

K-5TH

LARGE & SMALL GROUPS

APRIL 5th, WEEK 1

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

PRE-SERVICE

ACTIVITIES 15 MIN

LARGE GROUP [33 MIN]

OPENING GAME 10 MIN

WORSHIP 5 MIN

STORY VIDEO 13 MIN

BOTTOM LINE

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY

SALVATION MOMENT 5 MIN

SMALL GROUP [30-35 min]

ACTIVITY 1 12 MIN

ACTIVITY 2 12 MIN

CLOSING PRAYER 6 MIN

THIS MONTH



Today's Bible Story

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

Bottom Line

You can have joy because
Jesus is alive.

Memory Verse

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

Please go over the
memory verse with the
class every Sunday.

PRE-SERVICE Activity & Coloring Pages

What you need:

- He is Risen Craft
 - Scissors
 - Glue Sticks
 - He is Risen Activity Page
 - Crayons
 - Tape
- Easter Coloring Pages

Welcome kids by name as they arrive with a high five, fist bump, or a wave!

Have tables set up with activities before the kids arrive. Explain that they can choose to work on whatever they want and can move between the activities if they wish.

- **He Is Reason Craft**

Children can choose one to color or one that is already colored. Then children can cut it out, fold the tabs on the cross, and glue ends to the spaces on the egg. They will need to press on the glued section to make it stick well. You can also use tape to help it stick till it dries.

- **Easter Color by Number Pages.**

Bunnies
Cross & Heart
Easter Basket
Easter Egg

- **Easter Coloring Pages**

Easter Tomb Coloring Page
Easter Stained Glass Coloring Page
Happy Easter Coloring Page

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LARGE GROUP

OPENER GAME

“Easter Roll With It”

What You Need:

- Host
- 8 Kid Volunteers for each round you play
- 8 Large Plastic Easter Eggs
- 2 Pool Noodles
- Floor Tape

Set Up: Floor tape placed as starting line. Eight large, plastic Easter eggs lined up at the starting line in two groups of four. Two pool noodles on the floor next to the Easter eggs. Finish line.

HOST: *“Happy Easter, everyone! I’m so glad you’re here today because this is one of the biggest celebration days ever. Today is all about joy, hope, and the best news in the whole world! Jesus is alive!”*

“We’re starting a brand-new series called ‘Block Party: Celebrating Jesus and Joy That Never Ends.’ And honestly, what better way to start off our month talking about joy than Easter? “Since today is all about celebrating, we’re kicking things off with a super-fun game.”

SLIDE: Roll with It Title

“And trust me ... you’ll understand the name in about 10 seconds“

(Gesture to the Ester eggs.)

“These will be your official racing eggs. And nope, you’re not allowed to pick them up with your hands. You’re going to guide them using ... drumroll please ... “

“Pool noodles!”

(Hold up a pool noodle.)

“Today, we’re doing an Easter egg relay like you’ve never seen before.

“Each team will line up behind these four giant Easter eggs at the starting line. When I say ‘Go,’ the first person on each team will use ONLY the pool noodle to roll one egg from the starting line to the finish line. Once you cross the finish line, run back to the start line—you can leave your egg at the finish line—hand the pool noodle to the next teammate, and then it’s their turn to roll an egg. Keep going until all your team’s eggs make it across the finish line. The first team to get all their eggs across the finish line wins!”

“Before we start, we have a couple of very important rules. First, no kicking the eggs. Your feet are not egg launchers. Second, no using your hands—even if your egg decides to run away. If it rolls the wrong way, which it probably will, just go chase it. And finally, no whacking each other with the pool noodles. Today is Easter, not Pool Noodle Battle Day.”

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OPENER GAME (CONT.)

"All right, I'm going to need some volunteers. Who would like to play? If you'd like to play, raise your hand!"

(Select eight volunteers from the kids who have their hands raised and divide them into two teams of four. Line up each team in a single file line at the start line.)

"Alright teams, go ahead and grab your pool noodles and stand behind your Easter eggs! Perfect! These eggs look ... extremely unpredictable. Even better.

"When I say 'Go,' start rolling the Easter eggs! One ... two ... three ... GO!"

AUDIO: Upbeat music

(Play the game. Make sure the kids are using only the pool noodles to roll the Easter eggs and not their hands or feet. Cheer for the teams and involve the audience.)

"Oh no, that egg is rolling like it's late for school! Someone catch that runaway egg! You've got this! Let's go, teams!"

(Play the game until one of the teams rolls all their Easter eggs across the finish line.)

"And stop! We have the winning team! Great job, everyone!"

(Repeat the game for as many rounds as time allows. Ask for new volunteers at the start of each round.)

"What a party! I love that we all get to be together on Easter! Easter is the day we celebrate the best news ever: Jesus is alive. And because Jesus is alive, we can have joy that never ends. "Let's check out our Bottom Line for today!"

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] *"You can have joy because Jesus is alive!"*

"Can you say that with me?"

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

HOST: *"Great job, everyone! WOOHOO! Jesus is alive!"*

Service Flow

WORSHIP

WORSHIP:

Alright everyone — it's time to worship Jesus!

Let's spread out across the room so we have space to move and praise.

