

March Week 5
Garden
Go Team
EASTER

CRAFT WEEK 5

Jesus is Alive

SUPPLIES: Jesus is alive page, stone cut-outs, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out Jesus is Alive page and crayons.**

- *“This is a picture of Jesus. Can you put your finger on Jesus? There He is! Jesus is God’s Son, and He wants to be your friend forever. One day, something very sad happened to Jesus. People hurt Him so bad that He died. His friends put Jesus’ body in a tomb and rolled a big stone in front of it.”*

⇒ **Pass out stone cut-out and show children how to cover Jesus with the stone.**

- *“But then something wonderful happened! On the third day—count to three with me: one, two, three—JESUS CAME BACK! (Show them how to push the stone to the side.) There’s Jesus! Put your finger on Jesus and say, ‘Jesus is alive!’*
- *Let’s decorate these beautiful pictures!”*

⇒ **Complete activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus**

- *“On Easter we celebrate that Jesus is alive. Jesus went away but he came back! Jesus is alive and he wants to be your friend forever!*
- ***Who wants to be your friend forever?***
- ***Jesus wants to be my friend forever!”***

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ACTIVITY #1

Easter Egg Hunt

SUPPLIES: Laundry Basket, stress Easter eggs

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Scatter and hide the eggs throughout the room.**

⇒ **Gather the children around the basket.**

- *"We are going to have an Easter egg hunt! I need you to find all of the eggs around the room and bring them back to the basket as quickly as you can. Just remember to use safe feet and hands when you are searching. Are you ready? On your mark, get set, GO!"*

⇒ **Let the children find all the eggs and bring them back to the basket.**

- *"Great work! Friends, **Who wants to be your friend forever?**"*
- ***Jesus wants to be my friend forever!"***
- *I wonder if we can do it even faster this time. I am going to scatter the eggs and you are going to find them again!"*

⇒ **Repeat the activity until you have played it a total of 3 times and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *"Great job, everyone! That was so much fun! You worked together and gathered all the eggs! Did you notice how many times we played our game? That's right, we collected all the eggs 3 times. One, two, three! What does the number three have to do with our lesson today?"*
- *That's right, Jesus promised He would come back. And after **THREE** days, Jesus **DID** come back. Jesus kept His promise. He's **ALIVE!** God sent Jesus to be my friend and **YOUR** friend forever!*
- ***Who wants to be your friend forever?***
- ***Jesus wants to be my friend forever!"***

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ACTIVITY #2

Praise Party Freeze Dance

SUPPLIES: CD player, Worship CD, colorful scarves, instruments

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children space out around the room. Pass out instruments and/or colorful scarves.**

- *“Friends, today in our true Bible story we learned about how Jesus went away but he came back – just like he said he would! Jesus is alive and he wants to be your friend and my friend forever!*
- *When I think about how much Jesus loves me it makes me want to sing and dance and praise him! Let’s dance together! When I turn the music on, I want you to show me your best dance moves. When I pause it, FREEZE!”*

⇒ **Play music and let children dance. Pause and have them freeze.**

- *“Great moves everybody! It’s so fun to praise Jesus together!*
- ***Who wants to be your friend forever?***
- ***Jesus wants to be my friend forever!”***

⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**

⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *Nice work, my friends! We can always celebrate our good friend Jesus. Jesus came back!! Jesus is always with us! Jesus is alive!*
- ***Who wants to be your friend forever?***
- ***Jesus wants to be my friend forever!”***

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READ, ASK, PRACTICE, & PRAY EASTER

Here are some ideas to try in a group or one-on-one.

2-year-olds are all at different stages of development! Some are ready to answer big questions and say the memory verse, while others aren't ready to talk yet. Even if they aren't ready to answer, they are listening!

READ A BIBLE STORY or STORY BOOK

- ⇒ *The Beginner's Bible*
 - *Beginner's Bible p. 442-458: The Last Supper; Jesus is Arrested and Crucified; Jesus is Risen,*
- ⇒ *The First Easter*
- ⇒ *The Easter Story*
- ⇒ *This is Easter*
- ⇒ *Good News! It's Easter!*

ASK A QUESTION

Who wants to be your friend forever?
Jesus wants to be my friend forever!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"I have called you friends." John 15:15

SAY A PRAYER

Dear God,
Thank you for making me.
Thank you for loving me.
Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.
Amen.