



TODAY’S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus is alive!

EASTER

**MATTHEW 26:20-50;
27:1-2; 28:1-7 AND
JOHN 13:33; 14:1-3, 28**

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.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you’ll need for today.

In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you’ll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive.

One, Two, Three, Roll!

Celebration Numbers 

Celebration Banner

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God’s truth in engaging ways

“He Is Alive” and “He’s Alive, Oh Yeah”

Bible Story

Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.

One, Two, Three Memory Verse!

Easter Flip Book

What Do You Hear?

One, Two, Three, Knock Them Down

Twist the Tomb

Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home

Parent Cue Card (*print or email*)

Parent Cue App



This symbol indicates an activity with potential allergens. Be sure to post allergy alert sign and inform parents at drop-off.



PRELUDE SOCIAL **WORSHIP** STORY GROUPS HOME

10 MINUTES

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LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE CHILDREN'S HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE WORSHIP, BIBLE STORY, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" from Week One paperclipped in Bible; instruments or music player; this month's worship song, "He Is Alive," included in your monthly files; and "He's Alive, Oh Yeah," available on the All Good album on Apple Music®, Spotify®, and OrangeKidsMusic.com; Optional Dance Moves Videos for "He Is Alive," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com and "He's Alive, Oh Yeah," available from OrangeKidsMusic.com

WHAT YOU DO: Download all songs and have them ready to use.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hey, everyone! I'm so glad to see your bright, shining faces! It's my very favorite time—worship time! We can worship Jesus because **Jesus is alive. Who is alive?**"

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "**Jesus is alive!**"

WORSHIP LEADER: "You've got it! Let's stand and sing about how He is alive!

Lead children in singing "He Is Alive," this month's worship song.

"Great job! **Jesus is alive!** That's what our memory verse is all about. Let's say it together with the motions."

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "'I am alive (point up) for ever and ever,' (twirl around) Revelation 1:18." (Open hands like a book.)

WORSHIP LEADER: "**Who is alive?**"

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "**Jesus is alive.**"

WORSHIP LEADER: "God loves us, and He gave His only Son to us! We can worship Him because **Jesus is alive.** Sing this with me!

Lead children in singing "He's Alive, Oh Yeah."

"That's such a fun song. I love worshipping with you! Thanks, friends."



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INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Table, Easter basket, four different colored plastic eggs, one candy treat, a small toy or bracelet, and a sticker

WHAT YOU DO: Preset the table in the center storytelling area. Put the candy treat inside one plastic egg, the small toy or bracelet inside one plastic egg, and the sticker inside one plastic egg. The fourth egg will be empty. Make a note of which color egg is used for each so the Host can open them in order: treat, toy, sticker, empty. "Hide" the four plastic eggs in the storytelling area for the Host to find.

Host enters with the Easter basket and sets it on the table.

HOST: "Happy Easter, friends! Welcome to [your environment's name or story time]! It's me, [your name]! My friends and I have been celebrating Easter ALL day! They hid four eggs for me to find. Do you want to help me find them? (Pause.) You can help me by cheering and clapping. If you cheer and clap, maybe I can find them really, really fast. Ready? Here I go!

Grab the basket and run around the storytelling area, through the children, and back to the table to find the four plastic eggs. Place the basket on the table.

"Whew! Thanks for clapping and cheering. You really helped me! Let's open the eggs and see what treats are inside!

Take the eggs out, one at a time, and in the correct order to open them.

"Egg number one . . . (Hold up one finger then open the egg.) has a candy treat inside! Yummy!

Hold up the candy for the children to see then place the egg and candy back in the basket.

"Egg number two . . . (Hold up two fingers then open the egg.) has a fun [toy/bracelet] inside! So cool!

Hold up the toy/bracelet for the children to see then place the toy/bracelet and egg back in the basket.

"Egg number three . . . (Hold up three fingers then open the egg.) has a sticker inside! So fun!

Hold up the sticker for the children to see then place the egg and sticker back in the basket.

"This is so fun! I can't wait to see what's inside egg number four! (Hold up four fingers then open the egg.) It's . . . it's . . . empty. Huh?

Look at the empty egg, confused, then look back at the audience.

"Why is this egg empty? (sudden realization) Wait! I know! I know why the egg is empty! And you'll find out why when you listen to today's Bible story. I can't wait for you to hear it, because it's all about why we celebrate Easter!



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“Okay friends, it’s time for me to go. I’ll see you later!”

Host exits with the basket of eggs.

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, table from Intro Sketch, jumbo numbers from Week One, and a large heart pillow;
Optional Story Images and cardstock

WHAT YOU DO: Preset the jumbo numbers from Week One in the storytelling area. Make sure you save them to use all month. Option: Copy Story Images on cardstock or download them to display on a screen.

Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible and a large heart pillow. They will lay the heart pillow on the floor by the table before addressing the children.

STORYTELLER: “Hi, friends! Happy Easter! My name is [your name], and I’m here to tell you a true story from the Bible.

Hold up the Bible and lay it open on the table.

“I’m so happy to be with you on the hap-hap-happiest day of the year! Do you know why today is such a happy day? (Pause.) Because it’s Easter! Easter is when we celebrate that **Jesus is alive!** And today, our Bible story is what Easter is all about.

Pick up the heart pillow and hold it out for the children to see.

“Do you know what this is? (Pause.) Yes! This is a heart. When I see a heart, I think of love.

