**Kinder-2nd** 



## April 11/12, 2020

### **NEED TO KNOW**

It's Easter weekend, and we've got lots of big things planned! There will be lots of new kids and volunteers, and so make to help newcomers feel welcome.

### LARGE GROUP | 20 minutes

Start Large Group about 10 minutes into the service. Introduce the Big Idea, *Jesus died and came back to life...FOR US,* and tell the story of *Easter.* Find the Bible story in *Luke 23-24.* 

### ACTIVITY 1 | 10 minutes

Have some fun doing a variety of plastic-egg games!

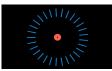
### ACTIVITY 2 | 10 minutes

Do an experiential worship activity by writing on stones and re-creating the "empty tomb" Jesus was in!

### ACTIVITY 3 | 15+ minutes

Create a bracelet to help remember the Easter story.

### S.A.F.E. | 1 minute



#### • Video: 10 Second Countdown (1 minute)

**SAY** Welcome to Kids' Club, I'm so glad you're all here! We want Kids' Club to be a fun, safe and welcoming place for everyone. Let's watch a video to see how we can do that!

• Video: S.A.F.E / Everyone is Welcome! (30 seconds)

### LARGE GROUP | 10 minutes

**SAY** Today, we're going to hear the most incredible story EVER told: the story of Easter. It's about a guy named Jesus who changed the world forever, and he did it by giving his life for US. Let's check out a video to see what happened.



#### Video: God's Story / Easter (9 minutes)

**SAY** When Jesus died and came back to life, it wasn't just something that happened a long time ago for other people. It was something He did for *everyone*. And that includes YOU. Here's our big idea for today:



#### • Slide: Jesus died and came back to life...FOR US!

SAY We've all done wrong things, and deserve to take the punishment for it. But God loves us SO MUCH, that he sent Jesus to take the punishment instead! And now, we can be close to God FOREVER. And remember, even though Jesus died for us, and came back to a life a long time ago, it still matters today! He is the same now as he was then. Let's check out this month's verse:



## • Slide: Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

**SAY** Jesus sacrificed everything–and he did it for us. He went through unimaginable pain and death. He took the punishment that we deserve, because he loves us more than anything. And the best news?! **Jesus didn't stay dead.** He came back to LIFE, and he's still alive today! And that means we can have a relationship with him. We can talk to him. We can ask him for help. We can spend time with him. We can hand all our worries and fears over to him. And that's a pretty great reason to celebrate.

- Glow necklace (1 per kid)
  - Special supply prep instructions: make sure to assemble glow accessories beforehand if needed, if you want kids to be able to wear their glow sticks like necklaces, etc. Otherwise, just let kids hold the glow accessories and break them to make them glow!

### **RESPONSE TIME** | 5 minutes

Give each kid a glow stick accessory to use during the worship celebration.

**SAY** If you want to invite Jesus into your life, and you believe that he loves you and died for you, you can do that today! You can just tell Jesus this: Jesus, I believe that you died for me, and then came back to life. I believe that you love me no matter what. Let's pray together, and if you want, you can tell Jesus right now.

# **PRAY** Jesus, thank you for dying, and coming back to life. 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!

SAY So....is this a good reason to celebrate? YES! So let's celebrate right now! And I've got something special to help make this party even more fun: *GLOW STICKS!* Everyone gather around, and we're going to do a special countdown–we'll say "Three, two, one" and then, as loud as you can, wave your glow sticks and shout, "JESUS RESCUED US!" Ready? "Three....two....one: JESUS RESCUED US!"

**SAY** Now let's celebrate and worship Jesus as loud and strong as we can, with music that's all about HIM! (*Leader, choose which of the following videos work best for your room. You can one, or both!*)

- <u>Music Video Option 1: Be Strong Take Courage</u>
- <u>Music Video Option 2: Time to Dance</u>
- Music Video Option 3: Clap Your Hands



- Plastic egg (1 per kid)- \*these are **not** to take home
- Plastic bin (1 per small group)

### PREPARE

## 10:00

- Stay in one large group or split into small groups, depending on which of the activities you choose below.
  - Video: 10-Minute Countdown Timer

### CELEBRATE | 10 minutes

**SAY** Long ago, God promised to make a way for us to be forgiven from our wrong choices (sins). This promise came true when Jesus came to Earth, died on a cross, and rose from the dead. At Easter time, we celebrate God's promise to save us from our sins, so that we can have a relationship with him! Let's *CELEBRATE*!

