

WEEK

ONE

Toddlers | W1

Today's Suggested Schedule—April 2026, Week 1

Monthly Bible Story: Easter • Matthew 26:31-32, 36, 47-50; 27:1-2, 11-66; 28:1-8

Bible Words: "I have called you friends." • John 15:15 NIV

Bottom Line: Jesus wants to be your friend forever.

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Story Time

- Tell It

Craft Time

- Fingerprint Cross



Monthly Bible Story

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Bible Words

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Bottom Line

Jesus wants to be your friend forever.

5 min

Story Time

5 min

Story Time

What You Need

 Preschool Bible

1

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come sit with me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) is the Easter story. The Easter story shows us how much Jesus loves us and that Jesus wants to be your friend forever!

"One night, Jesus was with His friends, the disciples. Jesus told them He had to go away, but He promised He would come back. Jesus was taken by some soldiers and put on a cross. Jesus' friends were so very sad. Jesus was placed in a tomb and a big stone was rolled in front of it.

"One ... two ... three days went by! Some friends went to the tomb and saw the stone had been rolled away! Jesus wasn't there! Jesus was alive! Jesus came back—just like He said He would. Hooray! What a happy day! Jesus did all of this because He loves you and **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be your friend forever.**"






5 min

Craft Time

5 min

Craft Time

What You Need

	"Fingerprint Cross" Activity Page	1
	Cardstock	1
	Washable ink pads	Several
	Baby wipes	Several
	Permanent marker	1

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What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Fingerprint Cross" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity: Show children the cross outline. Help them press a finger onto the ink pad and make fingerprints inside the cross. Clean hands as needed.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "Look at your paper. (*Point to the cross.*) That shape is a cross. There is a cross in the Easter story. Jesus went to the cross and then came back ... just like He said He would!

"Let's make tiny fingerprints inside your cross. Press your finger here, then press it inside the cross shape. (*Help children press their fingertip on the ink pad, then inside their cross.*) Great job! Now let's add more tiny fingerprints! (*Continue until your cross has lots of fingerprints.*) Beautiful! Your fingerprint cross reminds us that Jesus loves you, Jesus came back, and **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be your friend forever!**"

Preschool

First Look

April - Week 1

Resources

Activity Pages

What You Need

No supplies needed

Supplies

Story Time

	Quantity
1. Preschool Bible	1

Craft Time

	Quantity
1. "Fingerprint Cross" Activity Page	1
2. Cardstock	1
3. Washable ink pads	Several
4. Baby wipes	Several
5. Permanent marker	1



