



Table Games for PreK

Easter Scavenger Hunt

Supplies:

Easter Scavenger Hunt Printable 1 set per group, Cards with items to hide or the items (bunny, carrot, speckled egg, chick, Easter basket, daisy, sun, grass, lamb, spotted egg, jelly bean, butterfly, tulip, bumble bee, chocolate bunny, gnome)

To Play:

- Leader will hide the cards or items around the group space.
- Kids will take turns finding items and bring them back for the leader to mark off the list as found.
- Encourage kid to help each other and cheer for each other as they search for items that remind us of Spring.

Connect It:

"In spring, we notice new life and things growing. When we think about Easter, I think of the same things. Jesus gives us the chance at a new life, life with God and for God. When we believe in Jesus, our new life begins. Let's find out more about what the Bible says about Easter.



PreK Social- March 29

Musical Chairs

Preschoolers will walk around a circle of chairs as music plays.

Big Goal: Practice saying the Big Deal, "Hooray! God Leads Me to Hope!"

Leader Prep: Set up chairs in a circle with seats facing out.

Supplies: Chairs (1 per child), Music and music player (1 per group)

What To Do: We are going to play a game with our friends. Who are we playing a game with? (*Our friends!*) Great! When the music starts, we will walk around the circle of chairs. When the music stops, everyone will sit in a chair, and I will lead you in saying the Big Deal. Let's practice the Big Deal before we start the game. I will say it first, and then you can say it after me. (*Use motions as you say the Big Deal.*) Hooray! (*Hooray!*) God Leads Me to Hope! (*God Leads Me to Hope!*) I think we are ready! Let's start moving in 3-2-1 Go!

Leader Tip: Consider playing the Theme song.

Loud And Clear: Hooray! I am so happy God leads us to hope. Palm Sunday is a special day too. Today we celebrate Jesus. I am so happy that we are all here and can celebrate together.

Big Deal Motions:

Hooray! (*Make double windmill arms in front of body.*)

God Leads Me to Friends! (*Clasp hands together in a clap.*)

Color It

Supplies: "Bark Coloring Page" (1 per child), Crayons (several)

Set out coloring sheets and crayons on a table. Share crayons and conversations as preschoolers color.



PreK Social- March 29

Find the Donkey

Preschoolers will search for a hidden donkey in a bin of table tennis balls or pom-poms.

Big Goal: Remember the Bible story.

Leader Prep: Print the “Find The Donkey” printable on cardstock, one per group. Cut out the donkeys. Fill a plastic bin with pom-poms or table tennis balls. Hide the donkeys in the sensory bin.

Supplies: “Find The Donkey” printable (1 per group), Toy donkey figures (2 per group; optional), Clear plastic bins (2 per group), Pom-poms or table tennis balls (several), Adult scissors (1 per group)

What To Do: We are going to play a super fun game where we search in these bins for hidden donkeys. What will we search for? (*Hidden donkeys!*) Good! We will form two teams, and each team will line up behind its bin. Each of you will have a turn to search the bin for the hidden donkey. When I say, “Go,” the friends who are in the front of each line will get a turn to look for the donkey. When they find it, they will hold it up, and a leader will hide it again for the next person in line. After you have a turn, go to the back of your line and sit down.

Keep It Going: Consider hiding the donkeys around the room. Play a game of “Hot/Cold” while preschoolers search the room for the donkeys.

Leader Tip: Give preschoolers a little time to search for the hidden donkeys. Encourage preschoolers who get discouraged if they cannot find the donkey immediately.

Loud And Clear: In our Bible story today, Jesus sent two disciples to get a donkey for Him to ride. What did they get for Jesus? (*A donkey!*) Great! Jesus rode this donkey into Jerusalem. The people were so excited to see Jesus. They celebrated Jesus because they knew He was the One God promised would come. They also knew that Jesus brought them hope. *Hope* is waiting and trusting that something good is coming. Jesus gives us hope too. When we ask Him, Jesus forgives us and gives us a way to have a friendship with God.



PreK Social- April 5

Pass, Pass The Egg

Preschoolers will pass a large plastic egg around the circle until the music stops.

Big Goal: Learn a new name.

Supplies: Large Plastic Egg (1 per group), Music and music player (1 per group)

What To Do: Welcome! I am so glad to see you today. Today is a day to celebrate. It is Easter! To start our celebration, we are going to play a fun game called "Pass, Pass the Egg." What is it called? (*Pass, Pass the Egg!*) First, let's sit in a circle. As new friends come in, we can scoot back and make room for them to join in. (*Help preschoolers sit in a circle.*) I am going to play music, and we are going to pass the egg around the circle. When the music stops, the person holding the egg will say, "My name is ____!" The rest of us will wave hello to our friend like this. (*Demonstrate waving.*) The music will start again, and we will pass the egg until the music stops. Are you ready? Let's count to three, and I will start the music and pass the egg. 1-2-3!

Leader Tip: If the group is small or familiar with each other's names, invite them to say their favorite animal or color instead. Consider playing the monthly Theme song.

Connect It: What a wonderful way to start our special Easter celebration day! I loved hearing everyone's name. A cool way to get to know each other is to learn the names of the people around us. I am so glad I know each one of you. I am excited to spend this Easter celebration together with you!

Color It

Supplies: "Bark Coloring Page" (1 per child), Crayons (several)

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PreK Social- April 5

Jesus is Alive

Preschoolers will play a variation of "Red Light, Green Light" by walking slowly when they see a picture of a tomb and walking quickly when they see a picture of the empty tomb.

Big Goal: Remember the Bible story.

Leader Prep: Print "Jesus Is Alive" printable, one per group. Print the pages front/back or tape the two papers together back to back.

Supplies: "Jesus Is Alive" printable (1 per group), Tape (1 per group; optional)

What To Do: Today is such a special day! We learned in our Bible story that God sent Jesus for us. Even though Jesus never sinned, He was punished for our sin and died on a cross. After Jesus died, they placed Him in a tomb. A large stone was rolled against the entrance of the tomb. Three days later, some women came to visit the tomb. They were very sad, but when they got there an angel told them, "Don't be afraid. Jesus is not here. He has risen, just like He said He would. Go quickly and tell His other friends. Jesus is alive!" That is such good news! Let's say, "Jesus is alive!" together. "Jesus is alive!" When the women heard this, they were amazed, happy, and scared too! They ran and told Jesus' other friends. Today we are going to play a game that will help us remember this part of the Bible story. We are going to line up, shoulder to shoulder. I will stand on the opposite side of the room. *(Move across the space giving lots of room for preschoolers to play the game.)* I will hold up a picture. When you see a picture of the tomb with the stone covering the opening, you are going to walk slowly and sadly towards me. When I show you the picture of the empty tomb, you are going to run excitedly towards me. The first person to reach me will be the next person to hold the pictures. Are you all ready? Let's go!

Leader Tip: If there is not enough room to spread out for this game, lead preschoolers to walk or run in place while responding to the pictures.

Loud And Clear: It was fun to see you act out how the people in today's Bible story might have felt. When we see a picture of the empty tomb, it reminds us that Jesus is alive! God sent Jesus for us so that we can be forgiven and have a friendship with Him. That is worth remembering and celebrating!