**LEADER** Choose from the following activities. You can do all of them, or just some, depending on the size and dynamic of your room. Adjust as needed!

- **Grab the Egg:** Kids get into pairs. Give each pair one plastic egg, and put it between them. Kids should stand facing each other, and the leader will I say a body part, and kids have to touch that body part on themselves, but when the leader says "egg", the first kid to grab the egg, wins! The winner now has to find a new kid to play with. Keep playing until their are only a few kids left, and there's a final winner!
- *Easter Cornhole:* Split into small group groups, and give each group a plastic small group bin. Let kids take turns throwing an egg into the bin, but move it slightly further each time to see how far they can throw it.
- **Balance the Egg:** Give each kid a plastic egg and see who can balance it on their head the longest.
- Race the Egg: Let kids race to blow an egg across the room.
- **Egg Toss:** Have kids pair up and give each pair one plastic egg. Have one player from each pair line up in a line, and have their teammate stand facing them in a parallel line. One teammate will toss the egg to the other teammate and they must catch it without dropping it. If they drop the egg, they are out. After each toss, one of the teammates must take a step back and they toss again. The last team to drop the egg wins.

- Stone image (1 per kid)
- Markers (1 per kid)
- Masking/painters tape (1 roll per room)

### PREPARE

• Stay in one large group.

10:00

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### **THE EMPTY TOMB** | 10 minutes

**SAY** We're going to build an empty tomb on this wall. It's a reminder that Jesus died for us, and was buried in a tomb. He took the punishment for all our wrong choices....but the most amazing part of the story: three days later, he came back to life, and walked right out of the tomb!

- Give each kid a **stone image** and a **marker**.
- On their stone image, tell kids to write their name, and one thing that you want to tell Jesus, after everything they've heard today. Here are some suggestions to encourage kids of what to write/draw:
  - You could tell Jesus you love him, tell him thank you, tell him you believe he died for you, or just tell him how you feel about him! 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!
  - Kids who have difficulty writing can trace their hand and write their name, and draw pictures instead of spelling sentences.
- Let kids glue or tape their stone images into a shape that looks like the empty tomb. Help kids tape their images around an empty space, etc. If your site has multiple services, keep the images up and just keep adding to it each service, so that it fills the wall.

- Pipe cleaner (1 per kid)
- Beads (1 of each color per kid): black, red, white, green, gold
- 5 Bowls for each table/group (1 for each bead color)
- Color Significance card (1 per kid)

### **KNOW IT**

- Has anyone decided (for the first time) to believe that Jesus died to rescue you? (If any kids say yes, than celebrate it! And, if you're comfortable with it, share how YOU came to follow Jesus.)
- What parts of today's story stood out to you the most?
- 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 are the ones who sin?
- Does anyone have questions about what it means to follow Jesus, or why we celebrate Easter?

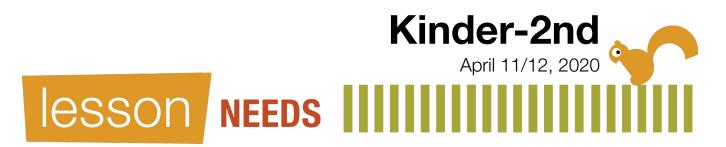
### DO IT

- Give each kid *a pipe cleaner*. Set out *five bowls*, each with different colored beads. Instruct kids to get TWO of each color, and then review the corresponding part of the story.
  - Black: sin (we all make wrong choices)
  - *Red:* blood (Jesus died for us, and took the punishment that WE deserve)
  - White: forgiven (Jesus forgives us of all our wrong choices)
  - Cross bead
  - Green: grow (we can choose to follow Jesus now, and have new life)
  - **Gold:** we can be close to God forever
- Give kids a *color card* that explains the significance of each bead color, so they can retell the Easter story at home!

### **EXTRA TIME?**

Designate three corners as Corner #1, Corner #2, and Corner #3 (or just designate some spaces around your table/small group area).

