the air. Listen for me to say three. Got it? Ok, Jesus was buried in the tomb, but on the third day, Jesus came back! One . . . two . . . THREE! (*Jump up with hands in the air.*) Jesus is alive!

“Jesus’ friends were so happy that Jesus is alive! Let’s cheer for Jesus because we are happy Jesus is alive, too! *(Walk in a circle as you cheer for Jesus.)* Yay, Jesus! Yay, Jesus! Yay, Jesus!” *(Repeat if desired.)*

*After the Activity:* “Jesus is alive, and He wants to be YOUR friend forever. That’s why when I ask you, ‘Who wants to be your friend forever?’, you say **[Bottom Line]** ‘Jesus wants to be my friend forever.’ Ready? Let me hear you! Who wants to be your friend forever? **[Bottom Line]** Jesus wants to be my friend forever. Yay! **[Bottom Line]** Jesus wants to be my friend forever.”

## JESUS IS ALIVE KITE

**(“Jesus Is Alive Kite” and “Jesus Kite Round Sticker” Activity Pages; Cardstock; Avery® #5294 Labels or Equivalent; Crayons; Stickers; Crepe Paper Streamers; Scissors; Glue Sticks)**

### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Copy “Jesus Is Alive Kite” onto cardstock and cut out, one per child. Copy “Jesus Kite Label” on label paper, one per child. Cut streamers into 12-inch lengths, two or three per child. Write child’s name on their kite.

*During the Activity:* Encourage children to decorate their kites with crayons and stickers. Add the Jesus sticker to the kite then have children glue the streamers to the tail of their kite.

*After the Activity:* Review the Bible story.

### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* “Hello, friends! Today is Easter! It’s a very special day! Our Bible story tells about God’s love for us. God’s love for us is higher than the highest mountain—higher than a kite can fly. God’s love is bigger and wider than we can even hold. God’s love goes deeper than the deepest ocean.”

*During the Activity:* “Let’s make a kite! Use the crayons and stickers to decorate your kite any way you want. *(Pause.)* Super-duper! Now add the sticker of Jesus to your kite. *(Pause.)* Great! Now all we need to do is add the tails to the kite. Glue the streamers to the bottom point of the kite. *(Pause.)* Now you have a super special kite.”

*After the Activity:* “One night, Jesus was having dinner with his very best friends. He told them He had to go away but that He would come back. After dinner, Jesus went to the garden to pray, and some angry people came and took Him away. They hurt Jesus, and He died. Jesus’ friends were so sad. They put Jesus’ body in a tomb with a big stone in front of it.

“Three sad days went by. On the third day, when some of Jesus’ friends went to the tomb, they saw that the big stone had been rolled away. Jesus was not there. Jesus had come back, just like He said He would. Jesus is alive! Be happy today because it’s Easter and Jesus is alive, and He wants to be our friend forever! **Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**”

## MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

(Memory Verse Motions Poster – 1 per group)

Say the memory verse using motions from the Memory Verse Motions poster. Repeat several times and encourage children for trying.

“How wide (*hold arms out wide*)  
and long (*raise one hand high and hold one hand low*)  
and high (*jump*)  
and deep (*crouch*)  
is the love (*hug yourself*)  
of Christ,” (*point up*)  
Ephesians 3:18. (*Open hands like a book.*)

## PRAYER

Let’s pray together. (*Have kids “put both hands up in the air, clap them together once [keep hands clasped], and then lower them down to their lap”*)

“Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. Thank You that He came back and will always love us, no matter what. That is some BIG love! Thank You again for our friend, Jesus. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

## CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

(First Look Placemats - 1 per child)

Hand out placemats to parents as they arrive. Encourage parents/influencers to review the Preschool lesson with their child this week.