

Easter Sunday (Preschool Bible Lesson)

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This printable lesson plan is designed to teach preschool aged children about the story of Easter. It could be used in any setting with children age 2-5 at church, including a preschool Sunday School class or a preschool children's church class. As always, consider your own ministry context and modify it as needed.

Bible Story: The Story of Easter Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 28

Target Age Group: 2 – 5 year olds

Learning Context: Children's Church, Preschool Sunday

School

Target Time Frame: 30 minutes

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Learning Objectives: After this lesson, the children will demonstrate an understanding of the story by remembering the main parts of the story.

Items Needed:

- Playdough, blocks
- Resurrection Eggs, [Resurrection Eggs Story Booklet](#) (PDF download)
- 1 paper plate per child, black crayons, brown crayons, 1 [picture of an angel per child](#), 1/2 sheet brown construction paper per child, stapler, scissors, glue, masking tape, marker
- 1 [Easter Bingo Card](#) per child, jelly beans (or something to mark the boards with), basket

Worship: You can print off these "[Easter Songs](#)" to use to lead the children to sing before the Bible lesson.

Teaching Plan: Easter Sunday

Welcome Activity: Welcome activities are things to have out for the children to do as they are arriving for class. These activities will get them engaged as soon as they arrive and will help the transition from their parents.

Have playdough and blocks available for the children to build a "tomb" with. Have the

children build a “tomb” (maybe something that looks like a bridge) with blocks and then roll up a “stone” of playdough. The children can pretend to roll the stone away from the tomb.

Worship: Easter Songs

Bible Lesson Introduction

Have the children talk about what they do for Easter Sunday. Ask them if they know what Easter is really about.

Bible Lesson

“We will be doing the Bible story a little different today. We are going to be using Resurrection Eggs and you are all going to help me tell the story of Easter.”

Give each child a resurrection egg. Make sure that they keep it closed until it is their turn. If you have more than 12 children, either partner them up or get another package of resurrection eggs.

Read through the Resurrection Eggs Story Book with the children. As you get to each page, have the child holding the corresponding egg open it up and show the class what’s inside.

Bible Lesson Craft / Activity

Activity: The Angel Rolled Away the Stone

Have the paper plates cut before class.

- Cut the paper plates in half
- Cut a “doorway” out of one half of all of the plates
- Have the children color the half of the paper plate with the “doorway” brown
- Have the children color the other half of the paper plate black
- As the children are coloring, walk around and make sure that each child’s name gets written on both pieces of their tomb
- Staple the two pieces together making sure that the black can be seen through the “doorway”
- Have the children glue the angel inside of the door
- Have the children crumple up the brown construction paper
- Tape the construction paper “stone” to the outside of the tomb
- As the children are finishing their project, talk with them about what they are making and about the story they just learned about Easter

Activity: Bible Verse Memorization

“He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.” Matthew 28:6

He: point to heaven

Is not here: shake head “No”

He: point to heaven

Has risen: raise hands and arms up to heaven

Just as He said: shake head “Yes”

Matthew 28: hold up ten fingers 2x and then 8 fingers

6: hold up 6 fingers

Do this a few times with the children. Make it fun for them to do the motions and say the

words. Involving them in active learning is essential for memorization at this age.

Activity: Easter Bingo

Give each child an Easter Bingo Board and some jelly beans.

Cut up one bingo card for you to use as pieces to call from.

Put the Easter Bingo Cards in the basket.