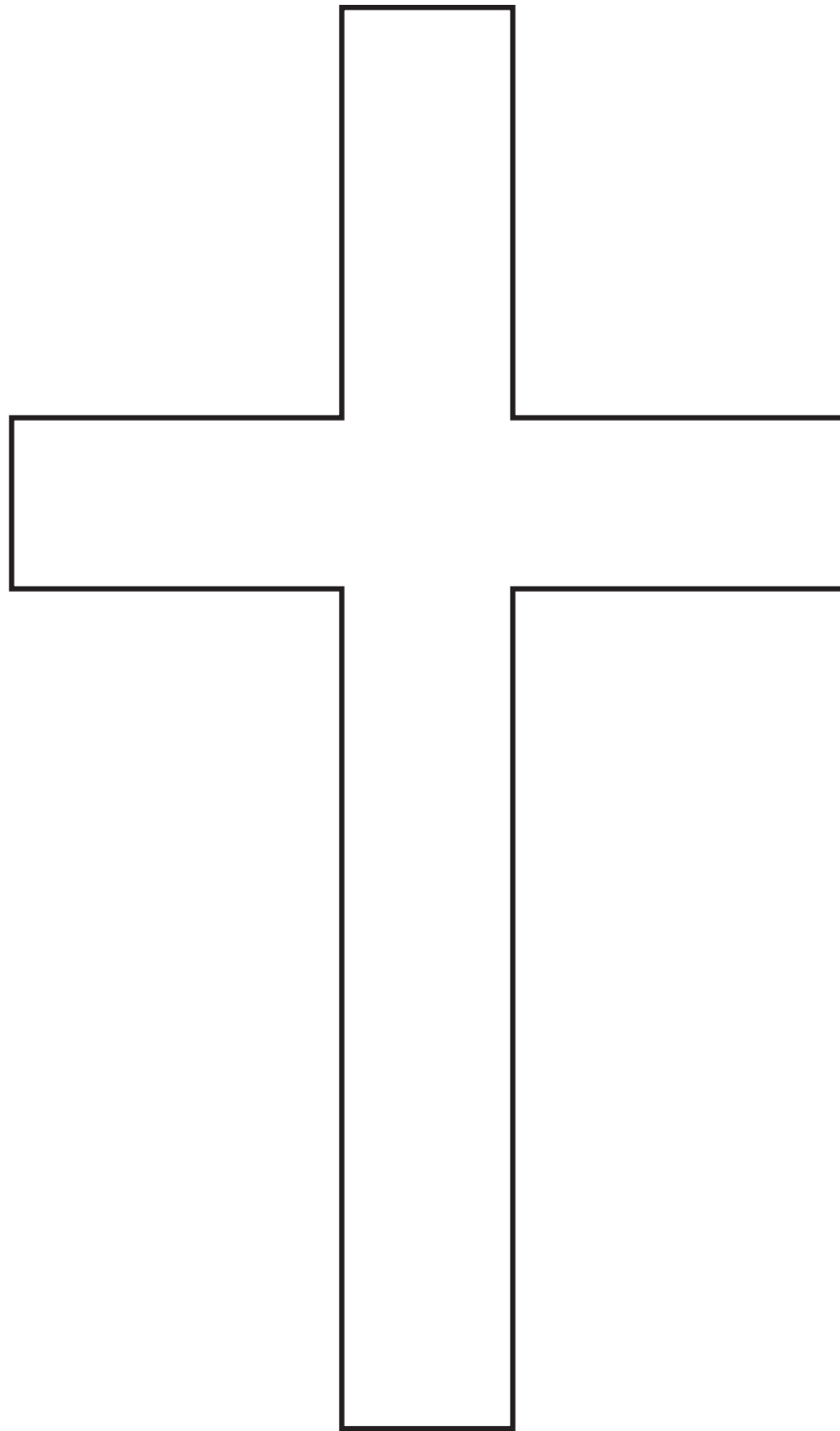
Activity Pages

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What to Do:
Copy on cardstock.
One per child.

"Fingerprint Cross" Activity Page
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WEEK

TWO

Toddlers | W2

Today's Suggested Schedule— April 2026, Week 2

Monthly Bible Story: Easter • Matthew 26:31-32, 36, 47-50; 27:1-2, 11-66; 28:1-8

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Story Time

- Show It

Craft Time

- Your Friend Forever



Monthly Bible Story

Easter • Matthew 26:31-32, 36, 47-50; 27:1-2, 11-66; 28:1-8

Bible Words

"I have called you friends." • John 15:15 NIV

Bottom Line

Jesus wants to be your friend forever.



5 min

Story Time

5 min

Story Time

What You Need

-  Preschool Bible 1
-  "Story Pictures" Activity Pages copied on 1 cardstock

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LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) is the Easter story. Let's show our story today.

