



PEACE | WEEK 5 | MARCH 31, 2024

K-5th Lesson

Easter/5th Sunday Funday

Monthly Virtue: Peace—proving you care more about each other than winning an argument.

Bible Story: Alive (Easter) • Luke 24:1-12, 36-49

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LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Today we are reminded of how much God loves us. He loves us so much that He sent Jesus to be the bridge between us and Him. It’s worth remembering, reflecting, and celebrating! Today isn’t going to be our typical Easter lesson, so lean into the FUN while also creating space for kids to respond to the life-changing message of Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross.

Today is Easter AND 5th Sunday Funday! Start large group on time (9:35/11:20) so you can allow enough space and time (but not too much time!) to share the Gospel within large group but also leave 20 minutes for small group time. They are equally important.

Pre-Service Check List

- HUDDLE AS TEAM → • You’re in this together! Pray together and talk about the activities for the day.
- PLAY MUSIC
- PUT OUT TOYS
- PUT ASIDE DISTRACTIONS → • A welcoming environment is important! We want it to be obvious from the moment kids walk in that they belong HERE!
- ENGAGE WITH KIDS

Morning Flow



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LARGE GROUP

PRE-LARGE GROUP

(VIDEO: Intro/outro Playlist)
(Balloons - 1-3)

While kids come into the room, have a game of 'Keepy Uppy' going. Still set up normal games and coloring for those who do not wish to participate. It would be a good idea to designate an area that the balloon has to stay within so it doesn't expand all over the room. You may even consider having kids plant their feet and not being able to move from that spot.

GAME PLAY:

- Blow up a balloon or two.
- Either designate a play area that the balloon has to stay within or have kids plant their feet.
- Launch a balloon and have kids try to not let the balloon touch the ground!
- To keep interest high, change up the game play: add balloons, kids can only use their head/knees/elbows, etc.

COUNTDOWN AND WELCOME

(VIDEO: 5 MINUTE COUNTDOWN, KIDCITY EXPECTATIONS)

Show the [DANCING BEAST 5 MINUTE](#) countdown video as you transition to Large Group (Start at 9:30/11:15). Set it to end as the session begins.

LGL: "Welcome everyone! I'm so glad you are able to come hang out with us in KidCity today. My name is [INSERT NAME]. We are going to have a lot of fun today by playing a game, singing some incredible songs that worship God, and then we are going to hear an amazing true story from God's Word, the Bible.

"But first, let's quickly go over our KidCity Expectations so we can make sure that we make the most of our time today: (For today, don't expand on the expectations, just say them.)

1. Be Kind
2. Be Safe
3. Have Fun

LARGE GROUP GAME (6 Minutes)

GIANT EGG DECORATING

(Variety of supplies split into 2-4 groups [for example, pool noodles, party streamers, glow sticks, worship scarves, etc.]

(SLIDE: EASTER THEME)



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“Happy Easter, everyone! We’re celebrating BIG TIME here at KidCity today! We’re celebrating because Easter is the very best example of hope. Because of Easter, we can have hope, no matter what tough things we might face in life.

“You see, Easter is about so much more than just bunnies and chicks and chocolate eggs. And trust me, I LOVE bunnies and chicks and chocolate eggs! (Pause.) We celebrate Easter because Jesus died on the cross for us then came back to LIFE! Jesus did all of that for us, and He made a way for us to have a relationship with God that will last forever. That’s some good news, am I right? Because of Jesus, we can have hope, whatever happens.

Not only is it Easter, but it’s also 5th Sunday Funday! If this is your first time here at Hope, every so often there is an extra Sunday in a month – so we celebrate by having EXTRA fun! Speaking of fun – let’s play a game.

(SLIDE: GIANT EGG DECORATING INTRO)
(SLIDE: GIANT EGG DECORATING INSTRUCTIONS)
(SLIDE: 2 MINUTE COUNTDOWN)

HOW TO PLAY:



SPLIT INTO TEAMS: Have the whole room split into at least 2 teams. If you have more than 30 kids, start splitting into more groups (each team should have no more than about 15 kids). Be sure you have enough supplies to match the amount of teams you are splitting into.

