

WEEK 4 -April 2020 - PRESCHOOL

Bible Story Focus: Jesus wants me to tell others He is alive.

Great Commission • Matthew 28:19-20

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

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

LARGE GROUP SCRIPT:

Bible Story

What You Need: A Bible

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.

(Storyteller enters carrying a Bible.)

STORYTELLER: "Hi, friends! All month long we have been celebrating Easter and how *[Bottom Line]* Jesus is alive! I have another super special true story from the Bible *(hold up Bible)* to tell you today, but I need your help. Can you be my story helpers?

(Pause.)

"Great! Like I said, today's true story comes from the Bible.

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

"Our story is about Jesus and His friends. Jesus died and came back, just like He said He would. Jesus' friends knew that **[Bottom Line]** Jesus is alive because they saw Him and talked with Him and even ate breakfast with Him on the beach!

(Option: Story Image W4 01)

"One day, Jesus told His friends to meet Him on a mountain. Okay, story helpers. I want everyone to stand up and pretend you are climbing a mountain like this. (*Demonstrate.*) Climb, climb to the top of the mountain! Whew! We made it! Thank you, story helpers! You can sit down now.

(Option: Story Image W4 02)

"Jesus' friends did what He said and they met Him on a mountain. When they were on the mountain together, Jesus told His friends He had a very important job for them to do. It's an important job He wants US to do, too.

"Do you want to know what it is? Say, 'I want to know!"

(Pause for children to respond.)

(Option: Story Image W4 03)

"Jesus said our important job is to tell EVERYONE (hold arms out straight in front of you, palms up, and bring them back to holding them up on each side of you)
EVERYWHERE (raise both arms straight up overhead and down on each side like making a rainbow in the air) that [Bottom Line] Jesus is alive and we can follow Him!

"Whoa! That is a very important job! Do you think we can do it? Sure we can! Stand up, story helpers, and let's say that together. Just say what I say and do what I do."

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: "Go and tell EVERYONE (hold arms out straight in front of you, palms up, and bring them back to holding them up on each side of you) EVERYWHERE (raise both arms straight up overhead and down on each side like making a rainbow in the air) that **[Bottom Line] Jesus is alive** and we can follow Him!"

STORYTELLER: "You're doing great, story helpers! Let's do that together again!"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: "Go and tell EVERYONE (hold arms out straight in front of you, palms up, and bring them back to holding them up on each side of you) EVERYWHERE (raise both arms straight up overhead and down on each side like making a rainbow in the air) that **[Bottom Line] Jesus is alive** and we can follow Him!"

STORYTELLER: "Yay! You did it! Now look at a friend beside you, and let's say it again."

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: "Go and tell EVERYONE (hold arms out straight in front of you, palms up, and bring them back to holding them up on each side of you) EVERYWHERE (raise both arms straight up overhead and down on each side like making a rainbow in the air) that **[Bottom Line] Jesus is alive** and we can follow Him!"

STORYTELLER: "Now look at another friend beside you and let's say it again."

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: "Go and tell EVERYONE (hold arms out straight in front of you, palms up, and bring them back to holding them up on each side of you) EVERYWHERE (raise both arms straight up overhead and down on each side like making a rainbow in the air) that **[Bottom Line] Jesus is alive** and we can follow Him!"

STORYTELLER: "Great job, everyone! You can sit down.

"That is the important job that Jesus told His friends on the mountain to do, AND He is telling us to do today. Jesus wants us to go and tell EVERYONE (hold arms out straight in front of you, palms up, and bring them back to holding them up on each side of you) EVERYWHERE (raise both arms straight up overhead and down on each side like making a rainbow in the air) that [Bottom Line] Jesus is alive and we can follow Him! Who is alive?"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus is alive!"

STORYTELLER: "One more time. Who is alive?"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus is alive!"

STORYTELLER: "Thank you for being such great story helpers today. Now it's time to close our eyes and talk to God."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, we want to do the important job Jesus gave us and tell everyone everywhere that **[Bottom Line]** Jesus is alive and we can follow Him. Please help us do this very important job so everyone will know how much Jesus loves them and that He wants to be their friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen.

"Bye, friends! I'll see you next time!"

(Storyteller exits holding the Bible. 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: "Hey, everybody! I've had SO much fun celebrating the truth that [Bottom Line] Jesus is alive. Who is alive?"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus is alive."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes, He is! *[Bottom Line]* Jesus is alive. He's bigger and stronger and greater than anything ever. Let's sing to Him!

(Lead children in singing "He's Alive Oh Yeah," this month's worship song.)

"God loves us, and He gave us His only Son, Jesus! Who is alive?"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus is alive."

WORSHIP LEADER: "That's right. **[Bottom Line] Jesus is alive.** Let's say our verse together. "I am alive (point both hands up) for ever and ever!" (Twirl around.) Revelation 1:18. (Open hands like a book.) Say it with me.

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

"Great job, friends! I'm so glad to know that Jesus wants to be my friend forever. Let's worship Him together.

(Lead children in singing "I've Got a Friend.")

"That was beautiful, friends. One more time: Who is alive?"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus is alive."

Dismiss children to small groups.