

STORY AND SCRIPTURE

Easter, Page Pages 294-317 in the Jesus Storybook Bible

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.

FREE PLAY | 15 minutes

Spend time connecting with kids as they play.

GET READY | 5 minutes

Help kids prepare for Large Group by learning today's Big Idea and doing motions to go along with today's story.

LARGE GROUP | 20 minutes

Hear a Bible story, do motions to go along with today's big idea, and worship God with singing and dancing!

SMALL GROUP | 15+ minutes

Connect with kids by reviewing today's story, and engage them with hands on play and crafts.

FREE PLAY

GET READY

LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP

CLEAN UP | 1 minute

- Clean up when the presenter gives you a **5 minute warning** (about 15 minutes into the service).
- It's clean up time! Let's all clean up while I count down from 10 to 1. Ready, set....go!
- Slowly countdown from 10 to 1 until kids have cleaned up toys. Then circle up on the floor, or line up at the door.

BIG IDEA | 1 minute

SAY Today we'll learn that ***Jesus is Alive!*** Let's do these motion and say ***Jesus is Alive***

- ***Jesus (Touch middle finger tip into open palm)***
- ***Is Alive (raise hands up)***

GET READY | 3 minutes

SAY Line up.

SAY Today's story is REALLY exciting! Let's practice getting excited:

- Clap
- Break out in dance
- Cheer
- Shout, "Yay!!"
- Wiggle
- Give a thumbs up
- Smile

SAY Let's put on our listening ears to hear the story of how Jesus is Alive!

FREE PLAY

GET READY

LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP

HOPS | 1 minute



SAY Hey everyone, I'm so glad to see you! Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS. She's going to show us how we can act in Kids' Club!

- **Video: HOPS / Put Your Listening Ears On! (1 minute)**

GOD'S STORY | 5 minutes



SAY This is God's story. Out of ALL the stories in the world, this is the most important. Do you know what it's called? (The Bible!) It's God's Rescue plan! It shows us how He rescued us from all the wrong things in the world. **Show kids the Bible.**



SAY In the beginning, God made the whole world and everything in it, and it was GOOD. Let's all say, "It was good!" **Make a big world with your arms.**



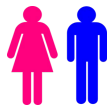
SAY God made all the water in the oceans, and rivers, and lakes. Let's pretend to swim in the water! **Pretend to swim.**



SAY God made all the dirt and trees and flowers. Let's pat the ground and feel the dirt in our hands! Now put your arms up and be a tree! **Pat the ground or pretend to be a tree.**



SAY God made all kinds of animals, like birds! Let's pretend to flap our wings and fly like a bird! **Pretend to fly like a bird.**



SAY Then God made two people: Adam and Eve. They got to live in a beautiful garden, and walk and talk with God. And it was GOOD. **Hold up two fingers.**



SAY But THEN, something very, VERY sad happened. A snake tricked Adam and Eve, and they disobeyed God. Then, all the wrong things came into the world, like sickness, and sadness and death. Show me your sad face. **Make a SSSSS sound and slither like a snake.**



SAY Even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God, God loved them anyway! He planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve, and you and me, could be close to God again! Do you know who the Rescuer is? Jesus! **Let's say JESUS!**

FREE PLAY

GET READY

LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP

BIG IDEA | 1 minute

SAY Today we'll learn that *Jesus is Alive!* Let's do these motions and say *Jesus is Alive!*

- *Jesus (touch middle finger tip into palm)*
- *Is Alive (raise hands up)*

TELL THE STORY | 10 minutes

SAY Today is Easter, and that means we get to talk about how Jesus rescued us! Let's all say, "Yay!!"
(Let kids respond.)

SAY But first, think about all the wrong things in the world for a minute: If you've ever gotten a boo-boo, touch your knee (Let kids respond.) If you've felt sick, stick your tongue out (Let kids respond.) If you've ever cried, say "boo hoo" (Let kids say: boo hoo.)

SAY Me too! I've been hurt and sick and sad—and angry and mean. The world is not a perfect home anymore, is it?

SAY Well, you know what? Something even worse happened when Adam and Eve disobeyed...they couldn't be close to God anymore. BUT God loved Adam and Eve—and us—WAY too much to leave us stuck in a world full of wrong things.

SAY So God sent his son Jesus to rescue us so that we can be so close to God that we're part of the same family! This is great news: let's see your happy face again! (Let kids respond.)

SAY Jesus took the punishment for all the meanness and death and wrong choices in the world, so that we don't have to. But that meant Jesus had to get punished for something he didn't do...because Jesus never made a wrong choice!

SAY Let's watch a video about Jesus' rescue. As you watch, think about how much Jesus must love you...and how he wants to rescue you!

