

CITY SG – March 23-24, 2024

Today's Bible Story: Alive (Easter) • Luke 24:1-12, 36-49

Today's Bottom Line: Jesus is alive.

Monthly Memory Verse: *God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life.* John 3:16 (NIRV)

Monthly Virtue: Easter—Celebrating that Jesus is alive

1. Easter Egg Verse Race

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Verse Easter eggs (2 sets, different colors per group), baskets (2 per group), verse on cardstock for younger groups (1 per group) and floor tape

What You Do:

- Use the Bible to read the Memory Verse out loud to the kids.
- Use the floor tape to create two start and finish lines in your small group area.
- Divide the kids into two teams.
- Instruct both teams to line up behind the starting line.
- Set out a basket filled with the verse eggs at each team's finish line.
- Direct the first kid on each team to get to go down to the end and grab an egg out of their team's basket and bring it back to their team.
- After one kid gets back, the next can run down to the end and grab an egg.
- Continue the relay until all eggs are collected. (Kids will get several turns.)
- The team that first puts together the Memory Verse in the correct order wins!

**Younger groups may need your help reading the words or use the verse on cardstock for help.*

Say, "Jesus died on the cross for our sins, but He didn't stay dead. **Jesus is alive!** That means that everything God says is true and that we can have a relationship with God that will last forever!"

2. Easter Bingo!

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Bingo cards (10 per group), Bingo calling cards, bingo chips (container per group), Easter prizes

What You Do:

- Pass out cards and beans.
- Remind Kids that next Sunday we are celebrating Easter!
- As you play, ask the kids what each symbol has to do with the Story of Easter when you call it.
- Play as many games as time allows.
- Let each winner choose a prize.
- Continue playing until you are out of time,
- After the game, give each child a prize.
- Say, "Easter is a day when we remember what Jesus did. Jesus died on the cross to make things right between us and God. Jesus was raised back to life, and we can trust that **Jesus is alive**—and that's a reason to celebrate!"

3. Pray

- “God, thank You so much for the gift of Your Son, Jesus. Thank You that we can have a relationship with You that will last forever because Jesus died and was raised back to life. Help us to remember Jesus can help us through the hard things. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, ask kids to share our bottom line for today, Jesus is alive!