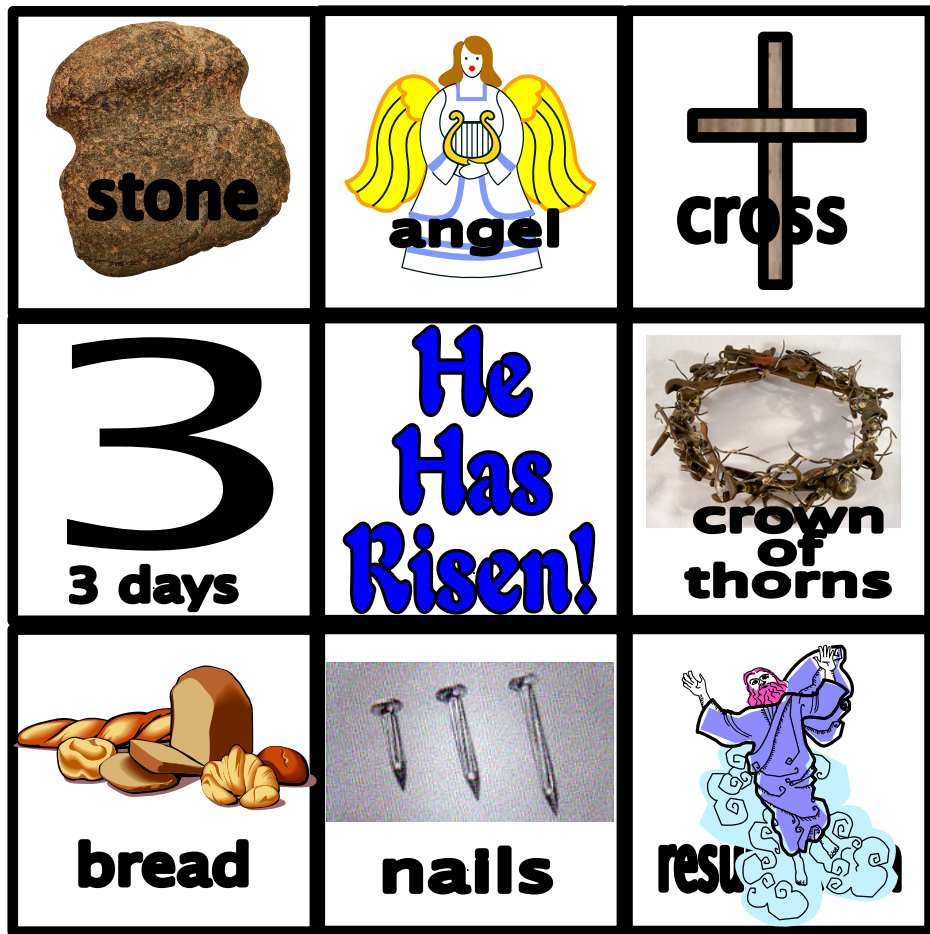
The “He Has Risen!” spot is a free spot for all of the children.

Choose 1 Easter Bingo Card, say what it is and show the picture

- Have the children find it on their cards
- As they are finding the item – talk about what the item is and what it has to do with Easter
 - Stone – there was a stone blocking the door of Jesus’ tomb
 - Angel – the angel rolled the stone away
 - Cross – Jesus died on the cross for us
 - 3 days – Jesus rose again after 3 days
 - Crown of thorns – Jesus wore a crown of thorns on His head
 - Bread – Jesus had the Last Supper with His disciples
 - Nails – they nailed Jesus to the cross
 - Resurrection – He lives in heaven!

All of their cards are the same...so they will all win at the same time!

Evaluation: Have the children remember the main parts of the story.



Easter Songs

Easter Time

Sung to Jingle Bells

Easter time, Easter time,
We have so much to do.
Time for bunnies, time for eggs,
But time for Jesus too.

Oh, Easter time, Easter time,
Jesus showed His love,
He died for us and rose again.
He's with the Lord above.

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
they are weak but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus Taught Us How to Pray

To the tune of "Jesus Loves Me."

Jesus taught us how to pray, to God our Father everyday;
Morning, noon, and night-time, too, we can pray and so can you.
Yes, we can pray! Yes, we can pray!
Yes, we can pray; to God through-out the day.

Here Comes Jesus

(sung to "Three Blind Mice")

Here comes Jesus, Here comes Jesus
Let's Praise Him, Let's Praise Him
Wave our branches and sing
Hosanna to the king
Let's praise Jesus, Let's Praise Jesus

Hosanna!

Ho, Ho, Ho, Ho, Sa-a-nna
Ha, Ha, Ha, lle-lu-uiah
He, He, He, He, Sa-aved Me
I've got the joy of the Lord!

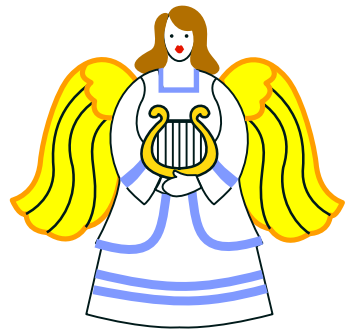
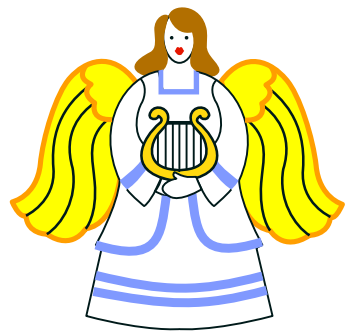
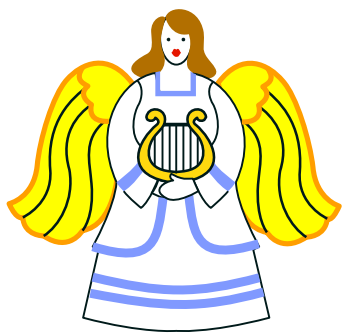
God's Gifts

To the tune of "Mary had a Little Lamb".

God the Father gave a gift;
Gave a gift, gave a gift;
Jesus, God's Son, is the gift;
The bible tells me so.

