

When finished with activities, return all necessary items to bag and place in the hallway for pick-up.

Program A-2

Easter-New Life

Matt. 28:1-10, Mark 16:1-11, Luke 24:1-12, John 20:1-18

Easter Series: Lesson #3

Bible Verse: Jesus is alive. Matthew 28:7

Past Verses: The children shouted "Hosanna!" Matt. 21:15

Jesus blessed the children. Mark 10:16

Bible Story for children:

Focus on: Jesus is alive. He is no longer dead.

Prop ideas: Dead plant/live plant of same type

Empty box or container (To symbolize the tomb)

Seeds and flowers (New life from old)

Old clothes/new clothes (Why do we get new clothes at Easter?)

SAMPLE STORY

Jesus had died. His disciples, friends and family were very sad. They missed him. They had loved him very much. He was laid in a tomb. (That is the kind of grave they used at that time in the land of Israel).

A few days after he had died, three women went to the tomb. Mary Magdalene, the other Mary and Salome went to visit his grave. There had been a HUGE stone rolled in from of the tomb to close it. When the women got there, the stone had been rolled away. When they looked into the tomb, Jesus was not there! They saw a young man dressed in a white robe, an angel. They were afraid! But the angel said, "Do not be afraid. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth. He is not here. He is alive. He is risen, just as he had said."

As the women ran to tell the disciples what they had seen, Jesus appeared to them. They were so very happy and full of joy to know that Jesus is alive. Jesus is still alive today. He does not walk here on earth, but he is walks in heaven and is alive on earth living in our hearts.

FYI

First Session Classes will be:

Coloring/Making Puzzles

Playing "Hide the Shoe"

Eating a Fruit Snack

MAKE BUTTERFLIES

- Materials:** Butterfly coloring pages
Straws
Bible verse sticker
Crayons/markers (in room)
Scissors (in room)
Tape (in room)
- Do:** Lay out the Butterfly coloring pages and crayons/markers for the children. After they finish coloring, help them cut out their butterfly. Tape a straw to the center of the butterfly (underside). Cover with bible verse sticker.
- Talk about:** Butterflies start out their lives as caterpillars. They get a brand new beautiful life as butterflies when they are transformed in the cocoon. Jesus can give us beautiful new lives, too!

EXTRA: For the adventurous teacher, use paint either on the Butterfly coloring page, or plain paper. (Remember to use smocks).

If using the coloring page:

Use watercolor paints

After drying, cut out butterfly and follow instructions above.

If using plain paper:

Use tempera paints (in 1st floor kitchen)

Fold paper in half, open again

Help children drop paint on one side. Use sparingly!

(A line in the center for the body, a large drop at the top for part of the wing and another drop at the bottom for the rest of the wing).

Fold paper together to form a symmetrical picture.

After drying, cut out butterfly and follow instructions above.

RESURRECTION STORY BOOKLET

- Materials:** Resurrection Story Sheets (2 pages)
Scissors (In room)
Stapler (In room)
Crayons/markers (In room)
- Do:** Give each child one set of story sheets. He can color before or after cutting apart.

After cutting apart, assemble in order. (All pages but the title page have a number).
Staple together.

Talk About: Read the booklet or tell in your own words; or, read the story from the Bible. Ask the children to retell the story in their own words as they follow the pictures.

PUZZLE PLAY

Materials: 4 OR 5 PUZZLES (In room)

Do: Lay puzzles out on table. Help children put together as needed. Do not place too many puzzles out at once. A good rule to follow is the age of the children plus one. (i.e. 4-year-olds have 5 puzzles)

Talk about: Let the children talk to you about the puzzle they are working on. Depending on the puzzles you have, relate them to a spiritual truth on a child's level.

What kinds of pictures are in the puzzles?

People: God made us and loves us. Jesus can give us new life.

Nature: God created a beautiful world. Spring flowers remind us of the new life we can have with Jesus.

Toys/cars/ buildings: Things get old and break down. We have to *fix* them or buy a new one. Jesus doesn't just *fix* us, he gives us a new life!

OLD, OLD, NEW

Materials: None

Do: This is the same as Duck, duck, goose. (If they cannot grasp changing the names, go back to duck, duck, goose).

Tip: To keep the game from dragging, tell the children that they must pick someone before they go around the circle one time. Otherwise, some will circle for what seems like forever.

Talk about: We celebrate Easter Jesus gives us new life. He makes old things new.

TEACHER EXTRAS

GAMES:

To fill in between activities (or occupy those waiting their turn) try one or more of these:

Ring-around-the Rosy

Farmer-in-the-Dell

London Bridge

Hokey Pokey

Simon Says

Musical Chairs (The one who is *out*, gets to stop the music for the next round. Do not remove a chair, but let the *music-stopper* go back into the game. This way, there is no winner or losers).

Animal Parade – march around as different animals

STORY:

Many children love to hear a story. Gather them around to read a book, or tell a story from memory and add lots of funny voices/sounds.