



SHEPHERD OVERVIEW

Pre-K / K
Nov. 8, 2026
2nd Service

Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection

**Matt. 27-28; Mark 15-16;
Luke 23-24; John 19-20**

What did Jesus do to save us?

Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead.

If God is for us, who can be against us?
-Romans 8:31

Story Point:

Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead to save us from our sins.

- ☐ Welcome/Intro Activity..... 5 minutes
- ☐ Kids Worship @ 11:00 - Large Group 3..... 15-20 minutes
- ☐ Circle Time and Bible Story 10 minutes
- ☐ Movement Activity..... 10 minutes
- ☐ Craft 10 minutes
- ☐ Music and Friends From Afar 10 minutes
- ☐ Prayer and Bible Verse 10 minutes
- ☐ Snack and Discussion Time 5-7 minutes

SHEPHERD GUIDE

Three days had passed since the darkest day in history: the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. This scriptural account occurs after the Sabbath as Mary Magdalene and a few of the other women made their way to the tomb where Jesus's body had been placed. A miracle was not on the forefront of their minds as they considered their somber mission at hand: anointing the body of the man they had placed their hope in.

Seeing that the stone had been rolled away, their minds wandered to the worst possible scenario: someone had taken Jesus's body away. John 20:9 tells us they didn't yet understand that He must rise from the dead. It was there, in seemingly utter hopelessness, that the power of God was revealed to them through the miracle of all miracles: Christ had risen from the grave, defeating the power of sin and death, once and for all.

The women moved quickly, filled with fear and great joy, to tell the disciples. Yet Scripture says they also went with fear, trembling, and astonishment— not saying anything to anyone at first because they were afraid (Mark 16:8). On their way, Jesus met them, saying not to be afraid but to go and tell the others where they could find Him, too. Jesus told Mary not to cling to Him, but to go and tell the disciples that He would soon ascend to His Father.

The resurrection is the reality of the gospel—the good news that Jesus endured the suffering our sin deserved yet rose from the grave to extend the gift of eternal life to believers. It's the miracle of salvation: the sinless one was willing to take our place. For those in Christ, we are called—just like the women who first encountered the empty tomb—to tell others of the life to be found in Christ.

This week, help kids see and celebrate that Jesus is alive and that the promise of the gospel is true! As kids hear this story, may their hearts be moved to belief and repentance, experiencing His life-changing salvation for themselves.

REMINDER: Our VIP meeting is from 8:30-8:40 in C1. Your supply bin will be in your classroom.



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KNOW + LOVE + FOLLOW + SHARE

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MAIN TAKEAWAYS: We want our kids to:

- *KNOW that Jesus died for their sins and rose again.
- *BE thankful for Jesus and trust in Him.
- *REMEMBER Jesus by serving others and telling them about Him.

As children arrive - Welcome them by name and invite them to play with you and the other children.

Use this time to get to know your kids - ask them about their week, about their likes and dislikes and about their school, family and friends.

Ways to connect - Play a game from the closet, color or draw together, build with legos/blocks, etc.

When most kids have arrived for first service (by 9:05ish), ask them to clean up the toys and find a seat at one of the tables to begin the class.



PREPARE HEARTS

Welcome and Intro Activity

- None

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door.

Sing the Days of the Week

Sing the following days of the week song to the tune of "Oh My Darling, Clementine":

- Sunday, Monday, Tuesday Wednesday,
- Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
- Sunday, Monday, Tuesday Wednesday,
- Thursday, Friday, Saturday."

SAY: You did a great job singing the days of the week! Jesus died on the cross for our sins on a Friday. We often call this Good Friday. Today we will talk about the exciting thing that happened on that Sunday. Do you know what it is?



KIDS WORSHIP

11:00

Kids Worship for Pre-K - 4th Grade in LG2.



ACTIVE MINDS

Form your hands into a heart shape by making the letter C with both hands and bringing them together. Invite the children to use their hands to make heart shapes too. Ask the children what they think of when they see a heart. Explain that a heart is a symbol for love. Ask the children to share ways they can show love to one another.

INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

SAY: It is wonderful to talk about ways we can show love to one another. In today's Bible story we will learn about an important time Jesus showed His love for you and me. JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS TO SAVE US FROM OUR SIN.

