

EASTER



Matthew 38:1-10; Mark 16:1-10; Luke 24:1-11; John 20:1-18

After Jesus died, some of His friends laid His body in a big tomb. They sealed it shut with a large round stone. Soldiers guarded the tomb.

Three days later, the earth shook. An angel of the Lord came down from heaven and pushed the stone away from the tomb. Then the angel sat on the stone. When the soldiers saw the angel, they fell to the ground.

Mary was walking to the tomb with some of her friends. They saw the angel, who said, "Do not be afraid. Jesus is not here. He has risen! Go and tell Peter and the other disciples that Jesus is alive!"

On their way, the women saw Jesus. They fell to their knees and worshiped Him. Jesus smiled and said, "Go tell the others that I will see them in Galilee." So Mary ran to tell the disciples.





PRESCHOOL



WELCOME

Prepare tables with the opening activities. Greet kids by name as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families.

TABLE #1 - Coloring sheet with review, TABLE #2 - Ressurection Lamb Floor - cars, trains, tracks and roads



INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Musical Celebration - Hand interested preschoolers a rhythm instrument and practice different rhythmic patterns. You may want to sing simple songs like "Jesus Loves Me" or "Ho-Ho-Ho-Hosanna!" You can also use songs from the jump drive in the Easter folder.

Today we celebrate a very important event for those who believe in Jesus. Do you know what happened thousands of years ago? [allow for response] Jesus rose from the dead! Our story helps us learn more about who told Mary and her friends Jesus is alive.



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Options: 1) Read the story from the Beginner's Bible story book, page 453; or 2) Play the story video on the TV

WHY SHOULD WE PRAISE JESUS?
We should praise Jesus for all He has done for us.



SONG

Lead preschoolers in singing one or more songs found in the March 2025 file.



PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Practice the key verse with preschoolers by adding hand motions. For example, raise hands high when you say "Hosanna"; or wave arms in a large arc above your head for "blessed." Try grouping preshoolers in a circle and have each one say one word of the verse as you move around the circle.

John 12:12
Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord!



LAMB OF GOD

- Hand interested preschoolers a preprinted lamb coloring sheet.
- Create 'fur' with the cotton ball and glue onto the lamb. Then allow preschoolers to color the paper. Stick glue doesn't stick well to the waxy crayon.
- Add the preschooler's name to the sheet.
- The Bible refers to Jesus as the "Lamb of God." When John the Baptist saw Jesus coming to be baptized, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." When we choose to follow Jesus and ask forgiveness for the wrong things we have done, Jesus forgives us and helps us learn to do good things.

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STAINED GLASS CROSS

- Allow interested preschoolers to create a stained glass cross! Set out the containers with tissue paper on the tables. Allow preschoolers to choose a cross.
- Demonstrate how to place pieces of tissue paper onto the sticky side of the prepared cross shapes. Be sure to use only one layer of tissue paper.
- When preschoolers are finished, have an assistant trim any excess tissue paper.
- Label with the preschooler's name.



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.

Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.