



HAPPY DAY | WEEK 3 | APRIL 20, 2025

Preschool Lesson

Easter

Bible Story: *Easter* • Jesus is alive • *Matthew 26:36, 47-50; 27:1-2, 11-66; 28:1-8*

Memory Verse: "I am alive forever and ever!" Revelation 1:18, NIV

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LEADER BIBLE STUDY

What would you call a happy day? Maybe a day with no traffic, or a day when your boss gives you an unexpected bonus. How about the day you got married, or the day a child was born? All of these are happy days, but this month, we're talking with preschoolers about days that are happy because Jesus is alive. Easter is the happiest of happy days, and every day can be a happy day because Jesus is alive. What an awesome privilege we have to share the good news with preschoolers that Jesus is alive!

Story Focus: Jesus is alive. The Easter story begins with God's love for us. God loved us so much God sent His Son Jesus to be our friend forever. One night when Jesus is having dinner with his friends, the disciples, Jesus tells them He has to go away but He will come back. After dinner, Jesus goes to a garden to pray. Some angry people come and take Jesus away. They hurt Jesus, and He dies. All of Jesus' friends are so sad. They put Jesus' body in a tomb and roll a big stone in front of it. But three days later, the stone rolls away, and Jesus is alive! Jesus came back just like He said He would! On Easter, we celebrate the happiest day because Jesus is alive!

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 → A welcoming environment is important! We want it to be obvious from the moment kids walk in that they belong HERE!
- PUT ASIDE DISTRACTIONS
- ENGAGE WITH KIDS

Morning Flow



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

(No Supplies)

Kid Connect time is spent building relationships with the kids. Gather your Small Group together for some intentional connecting time before Large Group. You can do small activities while you chat together (like coloring or building with blocks) or just sit and listen to each other. Ask your kids relationship-building questions like:

- How old are you?
- Do you have a favorite stuffed animal?
- Do you have a brother, sister, or pet? What are their names?
- What do you like to play at home?
- What's your favorite food/color/animal/ice cream flavor?

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, MEMORY VERSE VIDEO; BIBLE)

LGL: "Hello my friends! How are you today? Come and sit with me. I am so glad you are here! My name is [your name]. I'm excited to spend time with you today! We are getting ready to sing and dance and hear a true story from the Bible. Before we do let's go over our rules and truths.

"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 indoor speaking voices, by staying on our blankets (or whatever space you have), and by obeying our leaders.
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.)*

"It's time for our memory verse. Let's watch our memory verse motions and do it along with them!"

Show memory verse motion video and then practice without it.

'I am alive *(jump with arms up)*
forever and ever!' *(Twirl with arms up.)*
Revelation 1:18.' *(Open hands like a book.)*

"Ok, now let's sing and worship God!"

WORSHIP

(VIDEO: HAPPY DAY, HE IS ALIVE)

Sing the worship songs together.

INTRO SKETCH

(Story Box with Beginner's Bible, Stuffed Ollie and Large Easter Egg with Prop Inside for the Current Week (W1 Small Perfume Bottle, W2 Palm Leaf, W3 Rock, W4 Pretend Breakfast Food))

LGL brings the story box with the Bible to the center of the room.

"I have my story box ready. I'm SO excited to see what we are learning about God today. Let's see what I have in here..."

Pull out the Bible

"What is this? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes, it's the Bible! The Bible is God's word and God's word is always true. The Bible has many stories that make one BIG story, and we (you and me) are part of that story. Let's see what else is in our story box today.

Pull out Stuffed Ollie and Large Easter Egg with Prop Inside for Current Week

"What is this? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes! It's an Easter Egg! Should we open it and see what's inside? *(Pause for responses.)* Of course we should! *(Open Egg and Pull out the prop for the current week.)* Do you know what this is? *(Pause for responses.)* It's a stone. Is this stone BIG or small? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes, it's small. There is a stone in our story today but it's not small *(shake your head.)* It's big *(spread your arms out wide.)* and when the stone rolled away, something really special happened.

"Let's click on our listening ears (tug on each ear, one at a time, as you make a click, click sound),

let's put on our looking eyes (bring your hands, one at a time, to your eyes like binoculars as you say shook, shook) and let's put our hands that have been move and praising Jesus quietly in our laps.

"Now we are ready. Let's watch today's true Bible story."

WATCH THE BIBLE STORY

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY, BOTTOM LINE)

"Wow! That was an amazing story! Did you see the BIG stone in the story? *(Pause for responses.)* When the stone rolled away, who was alive? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes, Jesus was alive! Let's celebrate! It's a happy day because *[Bottom Line]* Jesus is alive! Happy Easter!

"When I ask, 'Who is alive?' I want you to say, *[Bottom Line]* 'Jesus is alive.' Are you ready? *(Pause for responses.)* 'Who is alive' *[Bottom Line]* 'Jesus is alive!' YES! *[Bottom Line]* Jesus is alive."

