

April EASTER
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Happy Day
April 17-20

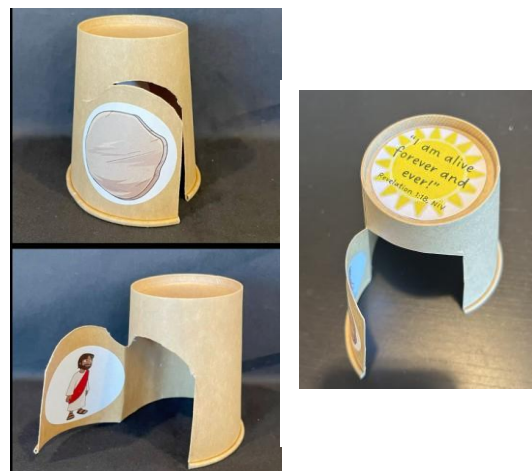
CRAFT EASTER

Jesus Is Alive

SUPPLIES: Paper cups (pre-cut), Jesus sticker, stone sticker, verse sticker

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Invite the children to sit at a table.**
 - *"Let's make something special to take home to help you remember that every day can be a happy day because **Jesus is alive!**"*
- ⇒ **Give each child a paper cup, a Jesus sticker, and a stone sticker. Invite them to stick the stone sticker to the outside of the cup flap and the Jesus sticker on the inside of the flap. (keep the memory verse sticker for the last step)**
 - *"In our Bible Story today, Jesus was having dinner with His friends, the disciples. Jesus told them He would have to go away, but He would come back. Some angry people hurt Jesus, and He died. It was very sad. Jesus' friends put His body in a tomb and rolled a big stone in front of it.*
 - *"Let's pretend this cup is where Jesus was buried. See where the cup is cut? Put this sticker right here. (Point.) Jesus' friends rolled a big stone in front of the tomb. Open the door and put this sticker of Jesus on the inside of the door right here. (Point.) Close the door, like this, (demonstrate) to show the stone One, two, three sad days went by. Then something amazing happened! The stone was rolled away! Open the door. (Pause.) Jesus came back! Just like He said He would! **Jesus is alive!** Close the door to roll the stone in front. (Pause.) One . . . two . . . three— open the door! **Jesus is alive!**" (Repeat as long as time and interest allow.)*
 - *Now let's add one more sticker to the **top** of the cup, It's our **memory verse!** "I am alive forever and ever!" Revelation 1:18*
- ⇒ **Bring it Back to the Bible Story and Bottom Line**
 - *"It was a very sad day when Jesus went away. But it was a VERY happy day when Jesus came back! Now every day can be a happy day because **Jesus is alive!**"*
 - *"Who is alive?"*
 - *"Jesus is alive!"*



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ACTIVITY #1

Easter Egg Hunt

SUPPLIES: 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 is alive?**"*
- ***Jesus is alive!"***
- *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 is alive?***
- ***Jesus is alive!"***

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ACTIVITY #2

Happy Dance

SUPPLIES: CD Player, EC Worship CD, scarves, instruments

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Gather children and invite them to take a scarf and/or an instrument.**
 - *“Come join me over here. We have something to celebrate today, Who is alive? Jesus is alive! We’re going to celebrate by having a dance party. I have some fun scarves you can dance with or instruments you can play. Everybody grab something and get ready to dance!”*

- ⇒ **Play music and dance with the children. Periodically pause and review the Bottom Line. Repeat as interest allows.**
 - *“Okay friends, when I start the music, I want everyone to dance, dance, dance! We’re going to dance because **Jesus is alive!** Ready? One . . . two . . . three . . . dance with me! (Pause.) Amazing! That was so fun getting to dance together and celebrate **Jesus is alive!**”*

- ⇒ **Collect items and bring it back to the Bottom Line**
 - “Every day can be a happy day because we know that **Jesus is alive!**
 - **Who is alive?**
 - **Jesus is alive!”**

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**READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY
APRIL 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 STORY –

- *The Easter Story*

ASK A QUESTION

Who is alive?

Jesus is alive!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"I am alive for ever and ever." Revelation 1:18

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.