

CITY SG – March 28th- 29th, 2026

Bible Story: Easter (Crucified and Risen) • *John 18–20:23*

Bottom Line: You can have joy because Jesus is alive.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!* • Philippians 4:4 NIV

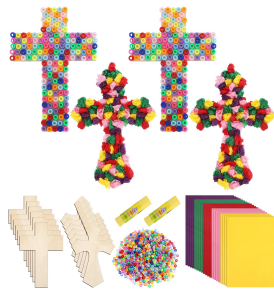
PRE- SERVICE ACTIVITY

What You Need: Easter activity page

What You Do:

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high-five, smile, or wave as they arrive!
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Give each kid an Easter activity page.
- Talk to the kids about their week as they work on the page.

SMALL GROUP TIME



1. Easter Craft

Application Activity

What You Need: Cross Craft (one per kid)

What You Do:

- Give each kid a cross craft.
- Set the beads and tissue paper in the middle.
- Explain that they can choose to decorate their cross with tissue paper OR beads.
- Show the kids how to peel the sticky back off of their cross.
- They can then tear off pieces of tissue paper, scrunch them up and add them to cover the sticky side, or add beads to the sticky side
 - **there are glue sticks that can be used if they need them.*
- Say: “God sent us His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins, but He didn’t stay dead.”
- Say: “On the third day, Jesus came back to life!”
- Invite the kids to hang this cross at home to remind them that God sent Jesus to rescue us!

2. Easter Bingo!

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Bingo cards, Bingo calling cards (cut apart in baggie), bingo chips, Easter prizes

What You Do:

- Pass out cards and bingo chips.
- 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.
- Let each winner choose a prize.
- Play until the 5-minute warning.
- After the game, give each child who did not win a prize.
- Say, "Because Jesus is alive, we can have hope, no matter what we face. Hope is all about believing something good can come out of something bad. The truth is that following Jesus doesn't mean that hard things will just go away. But remember, Jesus will be right there with you. And His Holy Spirit lives inside of you. Friends, when you're having a hard time, you can hold on to the best news ever: **you can have joy because Jesus is alive!**"

AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL:

PRAY

- Ask, "Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? (*Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises*)"
- "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus. Thank You that He died for our sins so we can be Your friends, and thank You that He rose to life again. Help us grow closer to You every day. We are so excited to be friends with You forever! We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."
- Remind the kids that when they leave, their parents should get a text message on their phones telling them what we learned this week. AND they will get a link to an activity they can do at home and bring back to the City for a PRIZE!
- **PARENT PICK UP POINT:** As adults arrive, ask the kids to tell them how God made a plan to rescue us