

WEEK 2 K-4 LESSON



Need to Know: *Jesus Is the Best Ever*

Bible Story: *Palm Sunday, Last Supper, Crucifixion, & Resurrection*

Circle Up



1. WELCOME kids to church, and TELL them your name. Then SAY: *I'm so glad you're here to celebrate Easter with us. It's the best day ever! I can't wait to get to know you!* (SHOW the **bag** of **eggs** inside) *When it's your turn, you will reach inside the bag, without looking, and choose one egg. I will ask you a question based on the color of the egg you chose.*
2. PASS the **bag** to a child, allowing him/her to say his/her name and select one **egg** from it. Then ASK the child a question from the **Egg Question Sheet** based on the color of **egg** he/she selects.
3. CONTINUE until every child has had a turn to introduce themselves and answer a question from the **Egg Question Sheet**.
4. Then SAY:
 - *Getting to know more about you is one reason why today is the best day ever! Do you think today is the best day ever because the Easter Bunny came to town or because Jesus is alive?* (Jesus is alive)
 - *Yes! At Easter, we celebrate that Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for all the wrong things we do. AND Jesus came back to life to fix our broken friendship with God! Jesus is the best ever! So let me hear you say this after me:*
Jesus Is (both hands point up)
The Best Ever (two thumbs up)

Read the Bible



1. SAY: *We're going to play a game called "Pictionary" while we read a story from the Bible! When I start drawing, you can guess what my picture is supposed to be! Let's see who can guess it first!*
2. READ the **Bible Story Sheet** aloud to the group and PLAY "Pictionary" with the **dry erase board**, **dry erase marker**, and **paper towel** as prompted.
3. Afterwards, ASK:
 - *Did God send Jesus to take away the sins of the world or the flies of the world?* (Sins of the world) *Yes! God sent His perfect Son, Jesus, to take the punishment for the wrong things we do!*
 - *Did Jesus stay dead?* (No) *Jesus defeated death and came back to life! He did this because He loves us and wants us to live with Him forever in heaven. This is why Jesus is the best ever!*

Let's Practice



1. SAY: *Let's play a game to celebrate that Jesus is the best ever! I'm going to divide the group into two teams and put **Points Cards** in the middle of the group. When it's your team's turn, one person will use the **bean bag** to choose a **Points Card**. Then I'll read the question on the back for your team to answer. If you get it right, you'll hold onto the Card and keep those points for your team. But if you get it wrong, the other team will have a chance to answer and get the points. If neither team gets the answer correct, no one will receive those points. The team with the most points at the end of the game is the winner! Let's play!*
2. DIVIDE the group into two teams, and PLACE **Points Cards** number side up in the center of the group.
3. ALLOW a child from one team to use the bean bag to select one **Points Card**, and READ the question on the back aloud. If the team answers correctly, the child will hold onto the **Points Card**. If the team gets the question wrong, GIVE the other team a chance to guess. If they answer correctly, GIVE them the **Points Card**. If neither team gets the correct answer, PLACE the Card to the side.
4. CONTINUE to play, alternating teams, until there are no more **Points Cards**. Then HELP teams add up their points.
5. Then SAY: *Easter is the best day ever because of what Jesus did for us! That makes Jesus the best ever! Let me hear you say this after me:*
Jesus Is (both hands point up)
The Best Ever (two thumbs up)

OPTION 2: "He Lives!" Necklace Craft - Each child will get a necklace kit. Explain/help them put the necklace together!

Memorize It 4

1. SAY: *We celebrate Easter because Jesus is the best ever! So let's play a fun game to help us remember that.*
 2. PRACTICE saying the Need to Know with the group two times, having them repeat with the motions.
Jesus Is (both hands point up)
The Best Ever (two thumbs up)
 3. PASS an **egg** around the circle, and HAVE kids say the next word in the Need to Know when it comes to them. PLAY several times, switching directions and seeing if you can get faster each time.
 - Grades 2-4 OPTION: After passing the **egg** for a couple rounds, HAVE kids toss it across the circle instead of passing.
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Let's Pray 5

ASK your group for any prayer requests. Then PRAY the following for your group:

- That they would know God sent His Son, Jesus, to Earth to live, die, and rise again because He wanted to save us from our sins forever
 - That they would celebrate this best day ever every single day
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Stay Together 6

KEEP kids engaged in Small Group until they are checked out by doing the following activities:

- ALLOW kids to finish coloring their **Coloring Sheets**.
- PLAY "Hot Potato" using one of the **eggs**. Whoever is holding the **egg** when you say, "Stop," can say a motion/action for the group to do.
- HAVE kids take turns using the **dry erase marker** and **dry erase board** to draw pictures for the rest of the group to guess.
- USE the **bag of eggs** from "Circle Up" and HAVE the group say/do the following based on the color of **egg** selected:
 - **Purple** - Stand and spin in a circle
 - **Orange** - Quack like a duck
 - **Blue** - HAVE kids repeat the Need to Know after you: *Jesus Is* (both hands point up) *The Best Ever* (two thumbs up)
 - **Green** - Hop up and down like a bunny
 - **Yellow** - Flap arms like a chicken
 - **Pink** - GIVE three high-fives
- PLAY "Would You Rather" by asking the following questions:
 - *Would you rather swim in a pool of jelly beans or melted chocolate?*
 - *Would you rather be a chicken or a bunny?*
 - *Would you rather a prize egg be filled with candy or money?*
 - *Would you rather have a never-ending supply of marshmallows or cotton candy?*
 - *Would you rather have an alarm clock that sounded like a duck quacking or a rooster crowing?*