

WEEK 2 - EASTER PRESCHOOL LESSON



Need to Know: *Jesus Is Alive*

Bible Story: *Jesus' Death & Resurrection (John 12:12-15; Luke 22-24)*

Circle Up

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1. WELCOME kids to church, and TELL them that today we are having an Easter EGG-stravaganza!
 2. SAY: *My name is (YOUR NAME), and I am so EGG-cited to be your leader today! I have a special egg with something hidden inside. (SHOW and SHAKE surprise egg.) When the egg comes to you, I want you to tell us your name, and then tell us what you think is inside the egg.*
 3. PASS the egg, and ALLOW kids to say their name and what they think is inside the surprise egg.
 4. After everyone has been introduced and has guessed what is inside the surprise egg, SAY:
 - *You all had some EGG-cellent guesses! Let's find out what is inside. (OPEN the surprise egg and SHOW Jesus.)*
 - *Who do you think this is? (Jesus)*
 - *Yes! Why do you think Jesus is inside of our egg? (ALLOW responses.)*
 - *Jesus is inside of this egg because Easter is all about Him! Every year we celebrate how Jesus died on the cross and came back to life! We can be happy at Easter because Jesus is alive! Let me hear you say that after me: (PAUSE to allow kids to repeat)*
Jesus Is (point up)
Alive (wave hands)
 - *When you leave today, you will get your very own surprise egg!*
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Read the Bible

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1. SAY: *The Bible tells us how Jesus died on the cross and came back to life. Let's read about it together now!*
 2. HAVE kids get ready to hear the Bible story by clicking on their listening ears and putting on their special eyes.
 3. SHOW and READ the Bible Story Cards to the group.
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Let's Practice

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1. SAY: *We're going to match up all the things that help us remember that Jesus is alive!*
2. PLACE Matching Cards in the center of the group, basket side up.
3. ALLOW each child to have a turn using the sticky bunny to select two Matching Cards.
 - If Cards do match, READ the back of the Card.
 - If Cards do not match, REPLACE Cards and ALLOW the next child to have a turn.
4. CONTINUE to play until each child has had a turn or as time allows. Then, SAY:
 - *Jesus loves you so much that He took the punishment for all the wrong things you have done or will ever do. He loves you SO much that He did not stay dead!*
 - *Jesus is alive! Let me hear you say this after me: (PAUSE to allow kids to repeat)*
Jesus Is (point up)
Alive (wave hands)

Memorize It

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1. SAY: *I do not want you to ever forget that Jesus is alive, so let's all stand up and play a fun game to help us remember!*
 2. HAVE kids repeat, "*Jesus is alive,*" after you while doing these fun things:
 - Hop like a bunny
 - Flap wings like a chick
 - Wave a pretend palm branch in the air
 - Shake your bunny tail
 - Pat legs like a donkey walking
 - Pretend to eat candy
 - Put fingers up like bunny ears
 - Spin in a circle
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Let's Pray

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PRAY with your group, having them repeat after you in short phrases:

- *Jesus, I am so excited that You are alive! Thank You for loving me, and thank You for my snack. I love You. Amen.*
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Stay Together

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1. **SANITIZE** hands, and **PASS OUT snacks**.
2. **KEEP** kids engaged until they are checked out by doing any of the following activities:
 - GIVE each child a **Coloring Sheet** to **color** as you ASK them:
 - *Did you have fun at church today?*
 - *What did you learn?* (Jesus Is Alive)
 - PLAY "Hot Potato" with the **egg**, saying what we need to know as you PASS the **egg**.
 - PLAY the matching game again. If kids make a match, ALLOW them to come up with a motion/action for the rest of the group to do.
 - PLAY "Eggie Says" with the following moves, or come up with your own:
 - Hop like a bunny
 - Chirp like a chick
 - Wave a pretend palm branch in the air
 - Pat legs like a donkey walking
 - Pretend to eat candy
 - Spin in a circle

As kids leave, give each child an **Eggstravaganza Bag** with a **surprise egg** inside.