(*Hold up the picture of Jesus with His disciples.*) "Here is Jesus with His friends, the disciples. Jesus told His friends that He had to go away, but He promised He would come back! Jesus loves His friends so much. And Jesus loves YOU so much too! (*Hold up the picture of Jesus being taken by soldiers.*) Some soldiers came and took Jesus away. Jesus' friends were so sad. (*Hold up the picture of the tomb with stone in front.*) Jesus was placed in a tomb and a big stone was rolled in front of it. Jesus' friends waited and waited. (*Count on fingers*) One day ... two days ... three days! Look!(*Hold up the picture of the stone rolled away.*) The big stone is rolled away and the tomb is empty!(*Hold up the picture of Jesus alive and smiling.*) Jesus is ALIVE! Hooray! Jesus came back, just like He said He would! Hip, hip, hooray! **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be your friend forever!**"





5 min

Craft Time

5 min

Craft Time

What You Need

	"Your Friend Forever" Activity Page	1
	Cardstock	1
	Self-inking smiley-face stamps	Several
	Self-inking heart stamps	Several
	Baby wipes	Several
	Permanent marker	1

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What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Your Friend Forever" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity: Encourage children to add smiley and heart stamps all around the picture of Jesus.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "Look! Jesus is on your paper! *(Pause.)* Jesus loves you so much. Jesus went away and came back just like He said He would! Jesus wants to be your friend forever. Let's add happy smiley faces and hearts all around Jesus. Press your stamps down on your paper! Great job! Add more hearts and smiles. *(Pause.)* Your paper looks so happy because Jesus wants to be your friend forever!"

Preschool

First Look

April - Week 2

Resources

Activity Pages

What You Need

No supplies needed

Supplies

Story Time	Quantity
1. Preschool Bible	1
2. "Story Pictures" Activity Pages copied on cardstock	1

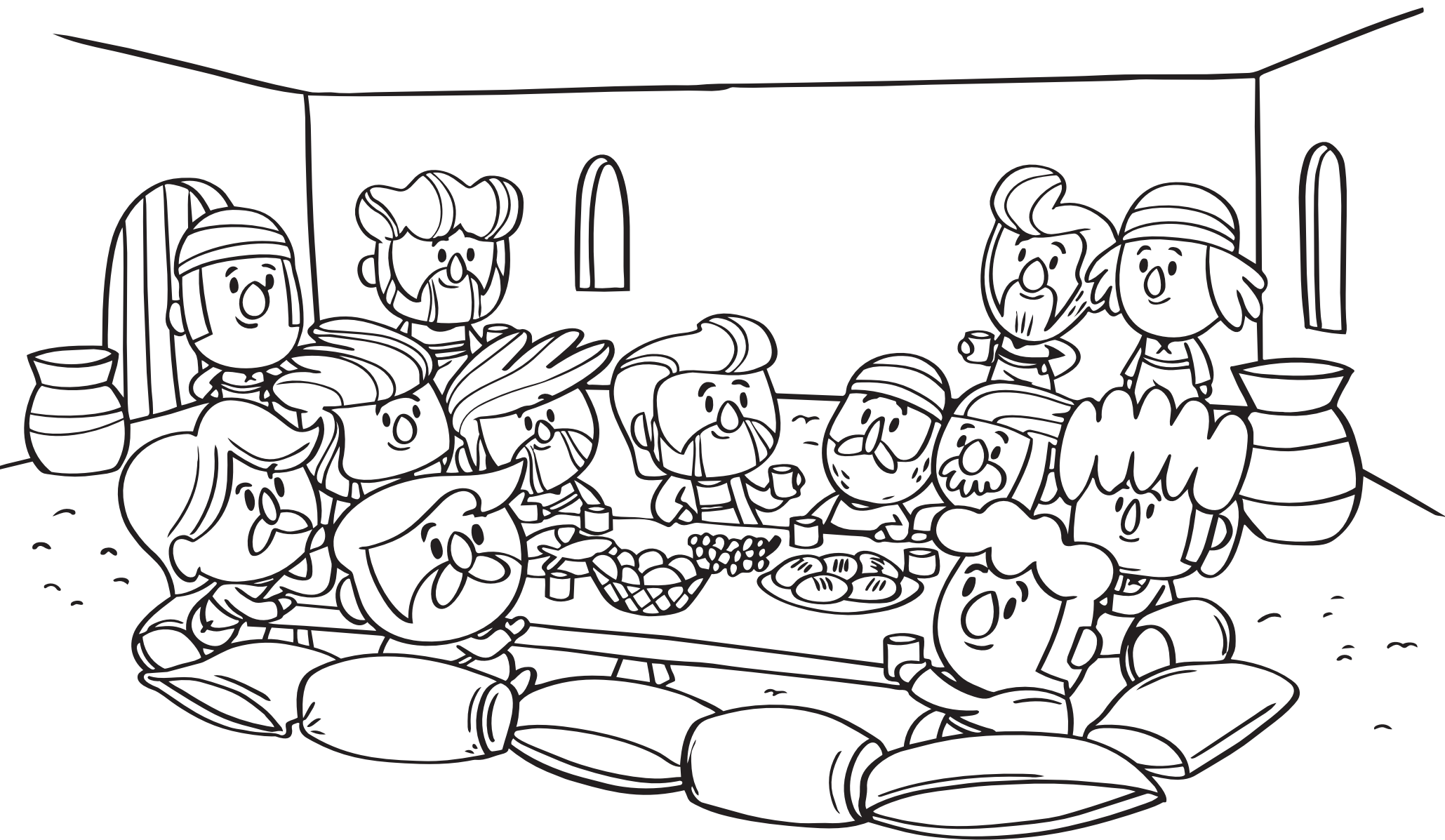
Craft Time	Quantity
1. "Your Friend Forever" Activity Page	1
2. Cardstock	1
3. Self-inking smiley-face stamps	Several
4. Self-inking heart stamps	Several
5. Baby wipes	Several
6. Permanent marker	1



