

JESUS IS ALIVE!



TRANSITION/GROUP TIME

SNACK

Include the kids in the distribution of the snack. Ask for one or more volunteers to pray. Lead the kids to clean up after the snack. Thank them for their help.

MOVE TO GROUP TIME

Tap each child on the shoulder and ask him to move silently to group time.

INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

JESUS IS ALIVE!—BASED ON JOHN 20:1-18

- Whisper: “Mary probably walked quietly as she went to the tomb.” Tell kids to listen for what happened at the tomb.

SUMMARIZE THE BIBLE STORY

- Jesus had been arrested. Later Jesus was taken to a hill outside Jerusalem. He died on a cross.
- Two men took Jesus’ body from the cross and put it in a tomb. They rolled a large stone over the entrance to the tomb to close it.
- Three days later Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. The tomb was open.
- Mary ran to tell the disciples. John and Peter ran to the tomb and looked inside. Jesus was not there.
- Peter and John left but Mary stayed at the tomb, crying.
- Mary saw a man near the tomb. The man asked Mary why she was crying.
- Mary said, “If you took Jesus away, tell me where He is.”
- The man said, “Mary.” The man was Jesus!
- Jesus told Mary to go tell the disciples what she had seen.
- Mary ran to the disciples. She said, “I have seen Jesus!” Jesus is alive!

REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

- What happened to Jesus?
- Who went to the tomb?
- Who did Mary see?
- Think: How do you think Mary felt when she saw that Jesus was alive?

EMPHASIZE THE LIFE POINT

- Tell the kids that Jesus is alive!

ROOM
YOUR TEACHING PARTNERS
DATE OF USE

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Salvation: God sent His only Son, Jesus, because He cares about us.

LIFE POINT

Jesus is alive!

UNIT VERSE

God loved us and sent His Son. 1 John 4:10

WEEKLY VERSE

Jesus is alive.
Matthew 28:7

SING TOGETHER

Sing to the tune of “The Farmer in the Dell”:

*Jesus is alive, Jesus is alive,
Mary saw and talked to Him,
Jesus is alive.*

*Jesus is alive, Jesus is alive,
Go and tell everyone,
Jesus is alive.*

SAY THE BIBLE VERSE

Open the Bible to Matthew 28:7 and read aloud the verse. Lead the kids to say the verse with you, standing up for each word and sitting between words. Start slowly. Increase the speed as you continue to repeat the verse.

PRAY

Tell kids that Easter is a special time that people thank God for Jesus and remember that Jesus is alive. Ask for volunteers to pray and thank God for Jesus. Close the prayer by thanking God yourself.

BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Emphasize: Jesus is alive!

- 1. Draw stones.** Place smooth stones, crayons, and one sheet of paper per child on a table. Supervise closely as kids use the stones. Place the stones out of the kids’ reach at the conclusion of the activity. Guide kids to explore the stones. Invite them to draw pictures of the stones or trace around the stones and add details. Open the Bible to John 20. Comment that Mary saw that the large stone in front of the tomb had been rolled away. Recall other parts of the Bible story.
- 2. Go on a nature walk.** Take the kids outside, if possible. Walk around your church and note any signs of spring you see. (trees budding, new growth in flower beds, etc.) If you are unable to go outside, walk around the halls of the church and look for things that are alive. (plants, fish in aquarium, people, etc.) Take photos of what you see. Back in the room, look at the photos or recall what you saw. Comment that Easter is in the springtime. Tell kids that

people celebrate Easter to remember that Jesus is alive.

- 3. Cook Easter dinner.** Invite kids to use the play pots and pans, play dishes, play food, and other items in the dramatic play center. Suggest that kids make a special dinner for Easter. Encourage kids to talk about special dinners their families may have on Easter or other special occasions. Open a Bible to the Weekly Verse, Matthew 28:7. Say: “Jesus is alive.” Comment that people can celebrate on Easter because Jesus is alive. Sing the song about Jesus from “Sing Together” again.
- 4. Read books.** Gather available books about Jesus. Place a paper strip at John 20 to mark the Bible story passage. Arrange the Bible and books on a blanket. Provide a few baby dolls. Suggest kids “read” to the dolls. Read a book to interested kids. Talk about the Bible story. Lead kindergartners to take turns opening the Bible to the story and finding Jesus’ name in the Bible. (Look in verse 16.)

CLEAN UP

Give each child a specific job to do as you clean up the room. Thank kids for their help.

PLAY A GUESSING GAME

Say the Life Point with the kids: “Jesus is alive!” Tell kids that you will describe something that is alive, and they can guess what it is. Say something like: “I am thinking of something alive. It has leaves and branches. What is it?” (*tree*) Describe animals and plants for kindergartners to guess. To extend the game, choose a child to describe something alive for the others to guess.

DISMISS

Help a child gather his belongings and a Kids Activity Page. Say: “Jesus is alive!” with each child as he leaves.