



JESUS IS RISEN!



Matthew 28:1-10; 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! God 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.



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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 - Kinetic sand and play doh mats
Floor - cars, trains, tracks and roads



INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Have preschoolers tidy up the room and meet in the story time area. GARDEN TREASURE HUNT --- Create a simple treasure hunt in the room by placing the provided items related to the story of Easter. Give the children clues to find each item and discuss its significance to the story as they find them. **Each of these items help us remember a part of the story we will hear today. Let's see if you can hear them mentioned during the story time.**



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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

Jesus came to save us because He loves us.



SONG

Lead preschoolers in singing one or more songs found in the April 2026 file.



PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Assist preschoolers with learning the key passage.

Luke 19:10

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lost people and save them.**



ACTIVITIES

EASTER STORY WHEEL

- Encourage interested preschoolers to color the story wheel and help them assemble the pieces with the silver brad. Markers or crayons will work on the pictures.
- **What pictures do you see? Can you tell me what happened in each picture? You can share this story wheel with someone who may not have heard about what Jesus did for us. Jesus came to save us because He loves us.**

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KINETIC SAND MAT

- Allow interested preschoolers to create using the laminated Easter mats.
- **Jesus, God's Son, was born in Bethlehem. When He grew up, He began to tell people about God's kingdom. One day, Jesus rode on a donkey toward Jerusalem. People welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem as their King. They laid palm branches down as a sign of victory. Jesus died on a cross, but He didn't stay dead! Jesus came alive again! Jesus came to save us because He loves us.**



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.