



# 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

March 31-April 1, 2018

DATE

Easter

LESSON TITLE

Mark 14-16, 1 Corinthians 15:57

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus has victory over death!

MAIN POINT

## schedule

**Connect Time (15 minutes):** Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

**Large Group (30 minutes):** Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

**Small Group (15 minutes):** Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you all have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

## tips

Today is all about the most amazing rescue ever: Jesus' rescue of us! Using the term "rescue" is a good way to help new kids learn what the gospel means for them, in language they can understand.

**\*\*This week is 70-80 minutes long.**  
We've included an extra activity in small group to help keep kids engaged until pick up.

## check-in/out

As kids leave, ask them what their **sticker** means!

## large group heads up

Today is a **VICTORY CELEBRATION** that Jesus died for us, and then came back to life! Here's how to set the tone for today's experience:

1. Have lots of energy
2. Welcome every single kid by name
3. Most of all: have FUN!

## connect time

**GOAL:** *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away, while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

### EASTER EGG FRENZY

*\*Use the **countdown timer on the keynote** for this activity. It's the first slide of the keynote, and it includes music. (Don't have access to the keynote in your room? Just use a timer on your phone or watch.)*

- Divide kids into four equal teams, and assign each team a color: **red, blue, yellow and green**. (Tape a **piece of colored paper** in each corner to help kids remember which team they should return to.)
- Each team gathers in a separate corner of the room with a bin of **25 Easter eggs**.
- The goal is for each team to grab eggs from ANY of the other teams' bins, and bring them back to YOUR team's bin. **The team with the most eggs after 5 minutes, wins!** *(No team will ever get all the eggs, since everyone is continually stealing eggs from each other.)*
- Here are the rules:
  - You may only bring back ONE egg at a time.
  - You may not stop other players from taking eggs out of your team's bin.
  - Optional challenge: Whenever the leader stops the keynote timer and says "freeze!", kids must freeze where they are, and follow whatever command you give. Commands can include:
    - spin around 2 times
    - give someone a high five
    - do a funny dance move
    - go slap the nearest wall
    - roll on the floor
    - hop on one foot in a circle
    - Toss your egg in the air
    - Toss your egg to someone else
- Start the **countdown timer on the keynote**, and let kids start collecting Easter eggs! At the end of 5 minutes, count the eggs and see who has the most.
- Play another 5 minute round (if you have time).
- **Tip:** If your group is a little extra rowdy (or if some kids need to calm down) have them crawl on their knees to steal eggs, instead of walking or running. You could also have them do other things like skip, walk backward, hop, etc.

**Before you go to Large Group, you can ask kids how their week went. You can also remind kids of the expectations for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.**

## special notes

Materials:

- Prepare **markers** and **pieces of tear off paper**
- Draw a cross on each of them
- Lay them on the floor, on tables, or tape them on walls near the Large Group area for the end of today's lesson.

## presenter tips

Find today's story video on [crossroadskidsclub.net](http://crossroadskidsclub.net).

Here's a link to the new worship video "Undefeated":

<https://youtu.be/lppwbzsS7cc>

## script

### WELCOME AND WORSHIP

**Main Goal:** Welcome kids and kick off the lesson with some fun, celebratory worship.

*\*As kids enter, you can play the "The Best of Snowball" bunny video for fun! You can play it as kids are sitting down and getting settled, or as a fun way to introduce the Easter lesson.*

- **Welcome:** Hey everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club, we're so glad to have you here. It's Easter weekend, and around here that means it's time to celebrate and worship God!
- **Say:** Let's start off by worshipping Jesus, but with a twist! As we sing and dance to this music video, I'm going to call out different colors. When you hear your team's color, you have to stand and do the DAB (*You can suggest another dance move if you want. Call out colors throughout the song.*)
- **Music Video: Wake**
- **Say:** Great job! Everyone have a seat. You all did an amazing job in Connect Time. What did you do to beat the other teams? (Let kids respond.) Yes, get as many eggs as possible, even though the leader made you freeze and do all those crazy things!
- **Say:** Let's celebrate our teams now! If you're on the blue team, stand up and yell, "GO BLUE TEAM!" as loud as you can! 1, 2, 3! (Let kids cheer, then sit. Repeat for each team.)
- **Say:** Congratulations to our winning team, the [insert color] team! They were **victorious**! Now, what does it mean to be victorious, or to have victory? (Let kids respond.) Great answer! Let's check out how it's defined.

