

EASTER K-3 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. Pass the **surprise egg** in a **spoon** around the group, letting each child say their name and guess what's inside the **egg**.
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!* (Have kids repeat the Need to Know after you with motions)

Jesus is (point up)

Alive (two thumbs up)

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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Sticky Bunny Game

1. SAY: *Now, we're going to play "Sticky Bunny" to see how much we know about Easter!*
2. Divide kids into TWO teams. Then, SAY: *It's fun to find 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, then everyone wins a prize!*
3. Place the **Egg Cards** in the center of the group. Play the game, following the instructions on the back of each card.
4. When the game ends, make sure all kids have a sticky bunny and **bunny sucker** for their bags. **Sanitize** hands and allow kids to eat their bunny sucker if they want to.
5. Have kids repeat the Need to Know after you with motions:

Jesus is (point up)

Alive (wave fingers)

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!" (shake head "no")

He has risen, (two thumbs up)

Just as He said He would!" (cup hands around mouth)

Matthew 28:6 (hold up six fingers)
 2. Choose three of the following ways to say the verse together as a group:
 - Hopping like a bunny
 - As fast as possible
 - Whispering
 - Holding your nose
 - Flapping wings like a chick
 3. Give each child a **Memory Verse Coloring Sheet** to color and take home.
 4. Encourage and help each child say the verse. Then, reward each child with a **Bunny Dipping Candy**.
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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 Hot Potato with the **Surprise Egg**.
- Play "Bunny Says" with varying moves, such as:
 - Hop
 - Wag your bunny tail
 - Touch your toes
 - Clap your hands
 - Stomp
- Have them draw a picture of their favorite thing about Easter on the back of their **Memory Verse Coloring Sheet**.

Be sure each kids leaves with an **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)