

ROAD TRIP



Some things are worth the wait

K3 SMALL GROUP

EASTER

BIBLE STORY: Mapped Out - The Bible

Key Question: How do you celebrate Easter?

MEMORY VERSE: "Wait for the Lord. Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the Lord!" - Psalm 27:14, NIV

LIFE APP: Patience - Waiting until later for what you want now

BASIC TRUTH: I can trust God no matter what.

This week's key question is "[How do you celebrate Easter?](#)" When was the last time you went big and celebrated something? A birthday? Definitely Christmas. But how do we celebrate the reason we can celebrate at all? Jesus is alive! We want kids to figure out some ways they can go big and celebrate Easter with their family and friends!

PATIENCE



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PRE-SERVICE

(Activity for Group Connectivity)

WHAT YOU NEED: N/A

- Sit together as a group and explain that we are going to have some eggceptional fun today
- Invite students to take turns answering the questions that you will ask below
- As time allows, you can invite all the students to answer the same question or have students answer individual questions
- Continue until everyone has participated in one of the questions
 - Why, eggsactly (exactly), do you think Easter is important?
 - Eggsplain (explain) what you do to celebrate Easter at your house.
 - In less than five words, eggspress (express) how you feel about Easter Egg Hunts.
 - Do you think it's an eggsageration (exaggeration) to say that Jesus died on the cross for everyone's sin? Eggsplain (explain) your answer.
 - What food would you eggsclude (exclude) from an Easter dinner?
 - Speak in an eggspecially (especially) low voice as you tell what you love most about Easter.
 - Eggsclaim (exclaim) loudly one thing you're looking forward to today.
 - Name something Jesus was an eggspert (expert) at
 - What are some things that are eggspecially (especially) hard for you to wait for today?
 - Speak in an eggceptionally (exceptionally) high voice as you tell what you love most about Easter.
 - Before you eggsit (exit) today, who can you greet and say, "Happy Easter! Jesus is alive!"?

FINISHING THOUGHT: Since today is Easter, it's eggspecially important to think about the way God eggspressed His uneggsplainable love for us by sending His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and rise from the dead. That's eggactly what we want to do today, so let's get ready to have some fun!



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CONNECT

(Activity for Group Understanding)

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles

- Hand out cards & ask kids to fill out real quick
- Collect cards from each child
- Direct each child to find a partner. If you have an odd number of kids, either form a group of three or pair yourself with a child.
- Give each pair (or group) a Bible
- Have them turn to Psalm 27:14 (you will need to help the lower Elementary kids on how to navigate through the Bible)
- Read the verse together several times and aloud as a group
- Unpack the words "Lord" and "wait"
- Ask:
 - Who is the Lord? (God)
 - What does it mean to wait for God? (to wait for God's best, to wait for God to help us, to wait for God to show us what to do, to trust and expect that God will do what He promises)
- Use this moment to explain the importance of patience:
 - "Patience is waiting until later for what you want now. Psalm 27:14 tells us that God wants us to wait for Him and His best for us. But God knows that waiting is not always easy. That is why He encourages us to be strong and not lose our hope in Him. To not lose your hope in God means that you trust Him no matter what! And God proved that you can trust Him when He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for your sins. God proved that you can trust Him when He brought Jesus back to life. Jesus is alive!
- To finish up group, use this conversation below as a guide to lead kids into prayer.
 - "Even from the very beginning when Adam and Eve first broke the rules, God had a plan to rescue us from sin. He knew that He would send His perfect Son, Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. He knew that three days later He would bring Jesus back to life. And He knew that if we choose to believe in Jesus, He would forgive our sins and we would live forever with Him. That's some plan! And it's a BIG REASON to celebrate today! Jesus is alive. Let's pray!

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CONNECT (CONT.)

(Activity for Group Understanding)

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles

FINISHING THOUGHT: "Thank you God that you love us more than we can imagine. Thank you that You love us so much that You made a plan to send your Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Help us believe in Jesus and follow You no matter what. We love You, Lord! In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

- As adults arrive to pick up after the Large Group wrap up, hand kids out the Easter-specific Parent Cue cards in order to keep the conversation going that day and invite them back next week as we continue talking about patience!

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