



April 20- Easter I Am Set Apart 1 year olds - 4 year olds

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Jesus is Alive- John 20:1-18

Bottom Line: I can believe the truth.

Leader Context: Today we're celebrating Easter! We get to share the incredible story of Jesus defeating sin and death when He rose from the dead. When Mary, Peter, and John discovered the empty tomb, they were changed forever. (Read John 20:18.) Kids can know today that believing in Jesus will change their lives forever!

THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS: Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

Social

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Social Game Instruction Page including Roku Games, "Bark Coloring Page" (1 per kid), crayons, Play dough (1 per child), "Allergy Alert" printable (1 per group), Easter Play Dough Mats (laminated or in protective sleeve), Small box with lid (1 per group), Music and music player (1 per group)

What You Do:

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

Videos

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This!

Thanks so much, Super Crew! In our Bible story we learned that Jesus is alive! Jesus died on the cross to make a way for us to be forgiven and have a friendship with God. Our Super Clue today is a glow stick. When you first get a glow stick, you may not believe it really glows. But, when you bend it and shake it a little bit, the special chemicals inside mix together and make it glow. In the same way, some people don't believe that Jesus is really special, but we know He is. Jesus is God's Son. He was born as a baby and looked just like other people, but He is really the Son of God. We can believe in Jesus! Jesus died on a cross, but then He did something surprising! Jesus rose again, and He is alive! Jesus came so that we can have a friendship with God and know how to obey Him. We can believe that Jesus is not an ordinary person—He is God's Son! Let's all say, "I can believe in Jesus!" together. Ready? 1-2-3! "I can believe in Jesus!" Great job!

Let's talk and listen to God; that is called *prayer*. Let's thank Him for the amazing gift that (*prayer on next page*)

Let's talk and listen to God; that is called *prayer*. Let's thank Him for the amazing gift that Jesus is alive!

God, thank You for sending Jesus to earth so that we can have a friendship with You. Thank You that Jesus is alive! Amen.

Can you say the Big Deal with me?

Lead the Way! (*Swipe both hands down from head to hips with hands facing each other.*)

God Helps Me Obey! (*Put two thumbs up.*)

Gospel Circles Sticker Page(20 minutes)

Big Goal: Remember that we can believe in Jesus.

Supplies: Gospel Circles Printable on heavy paper (1 per kid), 4 scratch off stickers per kid on the paper, ice cream stick scratchers, Gospel Circles Sticker packs (1 per kid to take home)

Craft Instructions:

1. Before the session, print "Gospel Circles" printables on cardstock, one child and place the four scratch off stickers over the world, broken heart, cross and NEW!.
2. Pass out the paper to each kid with an ice cream stick scratcher.
3. Kids will use the stick to scratch off the stick to reveal the picture under the sticker.
4. As kids reveal the object, help them know what that has to do with the Bible story today and the gospel.
5. Practice saying each part of the gospel as a group.

What To Do: Happy Easter! Today we celebrate a big day at the church and around the world. Today is the day we celebrate an empty tomb. Help me remember what the empty tomb meant in our story today. The empty tomb means that Jesus is not dead. It means that everything He said about Himself and others told about Him for 100s of years before, was true. Because this is true, each of us has the opportunity to believe. When you believe you are saying:

"At the beginning of time, God created the world and people perfectly.(*World*) Humans chose to run from God, also known as sinned, and chose their own way to do things. (*Broken heart*) When we did this, we turned away from God and lost relationship with God. So God sent Jesus to earth as a perfect man, to live a perfect life, die on the cross then raise in 3 days to show us that He is God. (*The cross*) When we believe these things about Jesus, we are new creations who can live and grow to know more about Jesus every day. (*NEW!*)"

Now using your stick I want you to scratch off the sticker to see what is under them. As you find the picture under the sticker, raise your hand. When everyone has found the picture, we will move to the next sticker.

Keep It Going: Using the Gospel Circles script in the yellow box above, have kids repeat each of the sentences after you. As kids get comfortable saying each part of the words, allow them to take turns standing in front of everyone saying it.

Loud And Clear: Wow! You did a great job scratching the stickers. I love seeing your work. It really makes celebrating Jesus easy because we can see and remember that Jesus died for us on the cross, but then He came back to life. I can believe in Jesus. Let's say that together. Ready? "I can believe in Jesus!" Great job! As you leave today, I have some extra stickers for you to take home to share with other people as you tell the Gospel Circles.

Say:

- Who remembers what our Super Clue is today? (*a glow stick*)
- What does a glow stick help us remember? (*When you first get a glow stick, you may not think it is special or believe it really glows, but it does! In a similar way, some people don't believe that Jesus is really special, but we know He is.*)
- What was your favorite part of Large Group?
- **I can believe in Jesus.** What is so special about Jesus? (*Jesus is God's Son.*)
- What was your favorite part of the Bible story today?

Our Big Deal is, Lead the Way, God helps me Obey!

Lead the Way! (*Swipe both hands down from head to hips with hands facing each other.*)

God Helps Me Obey! (*Put two thumbs up.*)

We have had such a great time today talking about big truths from the Bible, God's Word! I am so glad that you all got to be here today. It is awesome to know that we can believe in Jesus because He is alive! Jesus is so powerful and worth celebrating!

Going Home

Prepare kids to talk with their family about what they learned today.

- Pass out coloring pages for kids to take home.
- As family members arrive to pick up their kid, greet them and tell them one thing you noticed about their kid that day or something you talked to each kid about remembering this week.
- If there is time to chat with the family, ask how you can pray for them this week.
- Say bye to the kids and call them by name.