SHOW THE INSTRUCTION VIDEO: Basically, kids are using their materials to make/design a giant Easter egg. To see video – scan the QR code.

EXPLAIN: There are some changes from what the video says.

1. Have teams make their eggs on the floor – no need to hold it in the air or crowd surf items.
2. You may end up having more than two groups.
3. They will have 2 minutes to make and design their egg instead of 1 minute.

GO: Play countdown. Make commentary and suggestions. Be sure to help kids who might be a little hesitant to join in feel like they are participating.

JUDGE: At the end of time, have kids back fully away from their creations (the edge of the room works best so everyone can see what the other team(s) did). Take a picture! Determine who made the ‘best looking’ egg and declare them the winner!

CLEAN UP: Make sure supplies go back into the same container they came from so the next service is set up for success.

That was EGG-cellent! Good job everyone! You can go back to seats—but stay on your feet, because it’s time for us to sing, dance, and worship God together!”



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WORSHIP (3 minutes)

(VIDEO: OH HAPPY DAY)

BIBLE STORY (15 minutes)

(No Supplies)

Keep the section before the Bible story brief to allow time to talk about the Gospel after.

“We’ve learned through true stories from the Bible that even though things can go wrong or not turn out the way that we think they should, God always has plans for our good and His glory. Today, we are going to hear the most incredible story about how even when things seem darkest and without hope, the light and hope of Jesus shines through. Let’s watch.”

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY - 7:30)

“WOW. What Jesus did for us is the most amazing story of HOPE the world has ever known. And that’s why we celebrate Easter! Jesus died on the cross. But that wasn’t the end of the story. Jesus came back to life and proved that He really is the Son of God!

“This all happened because it was part of God’s plan. But God knew the bigger picture. Because God loves us so much, God sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. And Jesus came back to life to give us hope, so when we believe, we can have a relationship with God that will last forever.

“Check this out...

(SLIDE: GOD LOVED)

“God made the universe and everything in it to have a perfect relationship with Him. Unfortunately, we sinned – which is anything we think, say or do that breaks God’s law or makes Him sad. When we sinned, the perfect relationship we had with God was forever broken and there is nothing we can do about it. But God loved us so much that...

(SLIDE: GOD GAVE)

“God gave us His son, Jesus. Sin is serious and it has a serious consequence – it’s being forever separated from God. Someone who has never sinned had to take the punishment – which is death – in our place. Jesus came to earth, lived a perfect life, and died a horrible death on the cross, and then came back to life – all because He loves us and wants to rescue us from the consequence of our sins. So what do we do?

(SLIDE: WE BELIEVE)

“We believe that our sin keeps us from God and that there’s nothing we can do to fix it. We need a rescuer – and Jesus is the only one who can save us. Next...



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(SLIDE: WE RECEIVE)

“When we believe with our whole heart that only Jesus can save us and promise God that we will follow Him with our life, we receive the gift of eternal life – to never be separated from Him again! All you have to do is pray and ask Him to be your Lord and Savior.

“So, if you would like to make that decision right now, you can. I’m going to say a prayer and all you have to do is repeat after me. Ok? Let’s all close our eyes....

PRAYER

“God, you are perfect and holy. We know that our sin keeps us from you and there’s nothing we can do to save ourselves. We are sorry for doing things that make you sad. We want to love you and follow you with our whole heart. Thank you for sending Jesus to save us. We trust you. Amen.”

“If you prayed that prayer for the first time today, then you are what our Basic Truth says,

(SLIDE: BASIC TRUTH) “I am loved by God no matter what so I can belong in God’s family forever.”

“You are a part of God’s family forever! You will never be separated from Him again. That’s good news! Be sure to tell your small group leader and the person who takes care of you of the decision that you made.

“Let’s head to small groups...”

