

April Weeks 1 and 2



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# OVERVIEW CARD

## EASTER STORY

**Basic Truth:**

**Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**

**Bottom Line:**

**Jesus is there best.**

**Bible Words:**

**"God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son."**  
John 3:16, GNT  
Easter  
Matthew 26:20-30; 27:45-50; 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**

**Coloring Page:**

**Jesus**

**Bible Lesson:**

**God's Story for Me Bible**  
**Jesus' Last Supper and Jesus in Gethsemane**  
**Pages 419 to 424**

**Story:**

**What is Easter**  
**By Michelle Medlock Adams**

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# ACTIVITY 1 – Ones EASTER STORY

### Story Time

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

**What You Need:** Preschool Bible – God's Story for Me, "Bible Story Pictures" copied on white cardstock

**STORYTELLER:** "Hey, friends! I am so excited to see you today, because I have the most amazing TRUE story to tell you from the Bible. (*Hold up Bible.*) In fact, today's true story is the greatest story ever!"

"Jesus and His friends were eating a special supper together. (*Show picture of the Last Supper.*) They were so happy to be together. Can you show me your happy face? (*Pause.*) Excellent. But then Jesus stood up and said one day soon He was going away. This made His friends so sad. (*Show the sad face.*) Can you show me your sad face? (*Pause.*) They were going to miss their friend, but Jesus promised that He was coming back.

"That night Jesus and His friends went to a garden to pray. Suddenly, some mean men came and took Jesus away. (*Show the picture of guards with Jesus.*) Those mean men took Jesus away and hurt Him so much that He died. Oh, no! Jesus went away!

"But remember what Jesus said? He said He would go away but then He would come back! Three days went by: one, two, three. Then an angel appeared and told Jesus' friend, Mary: 'Jesus is alive!' He came back just like He said He would! Jesus went away, and He came back! Jesus is alive! (*Show the picture of Jesus.*)

"Jesus is God's Son and He came back just like He said He would. **Who is the best? Jesus is the best. Who is the best?**"

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER:** "**Jesus is the best!**"

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