

# CITY SG – March 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> (Easter Celebration!)

**Bible Story:** Son of God Is Not Dead (Resurrection; Easter) • *John 20:1-18*

**Bottom Line:** Whatever happens, remember God loves you.

**Memory Verse:** “In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world.” *John 16:33b, NIV*

**Life App:** Hope—believing that something good can come out of something bad.

**Basic Truth:** I can trust God no matter what.

## Cross Toss:

**What You Need:** Cross toss game shown below, Ping Pong ball, Cross Toss questions sheet, masking tape, individually wrapped starburst (one per child)

### **What You Do:**

- Mark a line for the kids to stand behind with the Cross Toss game across from them
- Have them line up behind the line and give the first student a ball
- Ask them a question from the list
- If they get the question right they throw the ball at the game
- If they get the ball in a colored cup, they earn a piece of candy
- Once all kids have gone, let the kids know that you want to show them grace like God shows us and give them ALL candy☺
- They can continue to try to play with the Cross Toss if they want



## Decorated Egg

**What You Need:** Large plastic eggs (one per child), permanent markers, decorating items: stickers, jewels, paper squares (one per child)

### **What You Say:**

“Today’s Bible story is my very favorite one in the whole Bible! Jesus wasn’t in that tomb. He was alive. He IS alive! We can have hope because something good came out of something really bad. God raised Jesus back to life to show us just how much He loves us. Jesus died for our sins—He took the

punishment for the things we do that are wrong—so that we could have a relationship with God forever. How amazing is that? That's why we can always have hope. Let's share that good news with someone else.

#### **What You Do:**

- Pass out an egg and a paper square to each child
- Lay out the decorating supplies and permanent markers
- Tell the kids to think of one person that they want to share the hope of Jesus' resurrection with
- Have them write the words, "He is not here. He is risen" on their paper square (You will need to write it out for the younger kids to copy)
- Instruct them to put the paper in their egg and decorate the outside of their egg with the markers and decorating supplies
- Encourage them to give the egg to someone as a gift so you can share the hope of Jesus with them!

### **Bunny Hop**

**What You Need:** Easter potato sacks (2 per group)

#### **What You Do:**

- Choose a starting and ending line and mark with tape
- Divide the kids into two lines and place them at the starting line with a sack
- Have an Easter potato sack race

### **Carrot Toss**

**What you will need:** 2 bunches of real Carrots with stems per bin, 2 jump ropes, Tape

**What you do:** Divide the kids into two teams and line them up. Mark a starting point with tape for each team and place the 2 jump ropes in the shape of a circle a distance of your choice away. Have the first two people for each team toss their carrot trying to get in the middle of their circle. If they miss, they sit out and the next team member has to take two steps back further before they throw. Continue until everyone has had a turn or one team is totally out. Play it several times having the kids start further away. Change it up and have the kids throw the carrot facing backwards or between their legs. The more silly the more fun!

### **Pray**

#### **What You Say:**

"Heavenly Father, thank You for Easter! Thank You for raising Jesus from the dead so that we can have a relationship with You forever. What a powerful, amazing God You are. We know that whatever happens, we can remember You LOVE us. And we love You. In Jesus' mighty name we pray, amen."

Encourage the kids to talk to their parents about Easter and how we can have hope because of what Jesus did for us.