



## WEEK 1 -April 2019 - TWO'S

**Bible Story Focus:** We celebrate Jesus because He is special.

Palm Sunday • *Matthew 21:1-11, 15-16*

**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 Fun

*Activities to help kids transition into the classroom and set up the bible story*

.-For a ride

### Make it True

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

-Large group time

### Make it Stick

*Activities and crafts that help kids personalize the story and apply the truths to their life.*

-Memory Verse  
-Tunnel  
-Finger Puppet

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**9:10-9:25 | 10:40-10:55 | 12:10-12:25 - MAKE IT FUN**

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**2. For a Ride**

*Made to Play:* An activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts

**What You Need:** Plastic animals and Little People® figures

**What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Place the animals and figures in the activity area.

*During the Activity:* Encourage the children to place the figures on top of the animals and ride them around the activity area. Repeat as desired.

**What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* “Our friends want to go for a ride!” (*Hold up Little People figures.*)

*During the Activity:* “Let’s let them ride on these animals. (*Hold up.*) Giddy up!” (*Do activity.*)

*After the Activity:* “That was so much fun! We are going to hear a Bible story where Jesus rides on a donkey. I cannot wait to hear our Bible story today!”

**Transition:** Move to Bible story time by pretending to ride a donkey while walking to the story area.

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

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**What You Need:** This month’s worship song, “He’s Alive Oh Yeah.”

**LEADER:** “Hi, friends! It’s SO good to see you today. Did you know that **[Bottom Line] Jesus is alive?** It’s true! When I say, ‘**Who is alive?**’ you say, **[Bottom Line] ‘Jesus is alive.’ Who is alive?**”

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

**LEADER:** “Yes! Jesus wants to be our friend forever! Let’s celebrate and sing to Him.

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

“Great job! Nothing can stop Jesus. **Who is alive? [Bottom Line] Jesus is alive.**”

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**9:45-10:05 | 11:15-11:35 | 12:45-1:05 MAKE IT STICK**

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## **1. Memory Verse with Motions**

### **Hear from God | Memory Verse Review**

*Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn*

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

#### **What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Say the Memory Verse and do the following motions in front of the children. "I am alive (point both hands up) for ever and ever!" (Twirl around.) Revelation 1:18. (Open your hands like a book.)

*During the Activity:* Say the verse again with the motions, and invite the children to do it with you. Repeat several times.

#### **What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "I am going to say our new Memory Verse today. Everyone, watch me! "I am alive (point both hands up) for ever and ever!" (Twirl around.) Revelation 1:18." (Open your hands like a book.)

*During the Activity:* "Now let's do it all together! Are you ready?" (Say the verse with motions several times together.)

*After the Activity:* "Our Memory Verse tells us that **[Bottom Line] Jesus is ALIVE! Who is alive? [Bottom Line] Jesus is alive!**"

## **2. Leaf Tunnel**

### **Live for God | Application Activity**

*Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn*

**What You Need:** Preschool tunnel, green streamers, and tape

#### **What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Place the tunnel in the middle of the activity area. Tape the streamers on both ends of the tunnel so that they hang down over the openings.

*During the Activity:* Invite the children to crawl through the tunnel while the "leaves" wave at them. Be sure each child gets a turn to crawl through the tunnel.

#### **What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "Yay! A tunnel!"

*During the Activity:* “There are leaves on our tunnel today. *(Point.)* Let’s crawl through!”

*After the Activity:* “HOSANNA! That was so much fun! We celebrate Jesus today! Jesus is ALIVE! **Who is alive? [Bottom Line] Jesus is alive!**”

### 3. Finger Puppet

#### Live for God | Application Activity

*Made to Create:* An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, Bottom Line, or memory verse by creating a craft

**What You Need:** “Jesus Puppet” and “Puppet Label” Activity Pages, cardstock, scissors, circle punch, Avery® #5160 labels or equivalent, and crayons

#### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Copy the “Jesus Puppet” Activity Page onto the cardstock and cut on the dotted lines (one per child). Use the circle punch or scissors to cut out the circles at the bottom of the puppet. Copy the “Puppet Label” Activity Page onto the label paper (one label per child) and set aside.

*During the Activity:* Give each child a puppet and the crayons. Invite the children to color their puppets. Place a label on the back of each puppet.

*After the Activity:* Encourage the children to place their pointer and middle fingers through the holes to give the donkey legs and walk.

#### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* “Jesus rode in on a donkey in our Bible story today. The people were so excited to see Him!”

*During the Activity:* “We are going to make a special puppet that you can use to tell your families all about our Bible story.” *(Do activity.)*

*After the Activity:* “Place your fingers in the holes on your puppet like this. *(Demonstrate.)* Now you can make the donkey walk just like it did in our Bible story. *(Finish activity.)* Great job! Jesus is alive! **Who is alive? [Bottom Line] Jesus is alive!**”