Activity Pages

Toddlers

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What to Do:
Copy on cardstock.
One set per Small Group. Page 1 of 5.

"Story Pictures" Activity Page
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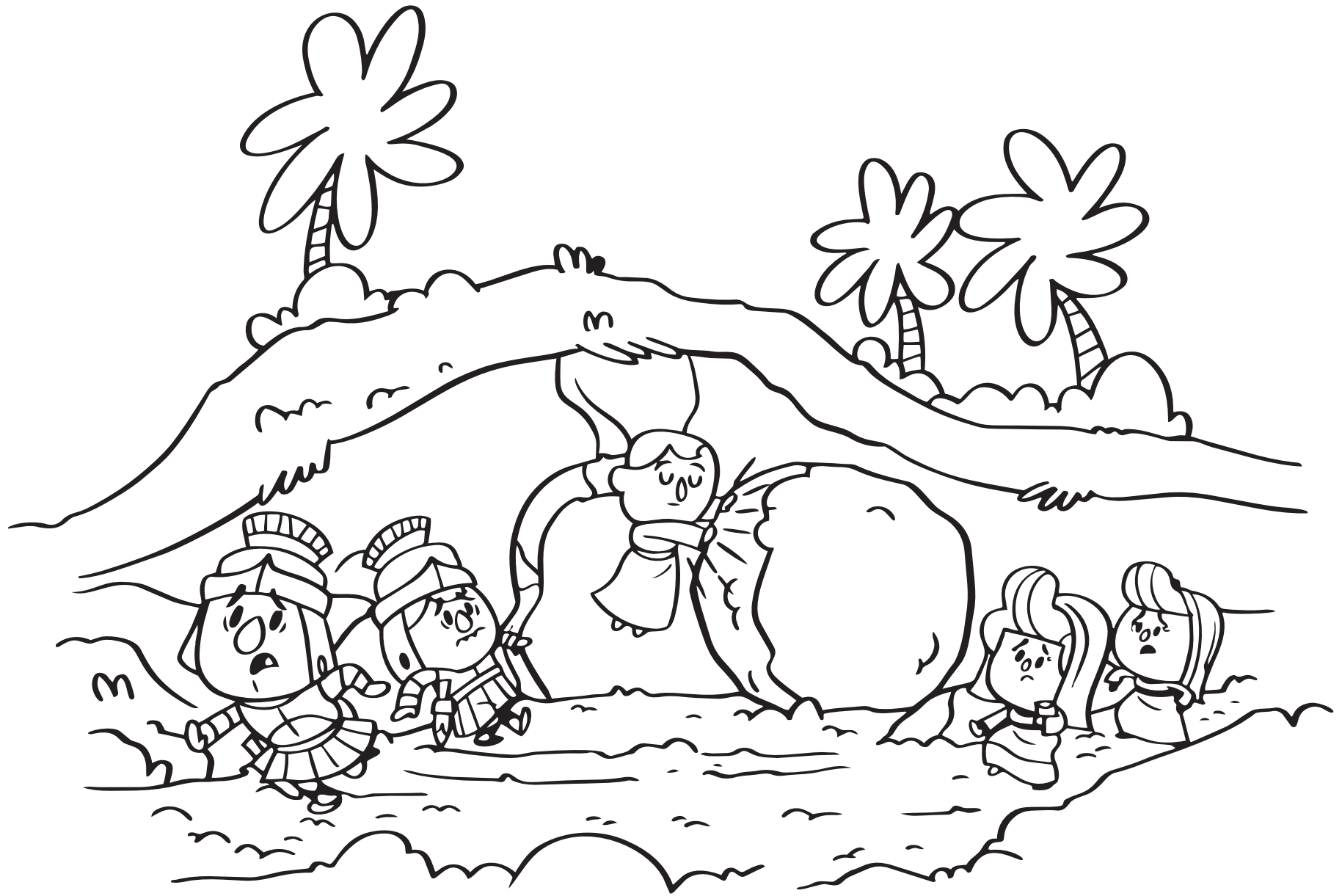
What to Do:
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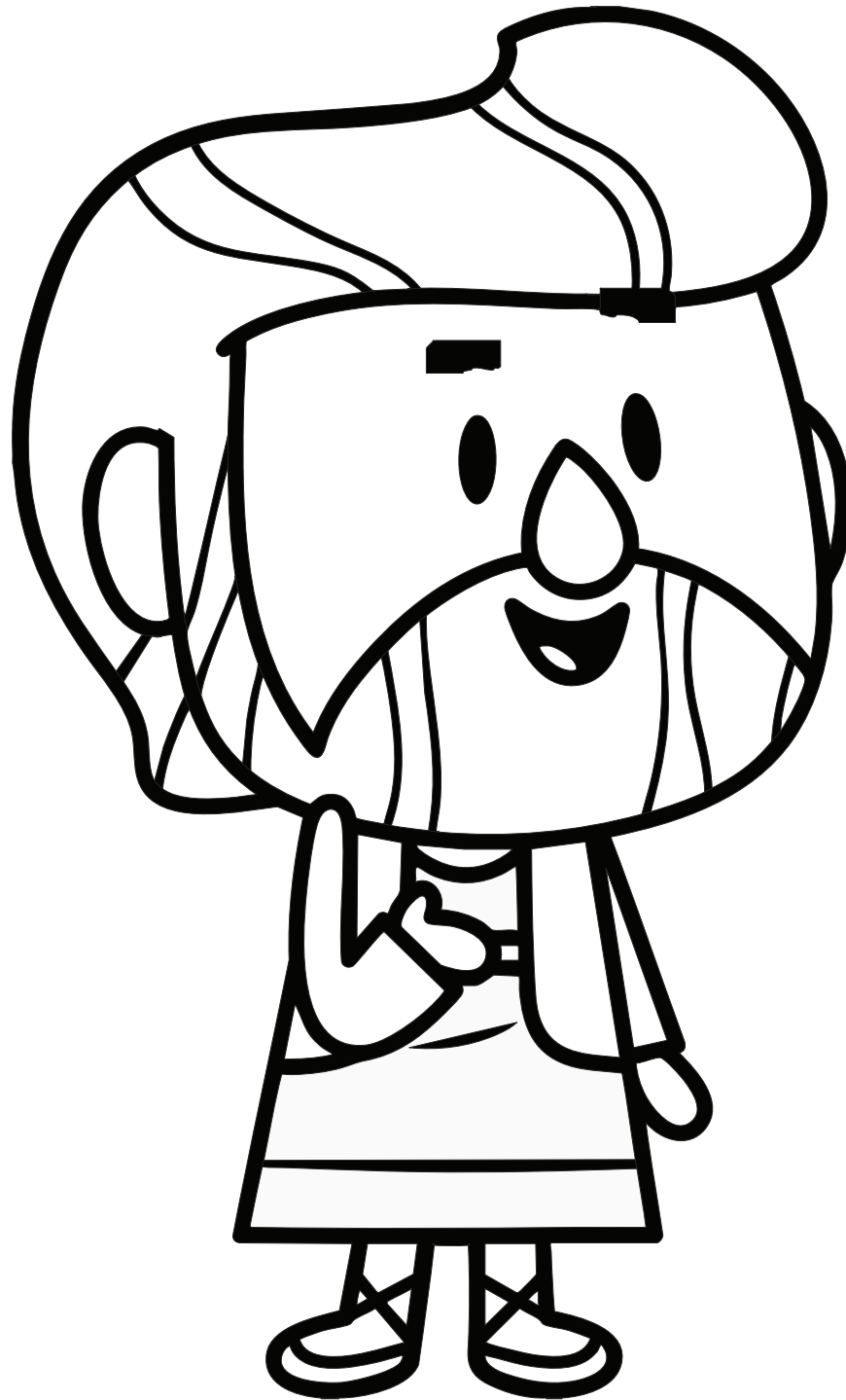


