

EASTER



April 12th – 16th

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

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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 Rises from the Dead.

Bible Lesson:

God’s Story for Me Bible

Jesus’ Last Supper, Jesus in Gethsemane and

Jesus Dies and Lives Again

Pages 419 to 430

Story:

What is Easter

By Michelle Medlock Adams

Memory Verse –

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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, yellow paper plates, and marker

STORYTELLER: (*Draw happy faces on the yellow paper plates and distribute to kids.*) "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. They were so happy to be together. Can you show me your happy face? Hold up 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. Oh, no! Put down your happy faces. The friends are sad now. (*Pause.*) They were going to miss their friend, but Jesus promised that He was coming back. Yay! Jesus is coming back! Put up your happy face.

"That night, Jesus and His friends went to a garden to pray. Suddenly, some mean men came and took Jesus away. Those mean men took Jesus away and hurt Him so much that He died. Oh, no! Jesus went away! That is so sad. Put down your happy faces.

"But remember what Jesus said? He said He would go away but then He would come back! That's exciting. That makes me happy. Show me your happy faces. Three days went by. Count with me: 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! Yay! Wave your happy face in the air. Jesus is alive!

"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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