(Production: turn off one main light and turn on the light tower by the booth.)

Let's lift our voices and give God our best!

Worship Song: Thank God I'm Free by Elevation Rhythm

STORY VIDEO

STORY TIME: *Wow! What an incredible time of worship! You all did such an amazing job praising God!*

Now, let's all find a seat on the floor and get ready for today's story.

Easter

Put on your listening ears and quiet voices — let's see what God wants to teach us today!

SALVATION MOMENT

What You Need

- Salvation cards
- Salvation sheet

SALVATION MOMENT: *Alright friends, this is a very special moment. Everyone, bow your heads and close your eyes so we can focus and give privacy to our friends. Walk through the salvation slide and explain clearly and simply. Ask: If you want Jesus to be your forever friend, raise your hand so I can see. Pause. Give the Holy Spirit time to work. Celebrate those who raised their hands! Have everyone open their eyes. **Go through the ABC Prayer together, asking the kids to repeat and follow along with the slides.***

Easter Egg Hunt

Dismiss to small group.
Coordinators will come and get your class for Egg Hunt

HELPERS: During the salvation moment (while heads are bowed and eyes are closed):

- Quietly walk around and give an "I Decided" card to each child who raised their hand.
- Afterward, ask them to meet with you so you can fill it out.
- Clearly print their first and last name on the salvation sheet.
- Make sure the card goes home to their parents.

If no one raises their hand, that's okay. The Holy Spirit is still working.

Simply mark "**No Response**" on the salvation sheet so we know the moment was covered.

Remember: We plant seeds — God brings the growth.

SMALL GROUP

ACTIVITY 1

“Baskets of Questions”

What You Need

- Prepared baskets with the numbers 1–5 on them
- Sealed eggs for tossing
- Floor tape

What You Do

- Set up a line with floor tape on one side of the room.
- Place the prepared baskets in a line on the other side of the room, across from the tape line.
- Invite the kids to line up single file behind the tape line.
- Instruct the first kid to toss an egg into a basket.
- If they make it into basket #1, ask question #1. If #2, ask question #2, etc. Once they answer the question, their turn is over.
- If they miss, their turn is over.
- Repeat questions, if necessary to make sure every one has had a turn to toss an egg.
- If not all of the questions are answered, Choose a child who missed a basket to try again.
- Questions:
 - 1. Who did God send to rescue us? (Jesus)
 - 2. Why were the disciples sad at first? (because Jesus died)
 - 3. What did Mary find at the tomb? (It was empty./Angels!/Jesus!)
 - 4. Why do we have joy today? (Because Jesus is alive!)
 - 5. Who can be friends with God forever? (Everyone who believes in what Jesus did!)
- Let the kids answer, then retrieve the egg and give it to the next person
- Make sure all five questions have been discussed before ending the game.

What You Say

“Great job answering those questions! You know the true story of Easter so well. God had a plan all along to rescue us because He loves us so much. Jesus followed that plan perfectly. Jesus came to Earth, lived a perfect life, died on a cross for our sins, was buried in a tomb, and on the third day, Jesus rose again. Jesus is alive! Because Jesus paid for our sins, we can be friends with God! And since Jesus is alive forever, we will be His friends forever! [Bottom Line] You can have joy because Jesus is alive.”

SMALL GROUP

ACTIVITY 2

“Memory Verse Egg Hunt Relay”

What You Need

- Bibles
- 2 Large Baskets
- 16 Plastic Eggs, 2 sets of 8 with Memory Verse inside broken into 8 parts.
- Extra Eggs
- Floor Tape

What You Do

- Give every kid a Bible.
- Invite them to look up Philippians 4:4 using the Bible Navigation Tips (see front pocket of binder)
- Read the Memory Verse together out loud several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Invite the kids to set their Bibles aside.

- Create two start lines with floor tape on one side of your activity area.
- Divide children into two teams and have each team line up behind one of the lines.
- Place a basket equal distance from each line.
- Instruct the children that when you say go, one at a time, they will run to the basket, pick an egg, return to their team and tag the next child to go.
- Once all the children are back with an egg, they must open the eggs and put the verse in order.
- If they do not have all of the words for the verse, they must line up and do it again until they have all of the words to the verse.
- The first team with a completed verse wins!
- Read the verse together out loud. If needed, help the kids put the words in the correct order.

What You Say

“Nice work, everyone! And great teamwork getting all the eggs and putting the verse together. Philippians 4:4 tells us to ‘Always be joyful.’ That isn’t always easy, especially when times are tough, or hard things happen in our lives. But when we remember that we ‘belong to the Lord’—and that Jesus is alive with us—it makes joy possible. No matter what happens, Jesus made a way for you to be friends with God forever, and that friendship can start right now. Life with God is far better than you can ever imagine, and [Bottom Line] you can have joy because Jesus is alive!”

SMALL GROUP

PRAY AND DISMISS

What You Need

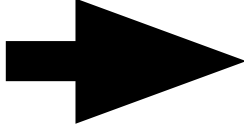
- No supplies needed

Prayer

“Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus. Thank You that He died for our sins so we can be Your friends, and thank You that He rose to life again. Help us grow closer to You every day. We are so excited to be friends with You forever! We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

GETTING READY

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