

WEEK 3 PRESCHOOL LESSON



Need to Know: *Jesus Is the Best Ever*

Bible Story: *Palm Sunday, Last Supper, Crucifixion, & Resurrection*

Circle Up

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1. WELCOME kids to the Best Day Ever!
2. SAY: *My name is (YOUR NAME), and I will be your leader today! (SHOW candy) I have a sweet treat to give you and a question to ask you. But first, let's clean our hands for our treats.*
3. **SANITIZE** your hands and each child's hands, then CHECK kids' tags for any allergy information.
4. GIVE each child one piece of candy, HAVE him/her say his/her name aloud, and ASK the following question based on the color candy the child receives:
 - **Purple** - *If you found a golden egg, what would you want to find inside – a toy or candy?*
 - **Red** - *Have you ever hunted for Easter eggs?*
 - **Pink** - *What's your favorite thing to do at Easter time?*
 - **Green** - *Have you ever dyed eggs to make them all kinds of colors?*
 - **Yellow** - *Would you rather eat marshmallow Peeps or chocolate bunnies?*
 - **Orange** - *Would you rather eat candy or eggs?*
5. After all kids have been introduced and received their candy treat, SAY:
 - *All of those are fun things about Easter, but do you know why Easter is the BEST DAY EVER?* (ALLOW responses)
 - *Easter is the BEST DAY EVER because we get to celebrate that Jesus is alive! Jesus died on a cross, but He came back to life! And that makes Jesus the best ever! Let me hear you say that after me:* (PAUSE to allow kids to repeat)
 - Jesus Is* (both hands point up)
 - The Best Ever* (arms above head, wiggle fingers)

Read the Bible

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1. SAY: *When we read the Bible, we learn about how Jesus is the Savior God promised He would send to fix our friendship with God. Let's read Jesus' story together.*
2. HAVE kids get ready to hear the Bible story by clicking on their listening ears and putting on their special eyes.
3. SHOW and READ the **Bible Story Cards** to the group.

Let's Practice

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1. SAY: *Today we are going to make something that you can take home to help you remember that Jesus is the best ever! (SHOW sticker scenes) When you get your paper and stickers, don't get started right away. I will tell you when and where to put your stickers.*
2. GIVE each child one sticker scene and one sticker sheet, and PLACE crayons in the center of the group.
3. READ each section from the **Leader Guide**, and ALLOW kids to respond as they place their stickers on their sticker scenes.
4. CONTINUE until all sections of the **Leader Guide** have been discussed and kids have completed their sticker scenes. Then SAY:
 - *Jesus loves you so much that He took the punishment for all the wrong things you have done and will ever do. He loves you so much that He did not stay dead.*
 - *Jesus is alive, and that makes Him the best ever! Let me hear you say this after me:* (PAUSE to allow kids to repeat)
 - Jesus Is* (both hands point up)
 - The Best Ever* (arms above head, wiggle fingers)

Memorize It

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1. SAY: *Let's play a fun game to help us remember that Jesus is the best ever. We're going to pass this (SHOW **Easter clapper**) around the group. When it comes to you, you can shake it to celebrate that Jesus is the best ever, and then you will pass it to the person beside you. When I say, "Stop," the person who is holding the clapper will tell us a fun way to say what we need to know today. Let's play!*
 2. PASS the **Easter clapper** around the group.
 3. Randomly SAY, "Stop," and HAVE the child who is holding the clapper tell a fun way for everyone to say:
Jesus Is (both hands point up)
The Best Ever (arms above head, wiggle fingers)
 4. SUGGEST any of the following if a child has a hard time coming up with a voice/action: in a high-pitched voice, in a deep voice, with tongue out, eyes closed, hopping, spinning in a circle, stomping feet, etc.
 5. GIVE each child an **Easter Bunny sticker**.
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Let's Pray

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

- *Jesus, thank You for taking my punishment on the cross. Thank You for coming back to life! You are the best ever, and I love You! Thank You for my snack. In Your name I pray. Amen.*
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Stay Together

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1. SANITIZE each child's hands, and PASS out **snacks**.
2. GIVE each child an **Easter gift** as they are checked out.
3. 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. ALLOW kids to color **Coloring Sheets** and take home. As kids color, ASK:
 - *Is Easter the best day ever because Jesus is alive or because bunnies hop?* (Because Jesus is alive)
 - *What do you love about Easter?*
 - *What did you learn at church today?*
 - PLAY "Hot Potato" by passing the **egg** around the group. When you SAY, "Stop," HAVE kids do a fun action/motion or SAY the Need to Know.
 - USE the **candy** from "Circle Up" and PLAY the edible colors game. SANITIZE your hands and each child's hands. Then GIVE each child one piece of **candy**, and SAY the following based on the color they receive:
 - **Purple** - SAY: *Let me see you stomp your feet as you say this after me:* (PAUSE to allow kids to repeat after you while stomping) *Jesus Is* (both hands point up) *The Best Ever* (arms above head, wiggle fingers)
 - **Red** - SAY: *Wave your hands up in the sky because Jesus is alive!* (Everyone will wave hands above heads)
 - **Pink** - SAY: *Let me see you make a big circle above your head, like the stone that was rolled away from the tomb.* (Everyone will use arms to make a big circle above heads) *Is Jesus still in the tomb or is Jesus alive?* (Jesus is alive) *Yes! That makes Jesus the best ever!*
 - **Green** - SAY: *Is Easter the best day ever because Jesus is sleeping or alive?* (Alive) *Yes! If you know that Jesus is the best ever, let me see you wiggle your fingers, and then sit back down!* (Kids will jump up and down three times, then sit down)
 - **Yellow** - SAY: *Do you know why Easter is the best day ever?* (Because Jesus came back to life, Jesus died on the cross and came back to life, Jesus rose from the dead) *Yes! Let me hear you clap as fast as you can for Jesus!* (Everyone will clap fast)
 - **Orange** - SAY: *Everyone stand up, spin around, and sit back down if you know that Easter is the best day ever because Jesus is the best ever!* (Everyone will stand up, spin, and sit back down)