- **Video: God's Story / Easter**

SAY Wow, did anybody see what Jesus did to rescue us? (Let kids respond.) Yes, he died on the cross! He died to take the punishment for all the wrong things in the world. But guess what...???

SAY Jesus didn't stay dead! He is ALIVE! He took our punishment...then got rid of it! Now we can follow Him and be a part of God's family! Give me a big smile and a thumbs up! (Let kids respond.)

FREE PLAY

GET READY

LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP

PRAY + WORSHIP | 5 minutes

SAY Now it's time to pray to God. When we pray, that means we talk to him, and he actually LISTENS to us, and hears our words! So let's talk to God right now. Close your eyes, and say these words after me.

PRAY (Pray, breaking it into small, repeatable phrases.): Hi God! Thanks for sending Jesus! Thank you that I can follow Jesus. Thank you that he's with me always. Aaaaa-MEN.

SAY Now it's time to worship Jesus! That means we sing and dance and tell him how much we love him. Everybody stand and sing as loud as you can!

- ***Music Video: Wonderful Things (3 minutes)***
- ***Music Video: Be Strong Take Courage (3 minutes)***
- ***Music Video: Jesus is Alive (3 minutes)***

FREE PLAY

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SUPPLIES

- Bag (1 per kid)
- Cross sticker (1 per kid)
- Tomb image (1 per kid)
- Sad face image (1 per kid)
- Jesus is alive image (1 per kid)
- Smiley face eraser (1 per kid)
- Easter story sequence card (1 per kid)

STORY TIME

Pro Tip: Use the Story Bag and Big Idea movements to help re-tell the story.

- Who died on the cross? (Jesus)
- Why did Jesus die? (To take our punishment)
- Where did the soldiers put Jesus? (In the tomb)
- What did the angel say when the tomb was opened? (Jesus is Alive!)

SNACK TIME

- Pass out **the snack**, and let kids eat at tables. This is a time to personally connect with kids and find out about their day, not just focusing on the story! Ask questions like: Tell me about your day. What's your favorite (blank)? Who do you live with?

CREATE AND PLAY

SAY Jesus died on the cross to rescue us. Soldiers put him in a tomb. After three days, an angel opened the tomb and said Jesus is Alive! Let's all say **"Jesus is Alive!"**

- **Cross sticker:** Jesus died on the cross to rescue us
- **Tomb image:** Jesus was buried in a tomb
- **Sad face image:** Jesus friends got scared, and they were sad
- **Jesus is alive image:** Jesus came back to life! He appeared to his friends!
- **Smiley face sticker:** Jesus friends were so happy that Jesus is alive!
- **Pro Tip:** Use coloring sheet as you tell the rest of the story!
- Help kids build a story bag! Give each kid a **bag** and an **Easter story card**.
- Next, tell the story as you build the bag by passing one of each story item to each kid.



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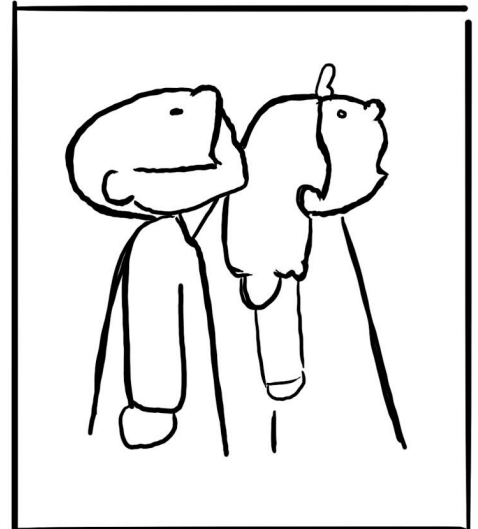
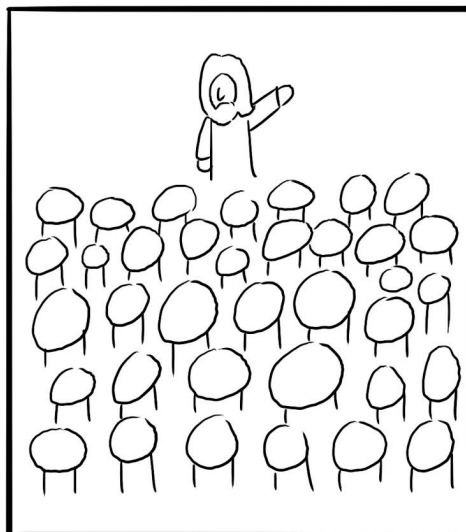
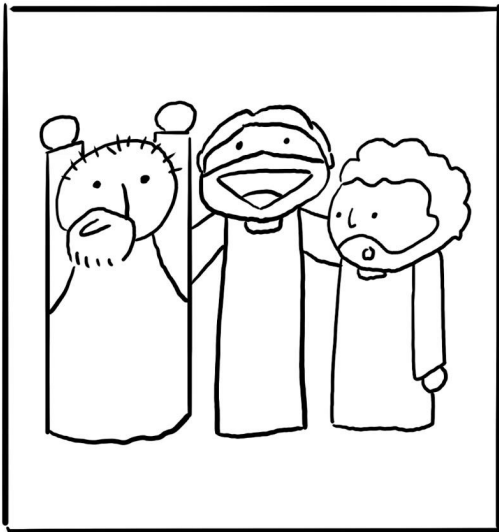
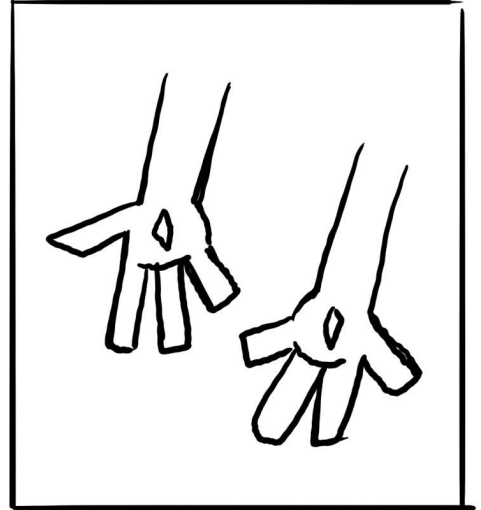
Big Idea: Jesus is alive, Tell me about Easter