DISMISS TO SMALL GROUPS



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SMALL GROUP

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Ask kids if anyone made the decision to follow Jesus for the very first time. It’s an important decision that you only have to make once – and it’s worth celebrating! It’s a BIG deal!

Use the space below to write the first and last names and grades of any kids who have indicated that they have made that decision today. **BEFORE YOU LEAVE, RIP OFF THIS PAGE AND GIVE IT TO YOUR COACH/STAFF MEMBER SO THEY CAN FOLLOW UP THIS WEEK WITH THE PARENTS OF KIDS WHO HAVE MADE THAT DECISION.**

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

GRADE

SERVICE TIME

PEEP LAUNCH

(“Gospel Sheets” - 1 Set per Group, Stuffed Bunny Peep - 1 per group, Peep Launcher made from popsicle sticks and elastic - 1 per group)

What You Do:

- Show kids the “Gospel Sheets” Activity Pages one at a time. Quickly go through each icon one at a time in the following order:
 1. John 3:16: Start reading the verse. **Say:** “Jesus said this to a man who thought he was doing all of the right things. The man didn’t understand that just ‘being good’ didn’t



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make you right with God. Sin still separates us from God. We need a rescuer. God sent Jesus to save us.

2. "God Loved: Our sin – which is anything we think, say or do that breaks God's law or makes Him sad – separates us from God forever. We can't do enough 'good things' to earn our way to a life with God forever.
 3. "God Gave: God knew that someone who had never sinned needed to die to take the punishment for our sins. We could never do it, so God gave us His son, Jesus, who lived a perfect life, to die on the cross for our sins. But because sin and death are not more powerful than God, God raised Jesus back to life!
 4. "We Believe: When we believe that Jesus is who He says that He is – the only way to have a relationship with God – and we believe that we need a savior to rescue us from the punishment for our sins, then...
 5. "We Receive: We ask Jesus to come and change us from the inside out! We want to love and trust Him more than we love and trust ourselves. We believe that His way is better. Once you ask Jesus to forgive you and save you from your sins, nothing in this world will ever separate you from Him again!"
- After going through the icons with the kids, lay out the sheets in descending order – ski ball style. Three kids at a time can go at a time (2 to hold either side of the 'launcher' and 1 to launch the bunny. Works best if the two holding the launcher do not stretch it all the way.)
 - CHOOSE DEPENDING ON SIZE OF GROUP:
 1. Kids take turns working together to use the 'peep launcher' to land the stuffed Peep bunny on one of the sheets. They have as many turns as it takes for everyone to launch the bunny. Total up the points they earned and celebrate! Play again as time allows.
 2. Split into 2 teams and have them take turns. Team that earns the most points after everyone has had a chance to launch the bunny wins! Mix up teams and play again.

What You Say:

"The story of Easter is GOOD NEWS! There are many people who have never heard about God, or don't know that God loves them and wants them to have a life forever with Him. You can remember these icons and words to help you tell your friends, family, or people you just met about God and how much He loves them."

PRAY

(The Big Story Handout)

What You Say:

"Dear God, thank you for sending your son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins. Thank you even more for bringing Him back to life so we can have a life with you forever! Amen."

Pass out the Big Story handout and turn the names of those who accepted Jesus into their heart for the first time in to coach/coordinator



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FUN ACTIVITIES (Only to be done once everyone has finished the first activity)

Have a Thumb War Tournament!

- Kids pair up and lock one hand together so the thumbs are up.
- On the count of three, kids will try to use only their thumbs to pin down their opponent's thumb for 5 seconds.
- Winners pair with other winners (and the rest can continue to play) until there is a champion.

Play Telephone Pictionary

- Have kids line up and then sit down.
- Whisper a prompt to the kid at the back of the line (A star, tree, cross, spider, etc.) and they will use their finger to draw that prompt on the back of the person in front of them.
- Just like the game 'Telephone', kids will draw what they think was passed to them.
- When it gets to the person in front, have them draw what they think it is on a whiteboard or piece of paper.



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