STORYTELLING TIPS:

Use props: Use props like a small wooden cross, purple cloth, and a smooth stone as you tell the Bible story.

Split in two: When you read about the curtain tearing, tear a piece of construction paper into two pieces.

BIBLE STORY:

Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection

Jesus' Crucifixion

After Jesus was arrested, soldiers put a purple robe on Him and a crown made of sharp thorns on His head. They made fun of Jesus and called Him "king of the Jews."

The soldiers nailed Jesus to a big wooden cross. To make fun of Jesus, they put a sign above Him that said, "THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS." Two criminals were on crosses next to Him.

Some people laughed at Jesus and didn't believe He is God's Son. They said, "He saved others, but He can't help Himself!"

Jesus knew He was doing something very important that the Old Testament said would happen. Jesus was taking the punishment for all the wrong things people have done so believers could be forgiven and be close to God.

While Jesus was on the cross, He said, "Father, forgive them. They don't know what they are doing." The sky got dark for three hours. Jesus cried out, "It is finished!" Then He died.

The earth shook, and the curtain in the temple tore in two. One of the soldiers said, "This man really was God's Son!"

Jesus' Resurrection

Very early on Sunday morning, when it was still dark, Mary Magdalene and some other women went to the tomb where Jesus had been buried. They were very sad because Jesus had died. They wanted to put spices on His body to take care of Him.

But when Mary got there, she saw something surprising. The big stone covering the tomb had been rolled away! She ran to tell Peter and John. "Someone took Jesus's body!" she said.

Peter and John ran to the tomb. Peter saw the cloths that had wrapped Jesus's body lying there, but Jesus wasn't there! John believed that Jesus had risen from the dead.

Mary stayed outside the tomb crying. Then she looked inside again and saw two angels sitting where Jesus' body had been. The angels asked her, "Why are you crying?" Mary said, "They have taken my Lord away, and I don't know where they put Him." Then Mary turned around and saw someone standing there. She thought it was the gardener. The man said, "Mary." When she heard her name, Mary knew it was Jesus! She was so happy, but Jesus said, "Go and tell My friends that I am alive!" Mary ran to tell Jesus's friends the good news saying, "I have seen the Lord!"

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus is alive! His resurrection—rising from the dead—shows that Jesus has power over sin and death. Jesus wants us to tell everyone the good news that He is alive is alive!



REVIEW AND DISCUSS

- Ball

Pass a ball around the circle as music plays. Pause the music and ask the child holding the ball a question:

- What did Jesus do to save us? (Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead)
- What did Mary Magdalene find when she went to Jesus' tomb? (The stone had been rolled away.)
- What did Peter and John see inside Jesus's tomb? (cloths, Jesus wasn't there)
- Who said Mary's name? (Jesus)
- Did Jesus stay dead? (No, Jesus is alive!)

SAY: Jesus died on the cross, but He did not stay dead! GOD RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD. Jesus is alive! Jesus's resurrection shows that He has power over sin and death. Jesus wants us to tell everyone the good news that He is alive



Movement Activity

Roll a Ball

- Ball

Gather kids in a circle on the ground.

Explain that you will roll a ball to a child and say his name. That child will roll the ball to a different child in the circle and say her name.

Repeat until each child has had a chance to roll the ball several times.

SAY: You all did a great job rolling the ball to your friends! In our story, Mary did not recognize Jesus until He said her name. Mary was so happy because she learned that GOD RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD. Like Mary ran to tell her friends that Jesus was alive, we can share with everyone the good news that Jesus is alive!



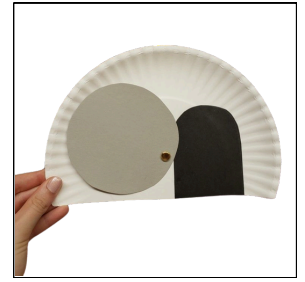
Craft

Make a Tomb Craft

- Paper plate halves
- Gray circle cut-outs
- Black door cut-outs
- Brads
- Glue Sticks

Give each child a half paper plate, a gray circle cut-out and a black half-circle (door). (This will be done for you!)

Instruct the kids to glue the black door to their paper plate. Attach the gray paper circle to the side of the doorway with a metal brad fastener. Explain that the gray circle represents the stone that was rolled away. Model how to move the stone to reveal the empty tomb.