GET READY Played in one large group			
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None			

LARGE GROUP			
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Jesus Storybook Bible	1 per large group, reused		site

SMALL GROUP			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Coloring/activity sheet - Easter	Quantity determined by site.	8.5x11 paper, black & white, Page 9/10	site
Markers	1 per kid, reused		site
Bag	1 per kid	Ziplock or paper bag (lunch size or smaller)	KC Site Support
Cross sticker	1 per kid	Oriental Trading	KC Site Support
Open/closed tomb image	1 per kid	8x11 cardstock, black and white, cut into quarter sheets, Page 11-12, double sided	site
Easter story card	1 per kid	8x11 cardstock, color, double sided, cut into quarter sheets, Page 12	site
Sad face image	1 per kid	8x11 cardstock, color, cut into eighth sheet, Page 13	site
Smiley heart eraser	1 per kid	Oriental Trading, Item #IN-9/339	KC Site Support

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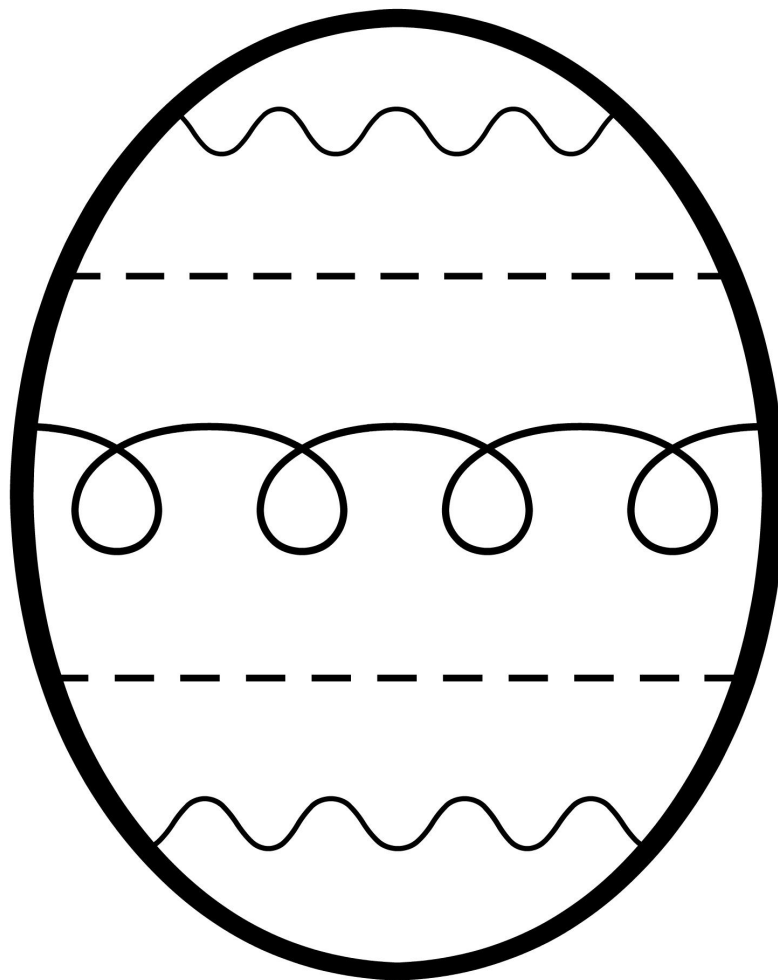


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Why did Jesus rescue you?

