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Today's Suggested Schedule—April 2026, Week 1

Today's Bible Story: Easter • Matthew 26:31-32, 36, 47-50; 27:1-2, 11-66; 28:1-8

Jesus is alive.

Key Question: Who wants to be your friend forever?

Bottom Line: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Memory Verse: "I have called you friends." • John 15:15 NIV

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces.

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 minutes)

Social: Providing time for fun interaction

1, 2, 3!

Egg Roll

Exploring Rocks

Large Group (20 minutes)

Worship: Inviting people to respond to God

Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Worship

Bible Story

Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

Memory Verse with Motions

Bible Story Eggs

Out of the Tomb

Easter Lift the Flap

Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home

Memory Verse Card

Parent Cue Card (print or email)

Parent Cue App

*Allergy Alert



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5 min

Easter Lift the Flap | Made to Create *Uses Minimal Supplies

What You Need

	"Easter Lift the Flap" Activity Page	1
	"Empty Tomb Flap" Activity Page	1
	Crayons	Several
	Washi or clear tape	Several
	Scissors	Several
	Permanent marker	1



EveryChild tips

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Easter Lift the Flap" on cardstock, one per child. Copy "Empty Tomb Flap" on cardstock and cut one cutout per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity: Encourage children to color their pictures, including coloring the blank side of the flap in gray or brown for the stone. Ask children to place their stone over the tomb. Help each child place a strip of tape along the tab. Let them practice lifting the flap to move the stone and see Jesus next to the empty tomb.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Come and make a special picture with me to help us remember our happy Easter story!"

During the Activity: "First, let's color our picture of the women at the tomb. (Pause.) Great! Now, color this picture. It has Jesus on one side and the stone on the other. (Help fold each child's cutout.) Turn your picture to the stone side and lay it over the tomb. (Pause.) And we'll tape it along this side. (Tape along the tab. The tab should run along the right-hand side of the page.) Look! The stone is covering the tomb. But the angel rolled the stone away! Lift the flap! The tomb is empty! Look! Over there! It's Jesus! Jesus is alive! Hip, hip, hooray!"

After the Activity: "You can take this home and show everyone the happy surprise. The tomb is empty because Jesus is alive! **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.** Who wants to be your friend forever? **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever!**"