SAY THE BASIC TRUTH

(CG: BASIC TRUTH SLIDE)

"Let's look at our Basic Truth for today. It says, 'I am loved by God no matter what so I can belong in God's family forever.' Jesus wants to be your friend forever. When you receive Jesus as your friend, you are in God's family forever.

PRAY

"Let's get our hands ready to pray. *Open them, close them, open them, close them, give a little clap. Open them, close them, open them, close them, fold them in your lap.*

"Dear God, thank You for a special time to celebrate that *[Bottom Line]* Jesus is alive. Help us remember that we don't have to wait for Easter to celebrate Jesus because *[Bottom Line]* Jesus is alive, and Jesus wants to be our friend forever and ever and ever! In Jesus' name. Amen."

TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

SMALL GROUP

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When kids leave today, they will take home 3 things: the “Resurrection Eggs Take Home” sheet, Color Sheet, and a stuffed plastic egg.

RESURRECTION EGGS

(1-2 Sets of 6 “Resurrection Eggs” in Egg Carton per group, Resurrection Eggs Take Home” - ½ sheet per kid)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy 1-2 Sets of 6 “Resurrection Eggs”, cut each set and insert each image into a plastic Easter egg. Label each egg with the number that corresponds to the image. Place completed egg sets into an egg carton.

During the Activity: Have kids open the plastic eggs in order when prompted as the SGL goes through the Bible story.

After the Activity: Review bottom Line, then talk about how we can all be Jesus’ friend and follow Him.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Come sit down friends. I’m going to tell the Bible story again, but I need your help! When I hand you an egg, I want you to open it and show us what is inside.

During the Activity:

Start reading the following story. When prompted, hand the corresponding egg (or two of the same number egg if you have a larger group) to a child for them to open and show the picture inside. Do not hand out the eggs until you get to that portion of the story.

“Jesus told His friends, the disciples, that He would have to go away but that He would come back.

(EGG #1) – SAY: “Let’s open this egg and see what happens next! That night, while Jesus was praying for us and for what was about to happen, some mean men took Jesus away and hurt Him so badly He died on a cross.

(EGG #2) “Jesus’ friends were so sad they put Him in a tomb and rolled a big stone in front of it.

(EGG #3) “They waited three long, sad days. Can you all count with me? 1, 2, 3. Very good.

(EGG #4) “After 3 days, when they went back to the tomb, they found.... something!

(EGG #5) “They found that the stone had been rolled away and Jesus was not there. Jesus came back just like He said He would.

(EGG #6) “The tomb was empty, and JESUS IS ALIVE! Jesus loves us so much that He died on the cross and came back to life so we could be friends with Him forever!

“When I ask, ‘Who is alive?’ I want you to say, [Bottom Line] ‘Jesus is alive.’ Are you ready? (Pause for responses). ‘Who is alive’ [Bottom Line] ‘Jesus is alive!’ YES! [Bottom Line] Jesus is alive. Jesus loves you so much. He wants to be your friend forever! Did you hear that? Who wants to be your friend forever? (Pause for responses.) Yes, Jesus wants to be your friend forever!”

Repeat the activity as interest allows.

PARACHUTE CELEBRATION (*Jesus is ALIVE!*)

(Parachute, Multicolored Party Streamers or Multicolored Pom Poms or Multicolored Scarves)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Lay the parachute flat on the floor and place the pom-poms or streamers on top of it.

During the Activity: Ask children to stand around the parachute with you and pick it up. Encourage children to shake the parachute very fast to bounce the pom-poms and streamers high in the air. Repeat as desired.

After the Activity: Review Bottom Line.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Friends, let’s play with the parachute today to celebrate Jesus is ALIVE!”

During the Activity: “Come stand around the parachute with me. On the count of three, we’ll pick it up. One, two, three! Let’s bounce it easy. Look at the streamers and pom-poms bounce. Let’s shake the parachute a little faster. (Pause.) Now let’s shake the streamers and pom-poms high and say “Jesus is ALIVE!” Ready? “Jesus is ALIVE! Jesus is ALIVE!”

After the Activity: “Today, we heard how Jesus died on a cross, but He didn’t stay dead. After 3 days, what happened? The stone had been rolled away and Jesus was not there. JESUS IS ALIVE! Who is alive? (Bottom Line) Jesus is alive! Jesus loves us so much that He died on the cross and came back to life so we could be friends with Him forever! Jesus wants to be your 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 their efforts.

'I am alive (*jump with arms up*)
forever and ever!' (*Twirl with arms up.*)
Revelation 1:18.' (*Open hands like a book.*)

PRAY

"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 loving us so much that You gave us Jesus to be our friend forever. We celebrate that [*Bottom Line*] Jesus is alive today! We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."

PARENT PICK UP ACTIVITY - COLORING SHEET

(**"Happy Day" Activity Page - 1 per kid, Crayons**)

What You Do:

- Give each child a coloring page.
- As parents are picking up, encourage the children to color as you read the words on the page.

CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

(**First Look Placemats - 1 per child**)

Hand out placemats and encourage parents/influencers to review the Preschool lesson with their child this week.