



WEEK
THREE
APRIL 2022

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



5. JESUS IS ALIVE!

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Graham crackers, green frosting, Oreo cookies (or similar), small donut or half a normal donut, craft stick flag, OPTIONAL: Green sprinkles

BIBLE STORY

Our friend Jesus is alive!

EASTER

**MATTHEW 26:21-30;
27:1-2; 28:1-7**

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Give each child a half graham cracker an Oreo cookie and a donut. Help each child spread frosting on their graham cracker (enough to stick cookie and donut to).

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Instruct kids to place their donut on the frosting so it sticks and then put the Oreo just to the side of the donut so it looks like it has been rolled away. Stick a flag in the donut to show that Jesus is alive!

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story. Send craft home to be displayed or eaten.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, today we heard the true story of Easter. Let's make a craft to celebrate that Jesus is alive!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus told His friends, the disciples, that He had to go away but would come back. That night, Jesus was taken by some angry men and hurt so badly that He died. His friends were so sad. They put Him in a tomb. The donut represents the tomb. The cookie represents the stone that they rolled in front of the tomb to seal Jesus in."

"Jesus' friends waited three long, sad days. When they went back to the tomb, they found the stone had been rolled away and the tomb empty. Jesus wasn't there. Jesus had come back, just like He said He would! Jesus is alive!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus is alive, and He wants to be your friend forever! That's the real reason we celebrate Easter. **Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**"

MEMORY VERSE

"I am with you always."

MATTHEW 28:20, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who wants to be your friend forever?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

BASIC TRUTH

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an activity that encourages personal
application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclipped "Memory Verse Card" in
your Bible at Matthew 28:20; journal; and a fun-shaped pen

BIBLE STORY

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Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*) Jesus is alive, and He wants to be EVERYONE'S friend forever. So we'll make a list of people we can tell. That way, everyone will know that Jesus is alive and wants to be their friend forever, too!

"Okay, when I say your name, tell me one person you can tell that Jesus is alive and wants to be their friend forever. (*Say each child's name and write down what they say. Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)"

"This is a great list! Would anyone like to pray before I pray?" (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*)

MEMORY VERSE

"I am with you always."

MATTHEW 28:20, NIV

PRAYER

"Dear God, thank You that Jesus came back, just like He said He would, and that He's alive today. Please help us tell (*read the list the children made*) that Jesus is alive and wants to be their friend forever, too. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

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