



## WEEK 2 -April 2020 - PRESCHOOL

**Bible Story Focus:** Jesus is alive!

Easter • *Matthew 26:20-50; 27:1-2; 28:1-7*

**Memory Verse:** "I am alive for ever and ever!" Revelation 1:18, NIV

**Key Question:** Who is alive?

**Bottom Line:** Jesus is alive.

**Basic Truth:** Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

### **Make it True**

*Captivate kids with a bible story and help them understand how it connects to their world.*

-Large group time

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**9:25-9:45 | 10:55-11:15 | 12:25-12:45 - MAKE IT TRUE**

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**LARGE GROUP SCRIPT:**

**Bible Story**

**What You Need:** Bible, “Jesus” and “Stone” Activity Pages, cardstock, scissors, tape, large wooden block (from your block center) that can stand on its own, a plate with toy food on it, a small plant or toy tree, a gift box with a lid that the wooden block can fit inside, and a basket all the supplies can fit inside

*Optional Story Images can be found in the Large Group Images folder. (02\_LG35\_Stage\_Images) They can be used in conjunction with this script.*

**What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Make one copy of “Jesus” on cardstock and cut it out. Tape the cutout to a wooden block. Make one copy of “Stone” on cardstock and cut it out. Tape the cutout to the lid of the gift box.

*(Storyteller enters carrying a basket with all of the storytelling supplies inside of it. He/she sets them up on the table in the following order so that they read from left to right for the children: 1) plate with toy food on it, 2) small plant or toy tree, 3) gift box with “stone” lid. Storyteller will hold “Jesus” on the wooden block and stand it up beside each of the three items on the table during the story.)*

**What You Say:**

**STORYTELLER:** “Happy Easter, friends! I am so glad you are here today! I’ve been waiting for you. I am SO excited about our Bible . . .

*(Hold up the Bible, open it, and lay it to the side.)*

“ . . . story today because it is the true story of Easter! We’re going to hear about why we are celebrating today with pretty clothes and yummy food and candy and family and all the fun!

*(Make a heart with your hands.)*

“Okay, do you know what this is? *(Pause.)* Yes! This is a heart! Can you make a heart with your hands? *(Pause while the children try.)* Good job! I made a heart because the true story of Easter begins with God’s love for us. Give yourself a big hug . . .

*(Give yourself a hug.)*

“ . . . because God loves you SO much! God loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus . . .

*(Hold up the “Jesus” on the wooden block.)*

*(Option: Story Image W2 01)*

“ . . . to be our friend forever. That’s right! God sent his Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. But first something sad had to happen.

“One night, Jesus was having dinner with His friends. I’ll put Jesus right here by this plate of food since He’s having dinner with His friends.

*(Stand “Jesus” up by the plate of food.)*

*(Option: Story Image W2 02)*

“There. Like I said, Jesus was having dinner with His friends. While they were eating, Jesus told His friends He would go away soon and then come back.

“After dinner, Jesus went to pray in a garden.

*(Move “Jesus” to stand by the plant/toy tree.)*

*(Option: Story Image W2 03)*

“While Jesus was in the garden, some angry people came and took Jesus away. The angry people hurt Jesus so bad that He died. All of Jesus’ friends were so very sad. Can you show me your sad face?

*(Make a sad face and encourage the children to do so as well.)*

“Then Jesus’ friends put His body in a tomb . . .

*(Put “Jesus” inside the gift box with the “stone” lid.)*

*(Option: Story Image W2 04)*

“. . . with a big stone in front of it. Three sad days went by. Can you count them with me?”

*(Hold up your fingers while counting to three.)*

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER:** “One, two, three!”

**STORYTELLER:** “Then look!”

*(Take the lid off of the gift box, take “Jesus” out, and hold Him up for the children to see.)*

“On the third day, when some of Jesus’ friends went to the tomb, they saw the stone was rolled away and Jesus was not inside!”

*(Option: Story Image W2 05)*

“Jesus came back, just like He said He would! **[Bottom Line] Jesus is alive! Who is alive?**”

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER:** **[Bottom Line] “Jesus is alive!”**

**STORYTELLER:** “Louder! **Who is alive?**”

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER:** **[Bottom Line] “Jesus is alive!”**

**STORYTELLER:** “And that is why we are celebrating. Easter is when we celebrate that **[Bottom Line] Jesus is alive** and He wants to be our friend forever.”

“Okay, friends, it’s time to close our eyes and talk to God.”

### **PRAYER**

**STORYTELLER:** “Dear God, we celebrate that Jesus is Your Son. We celebrate that Jesus died and came back, just like He said. We celebrate that **[Bottom Line] Jesus is alive** and He wants to be our friend forever. Thank You for Jesus, and happy Easter, God! We love You. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

“And happy Easter to you, too, friends. I’ll see you next time! Bye!”

*(Storyteller exits holding the Bible as Host enters.)*

**CG: Bible Story Wrap-Up Video**

### **Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God**

*Engage kids’ hearts through dynamic and interactive worship in a Large Group setting.*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** “Friends, I’m so excited to see you here today because I have the BEST news ever. All month long, we’re learning that **[Bottom Line] Jesus is alive! Who is alive?**”

**CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER:** **[Bottom Line] “Jesus is alive!”**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** “Jesus wants to be our friend forever! Let’s sing it out to him today!

*(Lead children in singing “He’s Alive Oh Yeah,” this month’s worship song.)*

“Nothing can stop Jesus! Tell me: **Who is alive?**”

**CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER:** **[Bottom Line] “Jesus is alive.”**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** “Our memory verse says: *“I am alive (point both hands up) for ever and ever!” (Twirl around.)* Revelation 1:18. *(Open hands like a book.)* Let’s do it together.

*(Say the verse and do the motions several times together.)*

“That’s right! Jesus is alive and He wants to be my friend forever. Let’s sing ‘I’ve Got a Friend.’

*(Lead children in singing “I’ve Got a Friend.”)*

“Jesus loves EVERYTHING about you! And you can know for sure that **[Bottom Line] Jesus is alive. Who is alive?**”

**CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER:** **[Bottom Line] “Jesus is alive.”**

*Dismiss children to small groups.*