

Easter



March 24th - 27th

OVERVIEW CARD

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Basic Truth:

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Bottom Line:

I can follow Jesus.

Memory Verse:

“Come, and follow me,” Jesus said.”
Matthew 4:19, NIV

Bible Words:

God sent Jesus to be my friend forever.
Matthew 26:20-30, 27:1-2, 28:1-7

Music:

God Made Me - #9 “Reach Up High” CD
Jesus Loves Everyone - #10 “Reach Up High” CD
Wiggle Your Fingers - #11 “Reach Up High” CD

Story Book:

The Beginner’s Bible
The True King
Pages 427 to 432

Coloring Page:

Jesus rises from the dead.

Service Time:

69 minutes

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ACTIVITY 1

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Story Time

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom. Some kids (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's OK. They're still listening and learning!

What You Need: Empty Easter Eggs in several colors and baskets

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Scatter the colored eggs all over the room and place the baskets in one location near the storyteller and have the storyteller stay by the baskets.

During the Activity: Have the children collect all the eggs and place them into the baskets. The storyteller should say, "You Came Back" each time the children come and put an egg in the basket. Repeat as long as children are interested.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hello, boys and girls! I'm so excited today we are celebrating Easter! I love Easter and I love Easter Egg Hunts! Do you like Easter Egg Hunts? (Pause.) You do – GREAT, let's have one right now! (Set out eggs and baskets.) I need you to help me pick up all these Easter eggs and put them in the baskets. Are you ready? (Pause) Go! You came back! Good Job! Keep going until all the eggs have been found! You came back! Good Job! Keep going until all the eggs have been found!" (Repeating the phrase, "You came back," every time a child drops an egg in the basket.)

After the Activity: "You did a great job picking up all those eggs. Each time you had a leave the baskets and come back with more eggs. We learned today about when Jesus had to leave but He came back too! In our lesson, Jesus told everyone that He had to go away but that He would come back. Jesus was gone for three days. Count them with me. One, two, three. And then He came back. Jesus went away and came back just like He said He would!"

"Jesus made a promise to His friends that He would come back and He did! He wants to be our friend forever and He wants us to follow Him. **Who can you follow? (Pause.) I can follow Jesus.**"

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