



Easter Weekend: March 26-27, 2016

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Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm (name) and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS.

Video: HOPS Put on your listening ears

Let's all put on our listening ears right now. (Pause and model.) Great job, now I think we're ready to hear God's story! Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. It's God's rescue plan. And guess what? We can read about it in the Bible anytime we want...like when we wake up in the morning, or when we go to sleep at night.

Let's watch a video to see how God's rescue plan started, way back when he created the whole world. Whenever you hear a number, make sure to hold up your fingers and count along!

Video: Whole Wide World

God loved making the world. He loved making the animals, trees, flowers, fish, and us! And it was all good. So Let me see your biggest smile! (Pause.) Yeah, it makes me happy too.

But then...something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and all the wrong things came into the world. There was pain and sickness and even death. It was really sad. Can you show me a sad face? (Pause.) Yep, just like that.

We don't have to stay sad though, because God still loved Adam and Eve, and he loves all of us. He planned a great big rescue, so that we could be close to him again. His name is Jesus. Can you all say that with me? (Pause.) Great job.

When Jesus first told people that he was their rescuer, they treated him like a king! Back then, when a king came to town, people loved to wave palm tree branches (**wave palm branch prop**) in the air. So when Jesus came to the town of Jerusalem, they waved palm branches and shouted! Let's all pretend like we have palm branches too. Go ahead and wave them in the air! (Pause.) Good job. You can put your branches away now.

But not everybody was waving palm branches. Some people didn't like Jesus. Let's watch a video to see what happened.

Video: God's Story / Easter

So we just saw that Jesus did something really hard and painful, didn't he? He died on a cross. He took the punishment for all the wrong things in the world, so that we don't have to.

But remember when I said there was an amazing part of this story? Here it is: Jesus didn't stay dead. He's alive! That makes me so excited, I just want to do a happy dance. Will you stand up and do it with me? (**Music interlude: Love Beats instrumental**) Nice moves everybody.

Let's learn some special motions to help us remember that Jesus is alive today, and will be alive forever. First, everybody put one finger on your hand like *this*, and your other finger on your hand like *this*. Say "Jesus" (Find this at <http://www.lifeprint.com/asl101/pages-signs/j/jesus.htm>.)

Now, put both your thumbs up right in front of your tummy, like this (Find this at <https://www.signingsavvy.com/sign/ALIVE/2946/1>) Great job! Now move your thumbs up and say "alive." (Pause.)

Let's do it together. Say what I say, and follow what I do. Ready? One, two, three! Jesus (*Point up*) is alive (*Thumbs up in front of tummy and move them up*) (Pause.) Wow, you guys are fast learners. Let's do it again, but this time, we'll shout it as loud as we can. Ready? Jesus (*Point up*) is alive (*Thumbs up in front of tummy and move them up*) (Pause.) That was really good. I bet you could show your grownups how to do it too!

Let's talk to God right now. Go ahead and close your eyes and bow your head, and say these words after me.

Hi God (Pause.) Thank you for rescuing us. (Pause.) You're our king. (Pause.) We love you. (Pause.) Aaaaamen! (Pause.)

Since Jesus is alive, we can celebrate him in all kinds of ways. We can clap our hands. Can you clap? (Pause.) How about giving someone a high five. Can you give someone a high five? (Pause) How about saying, "Woohoo!" Can you shout that out loud? (Pause.) Good job everybody, I can tell you're really excited to celebrate Jesus.

One of the best ways to celebrate Jesus is to worship him! We're gonna sing really loud and dance really big to show Jesus how much we love him. Are you ready? (Pause.) Okay, let's worship.

Music Video: Because You Love Me

Music Video: Boss of Me