

JESUS IS ALIVE!



Bible Reference: Luke 24:1-12; 36-42

Date: 4/5/26

Age: 2's/3's

Easter Service

Memory Verse:

“He is not here; he has risen...”

Matthew 28:6

Theme:

**Jesus gave
his life for us**

Schedule

- **Arrival/Attendance/Directed Play.....15 minutes**
- **Clean Up and Gather For Story.....5 min.**
- **Bible Story.....15 min.**
- **Craft/Coloring Page:.....10 min.**
- **Friends from Afar.....10 min.**
- **Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer.....15 min.**
- **Snack Time at Tables.....10 min.**
- **Free Choice Play.....as time allows**

Notes and Reminders

Happy Easter! We pray that you are able to celebrate Jesus' life with the kids in your room, and with your friends & family today and every day! We are so grateful for who God made you to be!



OUTLINE



Arrival/Attendance/ Directed Play

15 min.

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door. Set up the activities and introduce the children to the lesson through these activities. Encourage the kids to participate in both activities as they play together. You may need to ask the kids to come to the different areas so all of them have the opportunity to participate

Picture Hunt

- Find the laminated pictures of different parts of the Easter story in your bin. Hide them around your room for the children to find. As they find each picture, ask the children what they know about it and discuss what it represents.
- **SAY** We found so many pictures of things from our story today! Soon, we are going to see how Jesus loves us so much and proved that he can save us!

Angel Says

- Play this game like an Easter version of Simon Says. The children must only complete an action if the person giving instructions begins by saying 'Angel says...' You can include typical Simon Says actions like clapping and hopping, and some Easter-specific actions like 'roll the stone,' 'shout Jesus is alive,' and 'flap like an angel.'
- **SAY** In our story today, a woman named *Mary* talked to an angel when she couldn't find Jesus. She had to listen very carefully to understand what the angel said, just like you had to listen carefully to the instructions in today's game. Let's see what the angel told her!





Clean Up and Gather for Story

5 min.

Invite the children to begin cleaning up toys and putting away their activities at 9:10. Then remind them to meet at the carpet for Bible story time. Remind the children that we are going to do our best to be good listeners.

Bible Story

15 min.

Welcome Song

- Welcome all the children by singing their welcome song
- (Tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star)
- Welcome, Welcome Everyone
- Now you're here Let's have some fun
- First let's clap our hands like so
- Then reach down and touch our toes
- Welcome, Welcome Everyone
- Now you're here Let's have some fun
 - You can call a group of children names to welcome them and they can stand up and wave if you'd like.

The words from today's story are written below. They are taken from pages 453-458 in the Beginner's Bible (2005/2016 edition). Feel free to use the printed images in your bin or the physical Bible in your room to tell the story.

Jesus is Risen!

- After Jesus died, some of his friends laid his body in a big tomb. They sealed it shut with a large round stone. Soldiers guarded the tomb.
- Three days later, the earth shook. An angel of the Lord came down from heaven and pushed the stone away from the tomb. Then the angel sat on the stone.
- When the soldiers saw the angel, they fell to the ground.
- Mary was walking to the tomb with some of her friends. They saw the angel, who said, "Do not be afraid. Jesus is not here. He has risen!"
- "Go and tell Peter and the other disciples that Jesus is alive!"
- On their way, the women saw Jesus. They fell to their knees and worshiped him. Jesus smiled and said, "Go tell the others that I will see them in Galilee." So Mary ran to tell the disciples.





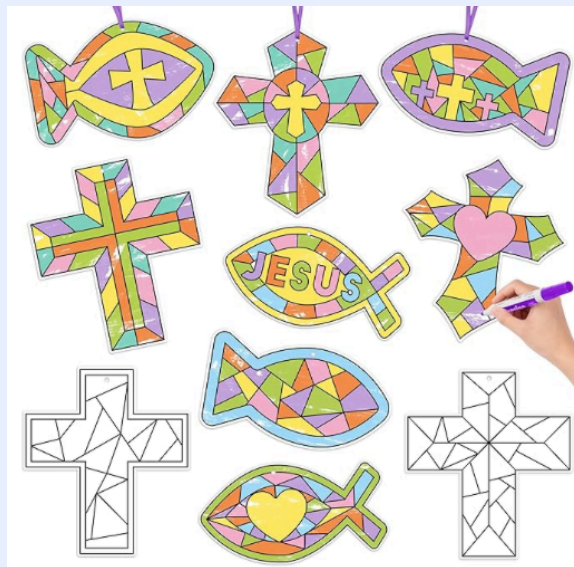
Craft/Coloring Page

10 min.

After the story, have the children go to their tables and prepare for a craft to go along with the lesson. Our **BIG IDEA** of the week is: Jesus gave his life for us!

Pass out an Easter ornament to each child. Place markers and stickers on each table for the children to decorate their ornaments. Be sure to write children's names on the back of their ornaments! Collect the ornaments and pass hallway staff member or a junior shepherd to hang and display for parent pickup time.

As children finish, distribute the coloring page with today's story on the back for children to complete. Have the children place both the craft and coloring sheet in their bin when they are finished.



Friends from Afar

10 min.

You will find today's activity for Friends from Afar in the Binder on the counter. The information for this month's Global Partner family and an activity to learn about where they are serving are included. Necessary supplies are located in your bin.





Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer

15 min.

There is a list of songs for today's lesson on the TV. Use the directions located with the remote to access them.

Prayer (Use these words, or your own, to pray about today's Bible lesson. Take time to listen to prayer requests from the children and pray for them as well!)

