

April Week 1

Hip Hip Hooray

April EASTER

Large Group Prompts

Countdown/Worship Song #1: Friend Forever

Key Question/Bottom Line: Teach this for the first time!

Who wants to be your friend forever?

Jesus wants to be my friend forever!

Monthly Bible Verse: Teach this for the first time!

"I have called you friend!" Luke 5:26

Bible Story Intro:

Friends, I'm so excited to see you and to get to celebrate with you! Who knows what we are celebrating today? (Pause.) That's right! Easter! At Easter we celebrate because Jesus loves us so much that he did something amazing that nobody else could do so that he could be our friend forever! In our true Bible Story today, something really, really sad is going to happen, but It's not the end of the story! After something sad happens, we're going to hear about the really, really amazing thing that Jesus did because he loves us! Let's watch Ollie to hear the story!

Ollie Video: Easter

Bible Story Recap

How amazing is it that Jesus is alive again?! Jesus wants to be our friend forever, but we had a problem and we needed to be rescued. Does anyone remember what that problem is called? (Pause.) It's called sin. It's all the bad things we've done and Jesus came to rescue us and forgive us for all our sin. So Jesus knew that he had to die, and that was really sad, but was that the end of the story? (Pause.) No! Because 3 days later, Jesus was alive again! That's amazing! And now we have Jesus to be our friend forever.

*Friends, let me ask you that important question one more time – **Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever!** Let's say it again! **Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever!***

Sample Prayer:

"Dear God,

Thank you for sending Jesus to rescue us and be our friend forever.

Thank you that Jesus is so powerful and he can do amazing things.

We love you, God. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Worship Song #2: Jesus is Alive!

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MEMORY VERSE MOTIONS

HIP HIP HOORAY



"I



have called you



friends."



John 15:15 NLT

