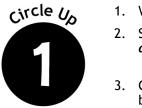
WEEK 2 - EASTER SUNDAY PRESCHOOL LESSON

Need to Know: Jesus Is Alive **Bible Story:** Jesus' Death and Resurrection (Luke 22-24)





- 1. WELCOME kids to church, and TELL them that today we are having an Easter EGG-stravaganza!
- 2. SAY: My name is (<u>YOUR NAME</u>), and I will be your leader today! I have something to give you and a question to ask you.
- 3. GIVE each child one **Easter egg**, HAVE him/her say his/her name aloud, and ASK the following question based on the color **egg** the child receives:
 - Red Have you ever hunted for Easter eggs?
 - Orange Would you rather eat candy or eggs?
 - Yellow Would you rather have a pet duck or a pet chick?
 - Green Have you ever dyed eggs to make them all kinds of different colors?
 - Purple If you found a golden egg, what would you want to find inside—a toy or candy?
 - Pink What's your favorite thing to do at Easter time?
- 5. After all kids have been introduced and received their egg, SAY:
 - All of those are fun things about Easter, but do you know what is the best thing about Easter? (ALLOW responses)
 - The best thing about Easter is celebrating that Jesus is alive! Jesus died on a cross, but He came back to life because He loves us so much!
 - Let me hear you say this after me: (PAUSE to allow kids to repeat)

Jesus Is (point up) *Alive* (wave hands)

- 1. 1. AT HOME- Watch today's preschool video playlist on our YouTube channel: https:// www.youtube.com/channel UC5XgLEk2Z4V1ao8nWEGaLBw
- 2. IN CHURCH- Go to LARGE GROUP TIME with your class



Read the 8,

- 1. SAY: We're going to make a special cross to help us remember that Jesus is alive!
- 2. READ the Leader Guide and GIVE kids a sticky cross and tissue paper squares as directed.
- 3. After all sections of the Leader Guide have been read and crosses are assembled, SAY:
 - Jesus loves you so much that He took the punishment for all the wrong things you have done or will ever do. He loves you so much that He did not stay dead.
 - Jesus is alive! Let me hear you say that after me: (PAUSE to allow kids to repeat)

Jesus Is (point up) *Alive* (wave hands)



- 1. SAY: I don't want you to ever forget that Jesus is alive, so let's all stand up and play a fun game to help us remember.
- 2. SHOW kids the Rock Easter Egg and SAY: When Jesus died on the cross, they put His body in a tomb.
- 3. PUT Jesus inside the Rock Easter Egg and SAY: Then they sealed the tomb shut with a big rock. But did Jesus stay dead? (No!)
- 4. OPEN the Rock Easter Egg and take out Jesus, showing Him to the group. Then SAY: No, Jesus didn't stay dead! We can celebrate, because Jesus is alive! Let's pass this empty egg and take turns saying, "Jesus Is Alive!"
- 5. PASS the **Rock Easter Egg** around the group, and ALLOW each child to say the Need to Know while holding it.
- 6. GIVE each child one **Rock Easter Egg** to take home.



PRAY with your group, having them repeat after you in short phrases:

• Jesus, I am so excited that You are alive! Thank You for loving me. Hove you. Amen.



- 1. KEEP kids engaged in Small Group until they are checked out by doing the following activities:
 - PLACE the crayons in the center of the group. HAVE kids color their Coloring Sheets. As kids color, ASK:
 - Do we celebrate Easter because Jesus is alive or because bunnies hop? (Jesus is alive)
 - What do you love about Easter?
 - What did you learn at church today?
 - HAVE kids stand and repeat, "Jesus Is Alive," after you while doing these fun things:
 - Hop like a bunny
 - Flap wings like a chick
 - Wave a pretend palm branch in the air
 - Shake your bunny tail
 - Pat legs like a donkey walking
 - Pretend to eat candy
 - Put fingers up like bunny ears
 - Spin in a circle
 - PLAY "Simon Says" with the following moves, or come up with your own. *NOTE: MAKE SURE to say, "Simon Says," before every motion.
 - Simon says to hop like a bunny.
 - Simon says to chirp like a chick.
 - Simon says to flap your wings like an angel.
 - Simon says to pat your legs.
 - Simon says to pretend to eat candy.
 - Simon says to spin in a circle.