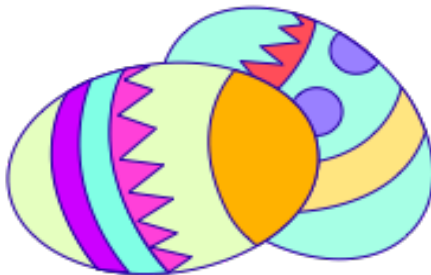
Mother, Father, family, Friends
Who care lovingly;
They are gifts God gave to me;
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus gave His life for me;
On the cross willingly;
So my Savior He could be;
The Bible tells me so.





Resurrection Eggs



donkey



They brought the donkey and the colt. They placed their coats on them. Then Jesus sat on the coats. A very large crowd spread their coats on the road. Others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.
Matthew 21:7-8

Egg #1

silver coins



One of the Twelve went to the chief priests. His name was Judas Iscariot. He asked, "What will you give me if I hand Jesus over to you?" So they counted out 30 silver coins for him. From then on, Judas watched for the right time to hand Jesus over to them.

Matthew 26:14-16

Egg #2

passover cup



When evening came, Jesus was at the table with the Twelve. Then he took the cup. He gave thanks and handed it to them. He said, "All of you drink from it. This is my blood of the new covenant. It is poured out to forgive the sins of many.

Matthew 26:20, 27-28

Egg #3

praying hands



Jesus and his disciples went to a place called Gethsemane. Jesus said to them, "Sit here while I pray." He went a little farther. Then he fell to the ground. He prayed that, if possible, the hour might pass by him. ["Abba]," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup of suffering away from me. But let what you want be done, not what I want." Abba means Father.

Mark 14:32, 35-36

Egg #4

leather whip



"Then what should I do with the one you call the king of the Jews?" Pilate asked them. "Crucify him!" the crowd shouted. "Why? What wrong has he done?" asked Pilate. But they shouted even louder, "Crucify him!" Pilate wanted to satisfy the crowd. So he let Barabbas go free. He ordered that Jesus be whipped. Then he handed him over to be nailed to a cross.

Mark 15:12-15

Egg #5

crown of thorns



29 Then they twisted thorns together to make a crown. They placed it on his head. They put a stick in his right hand. Then they fell on their knees in front of him and made fun of him. "We honor you, king of the Jews!" they said.
Matthew 27:29

Egg #6

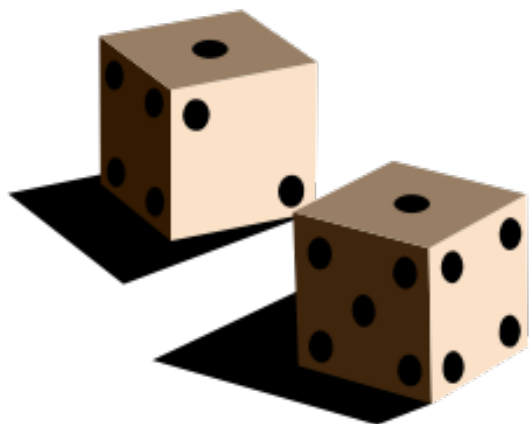
nails in the cross



Finally, Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be nailed to a cross.
Jesus Is Nailed to a Cross
So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. He had to carry his own cross. He went out to a place called The Skull. In the Aramaic language it was called Golgotha. There they nailed Jesus to the cross.
John 19:16-18a

Egg #7

dice for gambling



When they had nailed him to the cross, they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

Matthew 27:35

Egg #8

soldier's spear



But when they came to Jesus, they saw that he was already dead. So they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers stuck his spear into Jesus' side. Right away, blood and water flowed out.

John 19:33-34

Egg #9

linen wrapping



Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth. He placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock.

Matthew 27:59-60a

Egg #10

stone



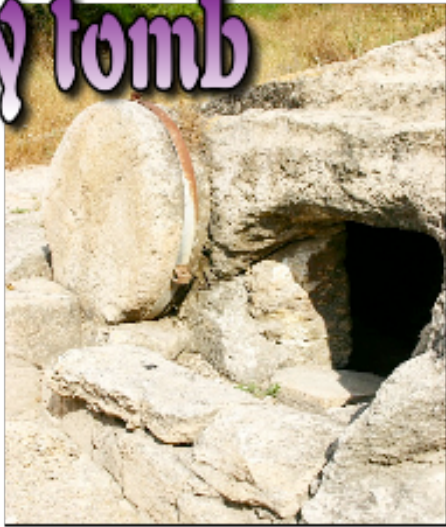
The Sabbath day was now over. It was dawn on the first day of the week. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a powerful earthquake. An angel of the Lord came down from heaven. The angel went to the tomb. He rolled back the stone and sat on it.

Matthew 28:1-2

Egg #11

empty tomb



The angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here! He has risen, just as he said he would! Come and see the place where he was lying. Go quickly! Tell his disciples, 'He has risen from the dead. He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." So the women hurried away from the tomb. They were afraid, but they were filled with joy. They ran to tell the disciples.

Matthew 28:5-8

Egg #12