What to Do:
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What to Do:
Copy on cardstock.
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WEEK

THREE

Toddlers | W3

Today's Suggested Schedule—April 2026, Week 3

Monthly Bible Story: Easter • Matthew 26:31-32, 36, 47-50; 27:1-2, 11-66; 28:1-8

Bible Words: "I have called you friends." • John 15:15 NIV

Bottom Line: Jesus wants to be your friend forever.

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Story Time

- Draw It

Craft Time

- Jesus and Me



Monthly Bible Story

Easter • Matthew 26:31-32, 36, 47-50; 27:1-2, 11-66; 28:1-8

Bible Words

"I have called you friends." • John 15:15 NIV

Bottom Line

Jesus wants to be your friend forever.





5 min

Story Time

5 min

Story Time

What You Need

 Preschool Bible	1
 Butcher paper	1
 Small balled-up piece of paper	1
 Washable markers	Several

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) is all about Easter. Easter shows us how much Jesus loves us. Jesus loves you SO much that He wants to be your friend forever! Let's draw our story today."

(*Draw a simple stick-figure Jesus.*) "This is Jesus. Jesus loves His friends so much. And Jesus loves YOU so much too! (*Draw Jesus with His disciples eating together.*) One night, Jesus was eating with His friends, the disciples. Jesus told them He had to go away, but He promised He would come back! Some people took Jesus away, and Jesus' friends were very sad. Jesus was taken by some soldiers and put on a cross. (*Draw a tomb with an opening and place the balled-up paper over the opening.*) Jesus was put in a tomb—a big rock cave—with a HUGE stone in front of it. Then three days went by, let's count. One, two, three! (*Roll the waded paper ball from the tomb and draw Jesus beside the tomb.*) The big stone rolled away! And Jesus ... is ... ALIVE! Jesus came back—just like He said He would! (*Draw one big happy face.*) What a happy day! And Jesus did all of this because **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be your friend ... forever and ever.**





5 min

Craft Time

5 min

Craft Time

What You Need

	"Jesus and Me" Activity Page	1
	Cardstock	1
	Dot markers or washable ink pads	Several
	Baby wipes	Several
	Permanent marker	1

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What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Jesus and Me" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity: Encourage children to decorate their frame with dot markers or fingerprints. Clean hands as needed.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "Look! There's Jesus on your paper. And this space right here is for your picture. Jesus loves you SO much. Jesus went away and came back, just like He said He would because **[Bottom Line]** **Jesus wants to be your friend forever!** Let's decorate your frame with dot markers. Tap, tap, tap! Add colors all around. (Pause.) Beautiful!"