- Dear God, thank you for loving us and taking care of us! Help us to remember how important Jesus' life is and that he came to earth to save us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Memory Verse

- "He is not here; he has risen..." **Matthew 28:6**
- **SAY** Even though Jesus used to live with people on earth, now he lives with God in Heaven! We can be happy because he is alive and loves us so much!
- Teach the children the motions for this verse:
 - He is not - wag your finger no and shake your head
 - Here - point to the floor
 - He has risen - point to the sky
 - **Matthew 28:6**- make an 'M' in sign language by curling three fingers over your thumb



Snack Time at Tables

10 min.

Prior to serving the snack have the children use hand sanitizer before choosing a seat at the table. Each child will have veggie straws on a napkin and a small cup of water. **NOTE:** some children with allergies will have their own snack or drink...parents usually remind shepherds of this at drop off. If a question, please contact Kid Min Staff in hallways. Thanks.

While the children are eating their snack, please read the read aloud book that is in the bin labeled Read Aloud book for snack time. Thanks.





Free Choice Play

As time allows

Once the snack and read aloud are finished, the children may choose free play until their parents come to pick them up.

At dismissal, please make sure to check the child's tag number to match the parent's tag. Have the children take home any papers from their bin. Finally, check them off the attendance as being picked up (the last column for the date).

Thanks so much for shepherding the little ones this week. We appreciate you!





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Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-10; Luke 24:1-11; John 20:1-18

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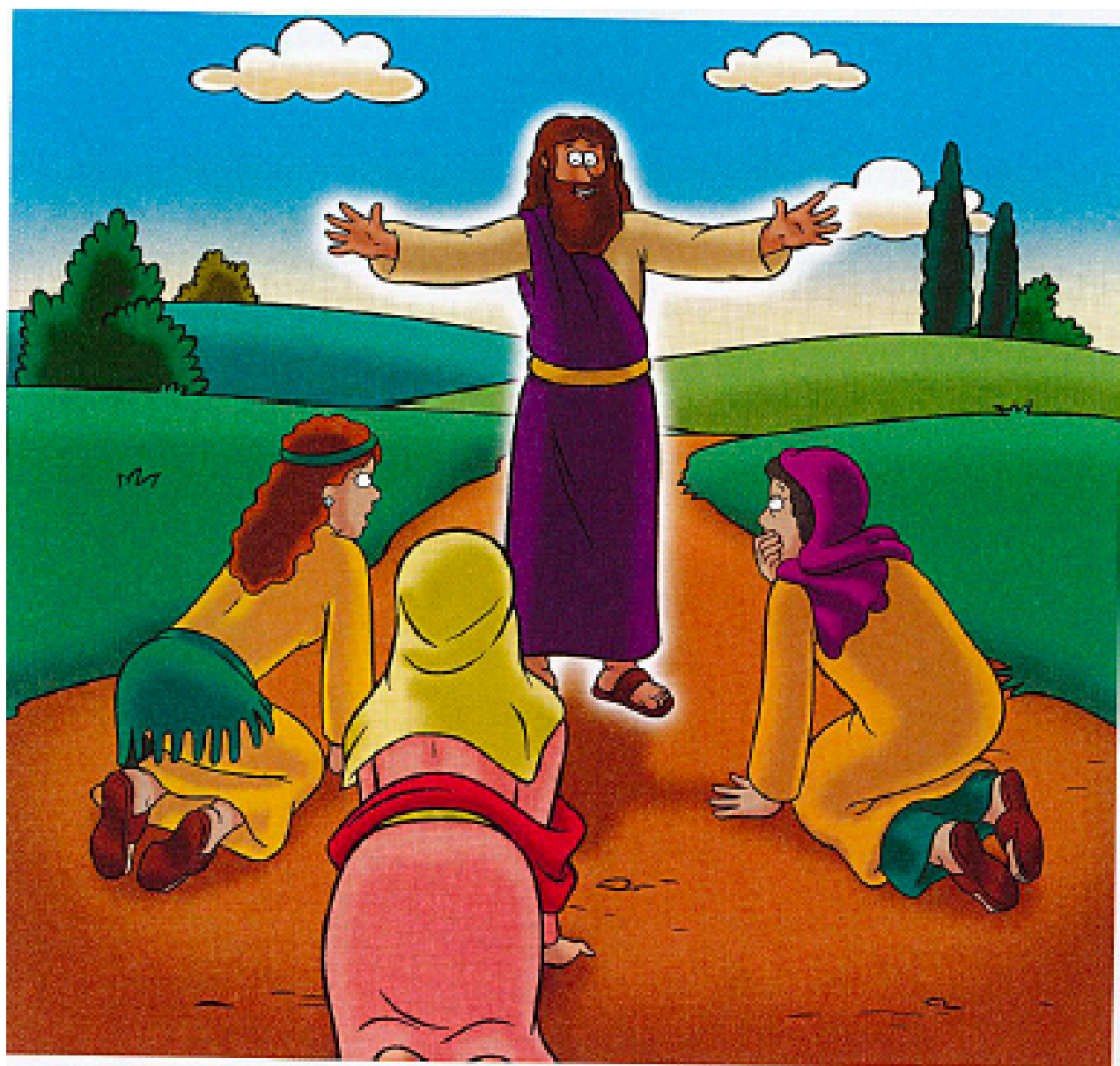
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Jesus is Alive! Easter Sunday

Luke 24:1-12; 36-49

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