SAY: GOD RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD! Our craft today can help us remember that the stone was rolled away and the tomb was empty. Jesus is alive! His resurrection—rising from the dead—shows that Jesus has power over sin and death. Jesus wants us to tell everyone the good news that He is alive!



Music

You will find music and other video resources on the USB which is already plugged into the TV. Feel free to play the videos in any order you would like!

Friends From Afar

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.



Prayer and Bible Verse

- Big Dice

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.

God, thank You for Jesus. Thank You that He came to earth, lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Jesus has power over sin and death. Guide each child to one day believe and trust in You, so they can be forgiven and live forever with You. Amen.

Bible Verse:

Read the verse aloud - Romans 8:31

Choose a kid to roll the big dice, then have the kids recite the verse together in the style that corresponds with the list below. If someone rolls a 6, allow them to make up their own style. When finished, hand the dice to another kid and repeat.

1. In a robot voice.
2. While doing sit ups.
3. While making a silly face.
4. Like you're sitting in a bathtub filled with ice water.
5. Like you're being chased by a dragon.
6. Make up your own



Snack and Discussion Time

- Snack (Pretzels) located under the sink cabinet

Have children sanitize their hands before passing out snacks and cups of water. During this time, you can connect with children and discuss questions regarding the lesson.

- What was your favorite part of today's Bible story?
- What did you learn about God in today's Bible story?
- What were some things in the Bible story that made you happy or sad?
- What happened to the big stone at Jesus's tomb? (It had been rolled away.)
- How did Mary know it was Jesus when she saw Him? (He said her name.)
- What can we tell our friends about Jesus? (Jesus loves us, Jesus knows us, Jesus died for our sins and rose again, we will be forgiven if we believe in Jesus)

SAY: Very early in the morning, Mary Magdalene and some women went to Jesus's tomb. But when they got there, the big stone had been rolled away, and Jesus's body was gone! Mary saw two angels and then Jesus, but she didn't recognize Jesus until He said her name. **GOD RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD.** Mary ran to tell Jesus's friends the good news that He is alive!



Additional Activities:

MAKE AN EARTHQUAKE:

Guide kids to stack manipulatives such as counters, small blocks, or tiles on top of a piece of paper. Encourage kids to gently move the paper from side to side to make their towers fall down. Place items back on the paper and try again.

SAY Do you know what an earthquake is? [Allow responses.] An earthquake is the sudden shaking of the ground caused by rocks moving deep underground. In our story today, there is a sudden shaking of the earth, like an earthquake. This pointed to something very important that happened. We'll find out what it was in today's Bible story!

Draw a Purple Picture:

Distribute a piece of copy paper to each child. Place purple washable markers and purple crayons within reach. Encourage the kids to draw things that are purple like grapes or flowers, or draw their own purple creation.

SAY: These purple pictures are so creative! You all did a wonderful job! After Jesus was arrested, soldiers put a purple robe on Jesus. Purple was a color of royalty, but the soldiers were using the purple robe to make fun of Jesus. When we look at our purple pictures, we can remember that **JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS TO SAVE US FROM OUR SIN.**

TEAR PAPER:

Set out sheets of paper. Encourage the kids to tear the paper in two. If the kids are having difficulty tearing the paper, take each piece and make a small tear before you set it out. Guide the kids to tear the paper using the tear you started.

SAY: Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sin. What happened after that? [Allow responses.] The earth shook, and the curtain in the temple tore in two, like how you tore the paper in two. This reminds us that because of Jesus's sacrifice on the cross, we can have a right relationship with God and be with Him forever if we believe in Him.

GUESS WHO IS SAYING YOUR NAME:

Guide one child to stand up and turn away from the group and the other kids to sit down. Quietly choose one of the sitting kids to say the name of the standing child. Instruct the standing child to turn around and guess who said his name. Give each child a turn to be the guesser.

SAY Was it hard to guess who said your name? [Allow responses.] In our story today, after Mary discovered the empty tomb, a man came to her; at first she thought it was the gardener. But then He said her name. When she heard her name, Mary knew it was Jesus! Jesus told her to tell His friends He is alive. Jesus wants us to tell everyone the good news that He is alive too!