Hug the heart pillow then hold it back out for the children to see.

“And the true story of Easter begins with God’s love for us.

(Option: Display Story Image W2 01)

“God loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever.

Lay the heart pillow down.

“But before Jesus could be our friend forever, something sad had to happen. Can you show me your sad face?
(Make a sad face with the children.)

(Option: Display Story Image W2 02)

“One night, while Jesus was having dinner with His friends, Jesus told them He was going away but that He would come back. After dinner, Jesus went to pray in a garden.



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(Option: Display Story Image W2 03)

"While Jesus was in the garden, some angry people came and took Jesus away. They hurt Jesus, and He died. All of Jesus' friends were so very, very sad.

"Show me your sad face again. That's right. Sad.

(Option: Display Story Image W2 04)

"After Jesus died, His friends put Jesus' body in a tomb with a big stone in front of it. Then three sad days went by.

"Say the numbers with me."

Point to the jumbo numbers as you count with the children.

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "One . . . two . . . three!"

STORYTELLER: "On the third day, some of Jesus' friends went to the tomb, and they saw that the stone had been rolled away.

(Option: Display Story Image W2 04)

"When they looked inside, Jesus wasn't there! Here's the GOOD NEWS! Jesus came back, just like He said He would! **Jesus is alive!**"

"Now, when I point to the numbers, count with me. Then we will say, '**Jesus is alive!**'"

Point to the numbers as you count with the children.

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "One . . . two . . . three, **Jesus is alive!**"

STORYTELLER: "Again!"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "One . . . two . . . three, **Jesus is alive!**"

STORYTELLER: "One last time!"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "One . . . two . . . three, **Jesus is alive!**"

STORYTELLER: "Yay! **Jesus is alive!**"

"Now you know what we're celebrating on Easter. We celebrate because **Jesus is alive** and He wants to be our friend forever! **Who is alive?**"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "**Jesus is alive!**"



10 MINUTES

STORYTELLER: "Who is alive?"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Jesus is alive!"

STORYTELLER: "Now you can show me your happiest happy faces because Easter is the hap-hap-happiest day of the year!"

"Okay friends, it's time to pray. Let's close our eyes and talk to God together."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, Today is such an amazing day because we get to celebrate the good news that **Jesus is alive!** Thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to be our friend forever. You're the best, God, and we love You very much. In Jesus' name, amen."

"That's all for today. I hope you have a Happy Easter! Bye!"

Storyteller exits with the Bible and heart pillow.

OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Empty plastic egg

Host enters with the empty plastic egg.

HOST: "WOW! Jesus died and came back, just like He said He would. **Jesus is alive!**"

"I think I got the story. Did you get it? (Pause.) If you did, give me two thumbs-up (*hold up two thumbs*) and say, 'Got it!' (Pause.) Get it?"

CHILDREN AND HOST: "Got it!"

HOST: "Good!"

Hold up the two halves of the empty egg.

"You know . . . this empty egg may be my favorite now. It's my favorite because it reminds me of how Jesus's tomb was empty. Jesus wasn't there because **Jesus is alive!** Happy Easter, everyone! Bye!"

Host exits, smiling and holding the egg.



GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

Gather children for a Large Group time that includes interactive worship, the introductory sketch, and the Bible story. The Stage Script is written for those who gather their preschoolers together from multiple rooms and have a larger space on which to present the Bible story. If you are pulling your children to a rug to one side of your preschool space, you may benefit from using the Rug Script.

WORSHIP: INVITING PEOPLE TO RESPOND TO GOD (10 MINUTES)

A Worship Leader and live instruments are recommended to sing along with the music tracks. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

STORY: COMMUNICATING GOD'S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS (10 MINUTES)

Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible story. This person should be able to command the attention of preschoolers and control the group through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be "told" and not "read." Advanced preparation is necessary.

1. WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Leader(s)
- Instruments or music player
- "Memory Verse Card" from Week One paperclipped in your Bible at Revelation 1:18

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- This month's worship song, "He Is Alive," included in your monthly files
- "He's Alive, Oh Yeah," available on the All Good Album on Apple Music®, Spotify®, and OrangeKidsMusic.com

OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- Dance Moves Music Video for "He Is Alive," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com
- Dance Moves Music Video for "He's Alive, Oh Yeah," available from OrangeKidsMusic.com

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download all songs and videos and have them ready to use.

2. INTRO/OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Table
- Easter basket
- Four plastic eggs in four different colors
- One candy treat
- One small toy or bracelet
- One sticker

WHAT YOU DO:

- Preset the table in the center of the storytelling area.
- Put the candy treat inside one plastic egg, the small toy or bracelet inside one plastic egg, and the sticker inside one plastic egg. The fourth egg will be empty.
- Make note of which treat is in which color so the Host can open the eggs in order: treat, toy, sticker, empty.
- "Hide" the four plastic eggs in the storytelling area for the Host to find.

3. BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- Jumbo numbers 1, 2, and 3 from Week One
- One large heart pillow
- Table
- *Optional Story Images and cardstock*

LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W2 01
- Story Image W2 02
- Story Image W2 03
- Story Image W2 04
- Story Image W2 05

WHAT YOU DO:

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

WONDER, LOOK AT GOD'S STORY: First Look offers weekly introductory sketches and Bible stories on the DVD titled "Wonder, Look at God's Story." This DVD is available for purchase at OrangeStore.org or as part of your monthly Media Package.

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