Read more about Easter in Mark 14-16.

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- Some soldiers buried Jesus in a tomb. People were **sad**.
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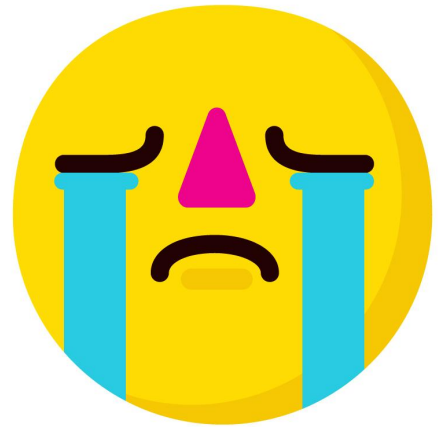
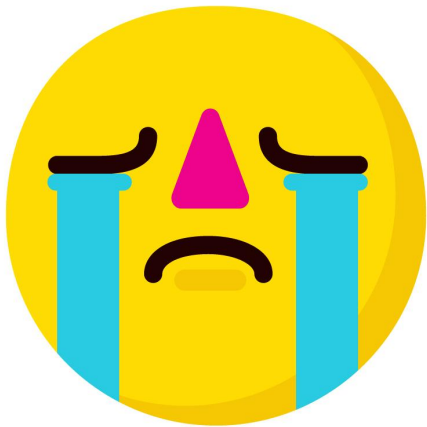
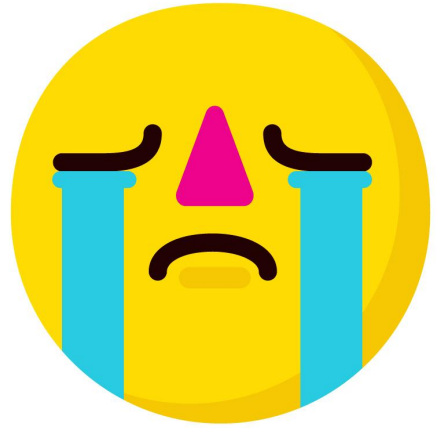
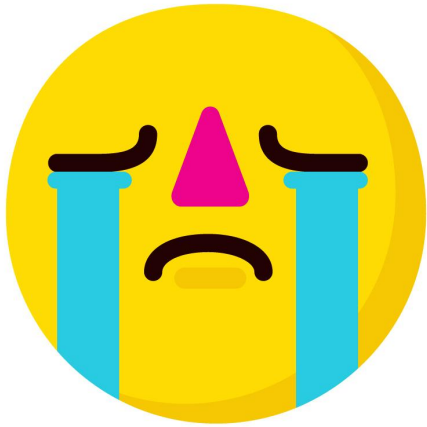
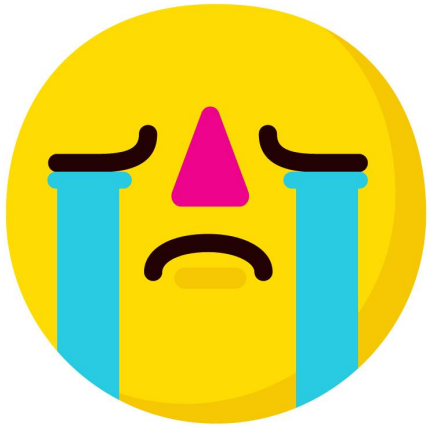
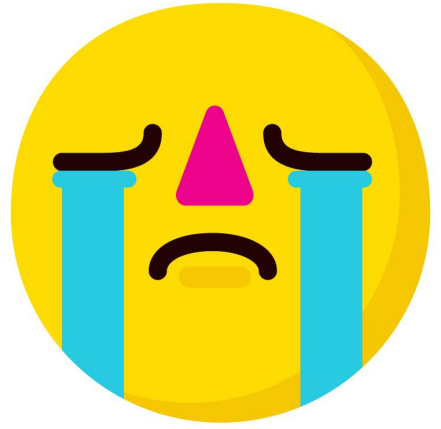
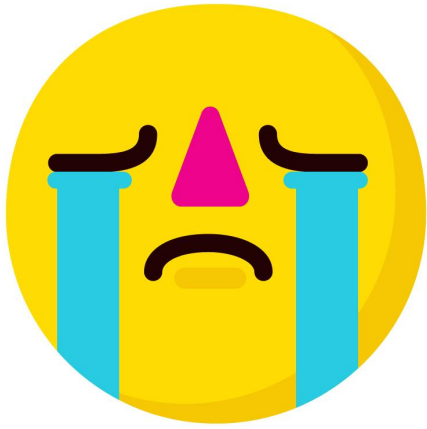
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