Preschool

First Look

April - Week 3

Resources

Activity Pages

What You Need

No supplies needed

Supplies

Story Time	Quantity
1. Preschool Bible	1
2. Butcher paper	1
3. Small balled-up piece of paper	1
4. Washable markers	Several

Craft Time	Quantity
1. "Jesus and Me" Activity Page	1
2. Cardstock	1
3. Dot markers or washable ink pads	Several
4. Baby wipes	Several
5. Permanent marker	1



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Jesus wants to be your friend forever.

Add your child's
picture here.



What to Do:
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"Jesus and Me" Activity Page
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WEEK

FOUR

Toddlers | W4

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Story Time

- Act It

Craft Time

- Celebration Hat



Monthly Bible Story

Easter • Matthew 26:31-32, 36, 47-50; 27:1-2, 11-66; 28:1-8

Bible Words

"I have called you friends." • John 15:15 NIV

Bottom Line

Jesus wants to be your friend forever.



5 min

Story Time

5 min

Story Time

What You Need

-  Preschool Bible 1
-  Washcloths or hand towels Several

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come, join me on the floor. (*Place all the items in front of you.*) Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) is the Easter story! Jesus loves you SO much, and Jesus wants to be your friend forever. Let's act out our story today!

"Jesus told His friends He had to go away ... but Jesus promised He would come back! Jesus always keeps His promises. Hold your towel up like this. (*Demonstrate.*) Jesus went away ... And one, two, three days went by! Put your towel in your lap. (*Pause.*) **JESUS CAME BACK!** Just like He said He would! Jesus is alive! Jesus loves you! And **[Bottom Line]** **Jesus wants to be your friend ... forever and ever.**










5 min

Craft Time

5 min

Craft Time

What You Need

	"Celebration Hat" Activity Page	1
	Cardstock	1
	Sentence strips or poster board strips	Several
	Baby wipes	Several
	Permanent marker	1
	Scissors	1
	Stapler	1
	Clear tape	1
	Dot markers	1

Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their family.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Celebration Hat" on cardstock and cut one per child. Write each child's name on their sentence/poster board strip. *During the Activity:* Encourage children to decorate their party hats with dot markers. Glue the finished hat to the sentence strip. Measure around each child's head, staple the ends of their sentence strip together with the closure facing outward. Cover the staples with tape.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "Let's make celebration hats! We're celebrating because Jesus came back! Jesus is alive and **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be your friend forever!** Decorate your hat with the dot markers. (Pause.) Now I'll add your hat to this paper strip. (Glue each child's hat to the middle of their paper strip.) Now we can make them into celebration hats! (Measure the strip around each child's head and staple the ends together. Cover the staple closures with a piece of tape.) You can wear it to remember that Jesus came back, and **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be your friend forever!**"

