

EASTER 4-5 LESSON

Need to Know: *Jesus is Alive*

Bible Story: *Jesus' Death & Resurrection (Luke 23 & Matthew 28:1-10)*



Circle Up

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1. Welcome kids to our "Easter Eggstravaganza!"
2. **SAY:** *I'm going to hand each of you a **spoon**. We'll try to pass this **surprise egg** around the group without dropping it using the spoons. When the egg comes to you, share your name and guess what's inside.*
3. Once everyone has had a chance to pass the egg and guess, open it and show what's inside to the group.
4. **SAY:** *When we celebrate Easter, we get to have fun finding eggs! I've got an Easter **bag** for you to put a surprise egg in to take home today!*
5. Give each child a bag and a surprise egg.
6. **SAY:** *To kick off our EGG-stravaganza, let's practice saying what we need to know today! Everybody say, "Jesus is Alive!"*

Read the Bible

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1. **SAY:** *The story of Easter tells about something amazing that God did to show his extravagant love for us. Listen carefully as I read it to you so you can answer some questions.*
2. READ the **Bible Story Cards** to the group. Afterwards, ASK the following questions:
 - *What are the wrong things we do called? (Sin)*
 - *What was the real reason Jesus was arrested and punished? (Because God sent Him to take the punishment for our sins) **Right! Jesus' death was a part of God's plan to show us how much He loves us!***
 - *What happened three days after Jesus died? (There was an earthquake and the stone rolled away) **Was Jesus still there?** (No, Jesus was alive)*
 - *God raised Jesus back to life and that's the reason we celebrate Easter! Let's say this together: **Jesus is Alive! Great! I've got a **cross bracelet** for you to put in your bag and take home to remember the good news that Jesus is Alive!** (Pass out cross bracelets)*

Let's Practice

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Play "Egg Hunt"

1. **SAY:** *We're going to go on an egg hunt today to see how much we know about Easter!*
2. Divide kids into two teams, and allow them to sit with their teams. Spread out the **Egg Cards** randomly in front of the group, logo side up.
3. **SAY:** *It's fun to hunt for eggs at Easter. In this game, there are good eggs, rotten eggs, and two prize eggs. Each team will take turns using a **sticky bunny** to find an egg. If you find a good egg, I'll read it, and your team will answer a question to win a point. If you find a rotten egg, you'll have to put it back. If you find a prize egg, you'll earn three points for your team!*
4. Play until all "good eggs" and "prize eggs" have been found, following the instructions on the back of each card.
5. When the game ends, give kids a **sticky bunny** to put in their bags, rewarding the winning team first. Then, **sanitize** hands and give each child a **bunny sucker**, and allow them to eat it if they choose to.
6. Have kids repeat the Need to Know after you: *Jesus is Alive*

Memorize It

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1. SAY: *There's a really simple verse in the Bible that we can memorize today to help us always remember that Jesus is alive. These are the words the angel said to Jesus' friends when they went to where he was buried...*

*"He is not here! He has risen,
Just as He said He would!"
Matthew 28:6*

2. Allow kids to play "Hot Potato" with the **surprise egg**, saying a word of the verse each time they pass it. The person holding the **egg** on the last word, "6" is out!
3. Play until there is one person left.
4. Encourage and help each child say the verse, rewarding each one with a **Bunny Dipping Candy**.

Let's Pray

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ASK your group for any prayer requests, then **PRAY** about the following for your group:

- That you would always remember that Jesus paid the price for your sin and that Jesus is alive.

SHOW kids the **Flapper**, and talk them through it. Then, give them each a **Flapper** to put in their bags.

Stay Together

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Keep kids engaged in Small Group until they are checked out by doing any of the following activities:

- Play "Hide the Egg" with a **surprise egg**:
 - All kids close their eyes.
 - Give one child the **surprise egg** to hide (under leg, in hands, etc.)
 - All kids open their eyes and guess who has the **surprise egg**.
- Play "Bunny Secret Identity."
 - Choose one child to sit in the middle of the circle with eyes closed.
 - Then, pick a "Bunny"--different from the child in the middle.
 - The child in the middle opens eyes.
 - The "Bunny" does different motions for everyone else in the group to copy, while trying not to be seen as the "Bunny."
 - The child in the middle will try to guess who the "Bunny" is.
- Ask "Would You Rather?" questions to the group. Kids can make up their own funny questions:
 - Would you rather eat chocolate covered chick poop OR a rotten egg?
 - Would you rather be stuck to a giant Peep OR a giant chocolate bunny?
 - Would you rather have a bucket of Easter egg dye OR a bucket of Grandma's egg salad dumped on your head?

Be sure each kids leaves with a **Easter Eggstravaganza Bag**. Inside should be:

- Surprise Egg
- Cross Bracelet
- Sticky Bunny
- Bunny Sucker (unless they've eaten it)
- Bunny Dipping Candy
- Flapper
- Glow Stick (from large group)