- The leader will give a prompt with three answers. Kids have to choose which answer they like best by going to the corresponding corner. Remind kids to wait until you've given all three options before choosing a corner! Let kids choose an answer/corner for each round, then return to the middle of the room for the next round:
  - What's your favorite Easter candy: (1) chocolate bunnies (2) jelly beans (3) reese cup eggs
  - When you think about worshiping Jesus, would you rather: (1) sing (2) dance (3) pray
  - What's the grossest jelly bean flavor: (1) earwax (2) boogers (3) mustard
  - What's the yummiest jelly bean flavor: (1) tutti frutti (2) chocolate (3) Mountain Dew
  - If Jesus was standing in front of you, would you: (1) hug him (2) fall down in front of him (3) start talking to him
  - Would you want to do an Easter egg hunt: (1) on a mountain (2) on a beach (3) in Kids' Club
  - Would you rather be chased by: (1) a 100 foot tall easter bunny (2) 1000 baby chicks (3) an avalanche of marshmallow peeps
- Give kids a maze or a word-search activity sheet.



Big Idea: Jesus died and came back to life for US, Why do we we celebrate Easter?

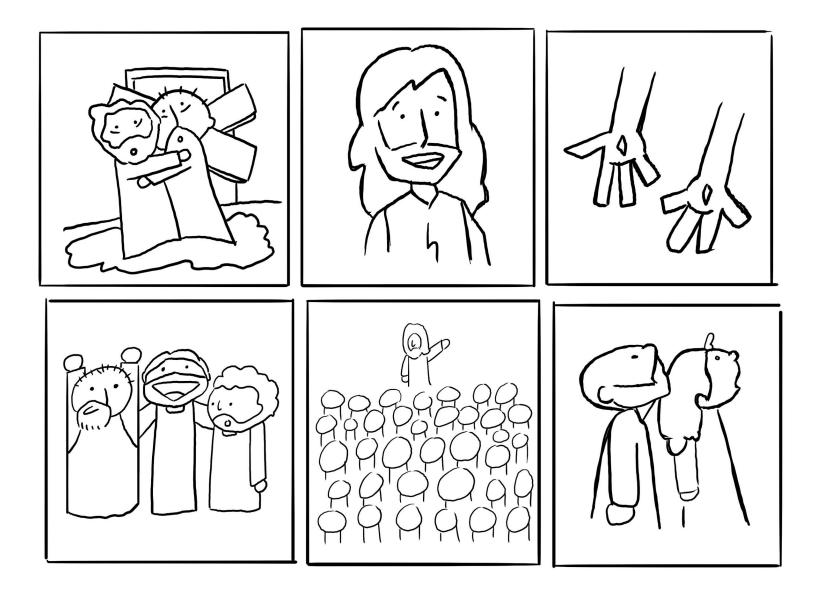
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Glow accessory	1 per kid	https://coolglow.com/ Glowmania.com Glowuniverse.com	KC Site Support	

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Plastic egg	1 per kid, reused	Oriental Trading	KC Site Support		
Plastic Small Group Bin	1 per small group, reused		site		

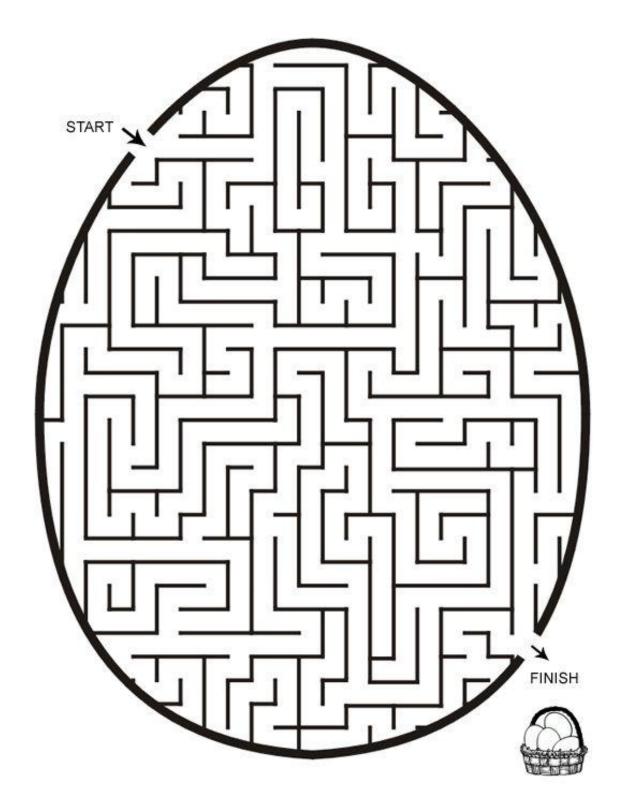
ACTIVITY 2   Played in small groups or one large group					
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by		
Stone image	1 per kid	Black and white image printed on 8x11 gray paper: <u>Amazon</u> , Page 13	KC Slte Support to provide paper, sites to copy		
Markers	Quantity determined by site.		site		
Masking/painters tape	1 roll per room		site		