## WHAT IS VICTORY?

- **Slide: Victory: An act of defeating an enemy in a battle, game or other competition.**
- **Say:** So if your soccer team wins a game, are you victorious? (Let kids respond.) Yes! What if you're in war, and you win against the enemy? Are you victorious? (Let kids respond.) Yes! How about getting the gold medal in the Olympics? Are you victorious? (Let kids respond.) Yes!
- **Say:** In all those examples, there are different sides competing or fighting against each other to win. And if you really want to win, you have to work really hard, and give it your all. Let's check out a mashup video of different Disney characters fighting to win, so they can have victory.
- **Video: Disney Mashup: Fights**
- **Say:** Today we're going to hear about the biggest battle ever fought, and the greatest victory of all: how Jesus defeated and was VICTORIOUS over death!

## THE ENEMY

- **Say:** To understand the two sides of this battle, we have to go all the way back to the beginning of the Bible, when God created Adam and Eve. God let Adam and Eve choose whether they wanted to obey God or not, and they decided to *disobey* God. Then...**sin** came into the world.
- **Say:** Let's check out a quick video to help us understand why sin is a big deal, and why Jesus had to defeat it.
- **Video: Why is Sin a Big Deal?**
- **Ask:** So what happened when sin entered the world? (Let kids respond.) Yep, sin separated us from God. It created a big gaping hole between us and Him. People started to make wrong choices, and the world was now broken.

## THE RESCUE PLAN

- **Say:** The story doesn't end there though, does it? Because even though none of us is perfect, and we ALL sin and make wrong choices, God came up with a plan to bring us close to Him again.
- **Say:** He sent a Rescuer, Jesus, to DEFEAT sin and death, so that WE wouldn't have to. He came to take the punishment that we deserve, because there's no way we could do it on our own! Let's read a verse to help us understand that:
- **Slide: 1 Corinthians 15:57 But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

## SO...WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US?

- **Say:** So *how* exactly did Jesus beat death...and *why*?! To find out, let's watch a video, and hear how Jesus fought the enemy, and WON. As you watch, pay attention not only to *what* he did, but *WHY* he did it.
- **Video: So What? / Easter**
- **Ask:** So what did Jesus do for us on Easter? (Let kids respond.) Yep, He went through suffering and pain and DEATH, and he beat it!
- **Ask:** So....*WHY* did he do it? (Let kids respond.) That's right, He didn't do it for himself...he did it all for **YOU**. Because he loves you with the strongest, most incredible, love ever and he wants to be part of your life!
- **Say:** So, if *you* want to invite Jesus into your life, and you believe that he loves you and died for you, that's INCREDIBLE! Today is a time to celebrate that, because now you're free to follow Jesus, and experience all the amazing things he has planned for you!

## WORSHIP

***\*Need large sheets of paper and markers. Draw a cross on the paper.***

- **Say:** We're going to worship and celebrate Jesus in a special way. See these **big sheets of paper**? What's drawn on them? (Let kids respond.) Yep, **crosses**. They represent how Jesus loved us SO much, he died on the cross for us, and then came back to life.
- **Say:** During the song, as you listen and see the words about how Jesus has beaten death, come up to one of the crosses:
  - **Grab a marker**
  - **Trace your hand** somewhere on the paper
  - **Inside the hand or (near it), write your name, and one thing that you want to tell Jesus, after everything we've heard today.** You could write what you hear in the song, write something that Jesus has done for you, or just tell him how you feel about him!
- **Say:** Once everyone has done that, we'll be able to see all our hands and names up here, and see how Jesus has rescued *every single person* in this room! (*Play song and let kids respond to the activity.*)
- **Music Video: Undefeated**
- **Say:** Now that's a victory celebration! Great job everyone. Look at all these hands up here! They represent every kid and adult in this room, and how Jesus loved every one of us so much, he died for us.

**WORSHIP AND PRAYER**

- **Say:** As I pray, think about how you want to respond to Jesus today. Maybe you've already chosen to follow him, or maybe you're making that choice for the very first time! Whatever your decision is, this prayer is for you.
- **Prayer:** *Jesus, thank you for defeating death, and giving us victory over sin. Please speak to every kid in this room today, and tell them how much you love them. And if anyone wants to follow you, they can choose to do that right now (give kids a few seconds of silence). Amen!*
- **Extra Music Video (Optional):** Listen



## instructions

**Goal:** Kids will understand that (1) Jesus rescued them by dying for them, (2) Jesus is more powerful than any enemy who tries to defeat us and (3) because Jesus has victory, WE have victory too!

**Why?** This is the most important message we can give to kids: that Jesus loves us so much, he died to rescue us and be close to us.