Preschool

First Look

April - Week 4

Resources

Activity Pages

What You Need

No supplies needed

Supplies

Story Time	Quantity
1. Preschool Bible	1
2. Washcloths or hand towels	Several

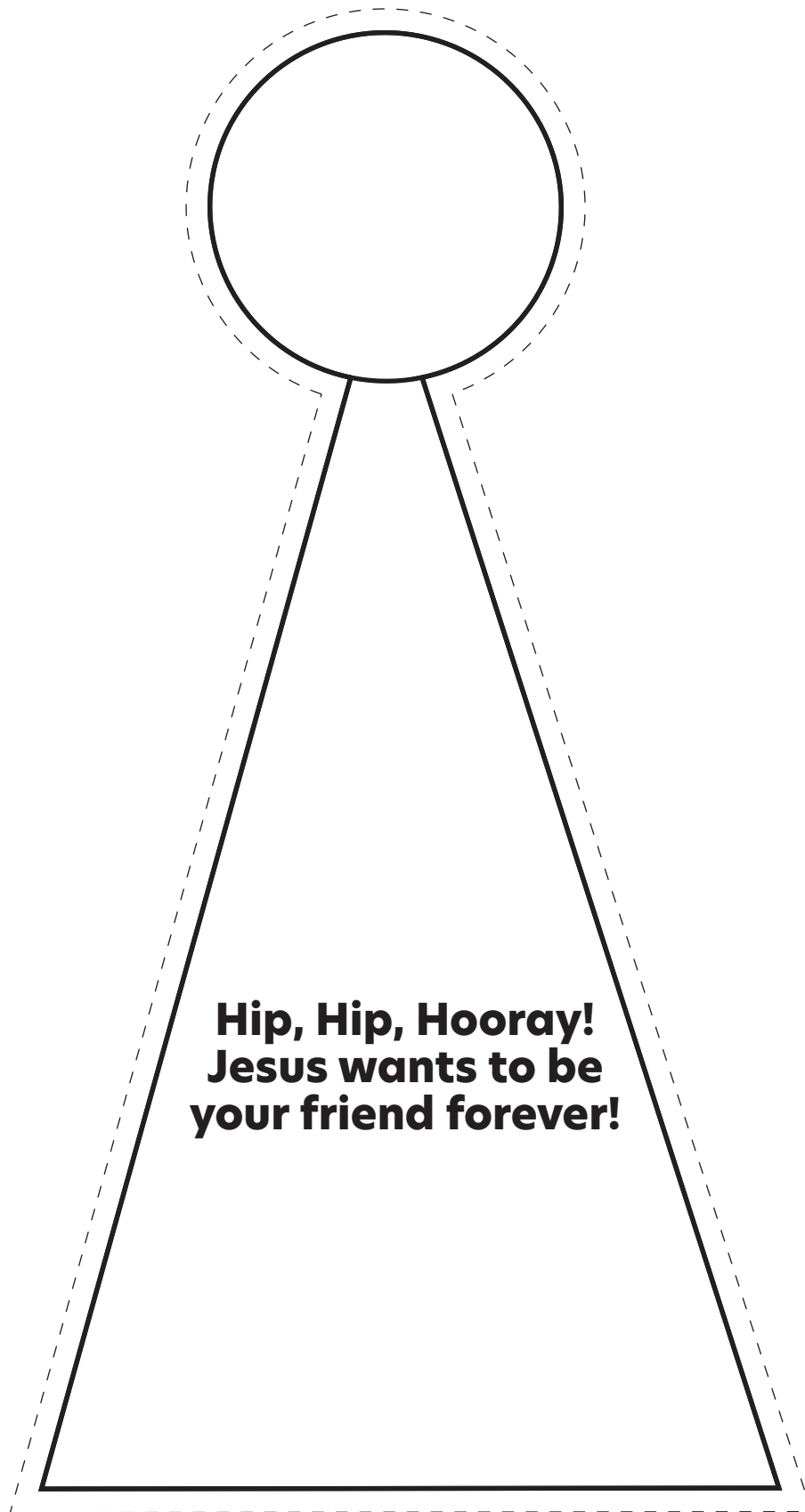
Craft Time	Quantity
1. "Celebration Hat" Activity Page	1
2. Cardstock	1
3. Sentence strips or poster board strips	Several
4. Baby wipes	Several
5. Permanent marker	1
6. Scissors	1
7. Stapler	1
8. Clear tape	1
9. Dot markers	1



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"Jesus and Me" Activity Page
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