CTIVITY 3   Played in small groups					
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by		
Maze/Word search sheet - Easter	Quantity determined by site.	8.5x11 paper, black & white, Page 9/10/11	site		
Markers	1 per kid		site		
Pipe cleaner	1 per kid	Oriental Trading	KC Site Support		
Bowls to hold beads	5 bowls per table or working area, reused		site		
Color Significance card	1 per kid	8x11 cardstock, color, cut into quarter sheets, Page 12	site		
Black Bead	1 per kid	Oriental Trading	KC Site Support		
Red Bead	1 per kid	Oriental Trading	KC Site Support		
White Bead	1 per kid	Amazon	KC Site Support		
Green Bead	1 per kid	Oriental Trading	KC Site Support		
Yellow/Gold Bead	1 per kid	Amazon	KC Site Support		

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EASTER JESUS RESCUE OLD NEW BIBLE TOMB RISE

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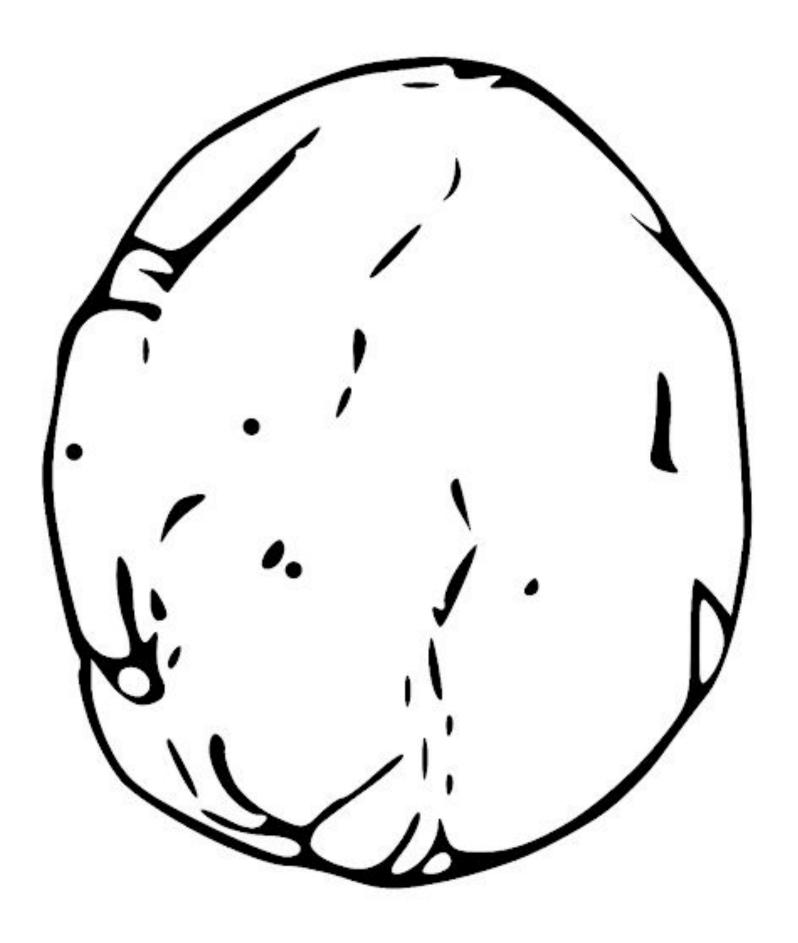
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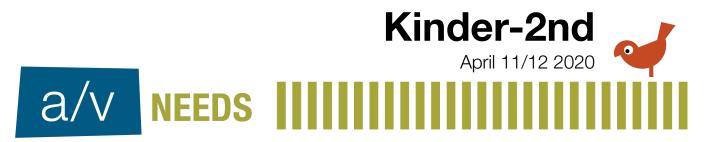
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- 1. KC Logo Slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
- 2. Video: 5 Minute Countdown
- 3. Video: 10 Second Countdown\_041220
- 4. Video: God's Story / Easter (9 minutes)
- 5. Slide: Jesus died and came back to life...FOR US!
- 6. Slide: Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
- 7. <u>Music Video Option 1: Be Strong Take Courage</u>
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- 10. Video: 10-Minute Countdown Timer
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