

2026-4-rTheater | W1

Today's Suggested Schedule—April 2026, Week 1

Bible Story: Easter (Crucified and Risen) • *John 18–20:23*

Bottom Line: You can have joy because Jesus is alive.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!* • *Philippians 4:4 NIV*



Bible Story

Easter (Crucified and Risen) • *John 18–20:23*

Conversation Starter

How do you celebrate Easter?

Bottom Line

You can have joy because Jesus is alive.

Monthly Memory Verse

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Large Group Opener

Opener

What You Need

No supplies needed

Worship

O Happy Day

What You Need

No supplies needed

Memory Verse

OPENER

HOST: "What's up, everybody! Welcome to [Name of Environment] and Happy Easter! Today we're kicking off a brand-new theme called 'Block Party: Celebrating Jesus and Joy That Never Ends.' And honestly, Easter is the perfect way to start a block party because today is all about joy, real joy—the kind that doesn't run out because Jesus is alive!

And honestly, that moment, waiting to see what would happen, is kind of like the Sunday morning of that first Easter weekend. No one expected joy. No one expected celebration. But when Jesus came back to life, everything changed. Joy just exploded into the world.

"That's our Bottom Line for the day! Check it out!

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "You can have joy because Jesus is alive. Let's say that together, everyone!"

HOST AND KIDS: **[Bottom Line]** "You can have joy because Jesus is alive!"

HOST: "And you know, that's what Easter is all about. That's what this whole month is about. A joy that doesn't fade or disappear, a joy that comes from knowing Jesus is alive today and that He is your friend forever. Great job today, everybody. Let's keep the celebration going!"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Happy Easter, everyone! Today is a celebration! We're celebrating because Jesus is alive! That's the greatest news ever! 'Our first song is called O Happy Day.' This is the perfect way to start Easter because we're singing about how Jesus is alive today, right now. Jesus gave His life to pay for sin so we could be His friends forever! And then He rose to life! Because He's alive, we can have confidence, hope, and joy that doesn't fade. So get ready to sing it like you mean it!
SONG: "O Happy Day"

"Here's something super important we're going to remember all month long. It's our Memory Verse, and it reminds us that joy isn't something we make up, it comes from knowing Jesus. This month's Memory Verse is Philippians 4:4! I'll read it, and then we can say it together.

What You Need

No supplies needed

Bible Story (Video)

So and So Show Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

Closing

LANDING**What You Need**

No supplies needed

SLIDE: Memory Verse

WORSHIP LEADER: "Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful! —Philippians 4:4 (NIRV)."

"Let's say it together!"

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: "Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful —Philippians 4:4 (NIRV)."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Great job, everyone! That verse is exactly what today is all about. You can have joy because Jesus is alive. That's why we sing, that's why we celebrate, and that's why this whole month is a Block Party!"

COMMUNICATOR: "So as we wrap up today, remember this: You can have joy because Jesus is alive. Not the kind of joy that comes and goes or depends on everything being perfect ... but real joy. Joy that lasts. Joy that isn't shaken by hard days or tough moments. When Jesus rose from the dead, after paying for our sin so we could be His friends forever, He gave us a whole new AFTER picture, one where joy is possible no matter what we face.

"Let's remember today's Bottom Line together.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "You can have joy because Jesus is alive! Say it with me."

COMMUNICATOR AND KIDS: **[Bottom Line]** "You can have joy because Jesus is alive!"

PRAYER

What You Need

No supplies needed

"So here's the question I want you to think about, not just right now, but all week:

SLIDE: Conversation Starter

[Conversation Starter] "How do you celebrate Easter?"

"Maybe celebrating Easter looks like remembering Jesus already paid for sin, and you don't have to carry guilt or fear. Maybe it looks like remembering there is freedom because of what Jesus did for you. Maybe it looks like choosing joy even when things feel tough. Maybe it's noticing the good God is doing around you. Maybe it's choosing to trust Him with something that feels heavy.

"But here's the thing, when you remember Jesus is alive, it changes how you see everything. It changes how you celebrate. It changes what matters most. That's what I want you to talk about later in your small groups."

"Happy Easter, everyone!"

"Jesus loves you so much!"

"Let's talk to the God who worked for the most beautiful after that will last forever!

COMMUNICATOR: "Jesus, thank You. Thank You for giving Your life to pay for our sin so we could be close to You, and thank You for rising again! When life feels heavy or confusing, help us remember that You're alive, You're with us, and You love us more than we can imagine. Help us live our lives every day in the joy of Your love! We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

(After prayer, Communicator dismisses kids to Small Group).

SLIDE: Theme