**Tips:** Describing the gospel in terms of Jesus' rescue will help kids understand what the resurrection means for them; that he is so strong and loving, he rescued us from death.

## small group

### FOLLOWING JESUS

1. Go around the group and share (1) your name and (2) your favorite thing to do on Easter
2. Has anyone decided (for the first time) to believe that Jesus died to rescue you? (If any kids say yes, then celebrate it! And, if you're comfortable with it, share how YOU came to follow Jesus.

### RESPOND TO THE STORY

3. What parts of today's story stood out to you the most? Did you have any strong emotions when hearing the story? What were they?
4. Imagine Jesus before the biggest fight of his life: going through suffering and death for us. What do you think he felt?
5. Did Jesus die because HE did wrong things, or because WE did? Why did Jesus die for us (and come back to life!), even though we sin?

### EGG CHALLENGE

- Divide kids into **two teams**. Lay out **egg cards** in the middle of the group, blank side up.
- Each team will take a turn and choose an egg. They'll turn it over to reveal either **a good egg**, **a rotten egg**, or a **prize egg**:
  - If you find a good egg, keep it, and the leader will ask your team a question (from the **question sheet**), and you get to guess the answer for **1 point**.
  - If you find a rotten egg, you have to do a silly command, then put it back. Here's some "rotten egg" commands (or make up your own!)
    - Do 5 jumping jacks
    - Go slap a wall
    - Make a face like you're smelling a rotten egg
    - Make an animal sound (dog, cat, cow, chicken, etc.)
  - If you find a prize egg, your team keeps it and gets **3 points**!
- Play until all the good/prize eggs are gone, then give each kid a piece of candy.

(Activities continued on next page.)

### STICKER GIVEAWAY

- Give each kid a **sticker**.
- **Say:** Jesus fought death, and he WON. That's something we want to show the world, so we're getting a special sticker that says "Jesus won. Death Lost." Stick it on your shirt, your notebook, at home, at school...anywhere you'll see it, and be reminded of what Jesus did for you.

### EXTRA TIME: VERSE MOTIONS

- Read the verse out loud (as a group) using the verse card: **1 Corinthians 15:57: But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- **Split your group into teams, and have them compete while doing these motions! See you can do them the fastest, the slowest, the silliest, the loudest, etc.**
  - **1 Corinthians 15:57**
  - **But thank God!** (put your hand to your mouth, then bring it forward and down)
  - **He gives us victory** (do a strong pose)
  - **over sin and death** (make a big X with your arms)
  - **through our Lord Jesus Christ.** (point a finger to each palm)
- If your group isn't into doing motions, you could just have them say the verse in different voices (low, high, in an accent, while your closing your nose, etc.)



### connect questions

How did Jesus have VICTORY over death?

Today, we're eating Starburst candy. Let a volunteer know if your kid has an allergy.

### lesson supplies

Connect Time			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Easter Eggs	100 per room, reused	<a href="#">Oriental Trading, Item #IN-5/962</a> (extras are provided)	KC National
Bin	4 per room, reused	use tubs or larger bins if possible	site
Red construction paper	1 per room, reused		KC National
Blue construction paper	1 per room, reused		KC National
Yellow construction paper	1 per room, reused		KC National
Green construction paper	1 per room, reused		KC National
Painters Tape	1 roll per room, reused		site

Large Group			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Adventure Bible	1 per large group, reused	<a href="#">Biblesbythe Case.com</a>	site

Small Group			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Markers	1 set per small group, reused		site
Egg cards	1 set per small group, reused	8.5x11 cardstock, color, cut into quarter sheets, Pages 10-13 *place <b>set</b> into a gallon ziplock with the question sheet.	site
3rd-5th Egg Game Question Sheet	1 per small group, reused	8.5x11 cardstock, b&w, Page 14	site
Gallon Ziplock	1 per small group, reused	Place the Egg Card Set & the Question Sheet in the gallon ziplock	KC National
"Jesus won. Death lost." sticker	1 per kid	Gap Advertising	KC National
Verse card	1 per group, reused	8x11 cardstock, black and white, Page 15	site
Piece of candy	1 per kid	<a href="#">Starburst</a>	KC National



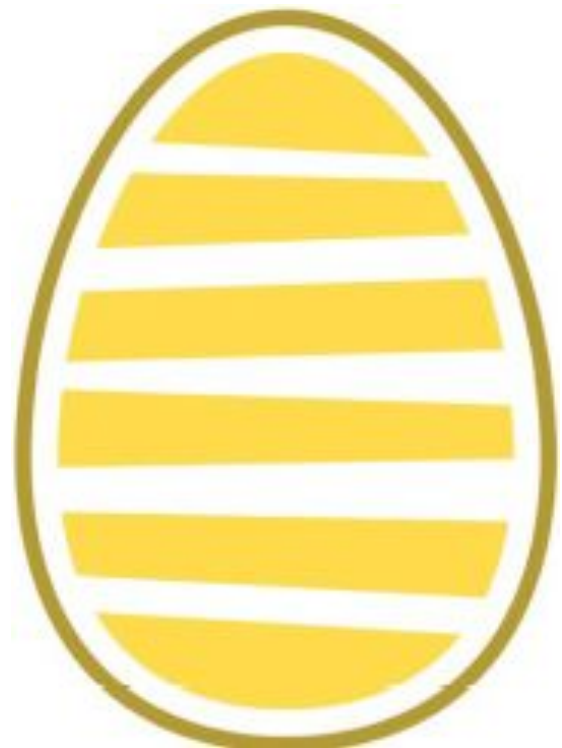
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# Ask these questions when kids find a "Good Egg"

1

How much do you think the world's largest chocolate egg weighs: as much as a motorcycle or a school bus? (Allow team to guess)

**The world's largest chocolate egg was made in Italy and it was as heavy as a school bus! (Give team ONE point)**

2

On what day of the week did Jesus die on the cross? (Allow the team to guess)

**Jesus was crucified on a Friday. This day is called "Good Friday." (Give ONE point to the team)**

3

The man who invented Easter egg dye worked as a: veterinarian OR pharmacy owner? (Allow team to guess)

**Mr. Townley owned a pharmacy. In the 1800s, he invented the recipe for Easter egg dye tablets at his store. (Give team ONE point)**

4

Why did Jesus have to die? (Allow responses)

**Even though Jesus never did anything wrong, He died to take the punishment for the wrong things we do. (Give team ONE point)**

5

About how many chocolate bunnies are made at Easter each year: 90 million OR 3 billion? (Allow team to guess)

**Almost 90 million chocolate bunnies are produced at Easter every year! (Give team ONE point)**

6

About how much do scientists believe the stone in front of Jesus' tomb weighed: less than 750 pounds or more than 2,000 pounds? (Allow kids to guess)

**They think it weighed between 2,000 and 4,000 pounds. That's why everyone was so amazed when the angel rolled it away and Jesus wasn't behind it anymore! (Give team ONE point)**

7

What's the world record for number of Peeps eaten in 30 seconds: 10 OR 25? (Allow team to guess)

**The world's fastest eater ate 25 marshmallow Peeps in just 30 seconds! (Give team ONE point)**

8

Jesus ate a meal with some of His closest friends just before He died. Was it called The Last Supper OR The First Breakfast? (Allow team to guess)

**At The Last Supper, Jesus ate bread and drank wine with His 12 disciples. (Give team ONE point)**

9

True or False: The first Easter baskets were meant to look like birds' nests with eggs placed inside. (Allow guesses)

**True! The tradition for giving Easter baskets started in Germany and was meant to look like nests. (Give team ONE point)**

10

Jesus was crucified on a hill called Golgotha. Do you know what "Golgotha" means? (Allow team to guess)

**It means skull. Jesus' friends and followers were sad to watch Jesus die, but He didn't stay dead. Now, we can celebrate that He is alive! (Give team ONE point)**

**1 Corinthians 15:57: But  
thank God! He gives us  
victory over sin and death  
through our Lord Jesus  
Christ.**



***\*Use the Easter 2018 KC logo slide and blank slide for this keynote.***

1. Easter 2018 KC Logo Slide
2. Loop: 5 Minute Countdown Timer (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zn0E9cuRewc>)
3. Easter 2018 KC Logo Slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
4. Video: The Best of Snowball (<https://youtu.be/gKO01f2yMoE>)
5. Music Video: Wake (<https://youtu.be/6qFGrIDHdJI>)
6. Slide: Victory: An act of defeating an enemy in a battle, game or other competition.
7. Video: Disney Mashup: Fights (0:00-1:10; [https://youtu.be/YzJiY\\_QpeiQ](https://youtu.be/YzJiY_QpeiQ))
8. Video: Why is Sin a Big Deal? (<https://youtu.be/HPdXH2qSC4Y>)
9. Video: So What? / Easter ()(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZ9LSxW7kT4&t=47s>)
10. Slide: 1 Corinthians 15:57 But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.
11. Music Video: Undeclared (<https://youtu.be/lppwbzsS7cc>)
12. Music Video: Listen (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CyWv43MUXzl>)