



TEACHING GUIDE - PRESCHOOL & VSN

Monthly Theme: Galactic Glow - Shining the Light of Jesus

“The Light shines in the darkness. And the darkness has not overpowered the Light” - John 1:5

LESSON - THE EASTER STORY

Items Needed: Jesus plush.

Note: Hold onto the Jesus plush as you tell the Easter story.

Good morning! Today, we're going to hear a very special story about Easter. A story that shows us how Jesus made everything bright again. Are you ready? Let's begin!

Display Slide 3-1: This was the very last meal Jesus had with his disciples. He wanted to tell them some really important news. Jesus knew something big was going to happen. He told them that He had to go away but that He would be back. He wanted His friends to know that He would always be with them.

DO IT: Let's pretend to share a yummy piece of bread with our friends. Can you pretend to break a piece of bread and share it with someone next to you? Great sharing!

Display Slide 3-2: After that special meal with His disciples, Jesus went to a garden. He spent time praying to God in that garden.

DO IT: Let's put our hands together to pray. Good job!

Display Slide 3-3: While he was praying, some angry soldiers came and took him away. Oh no!

Display Slide 3-4: Bad people hurt Jesus. He died on the cross so our sins can be forgiven. Oh no. All of Jesus' friends and family were really sad.

Display Slide 3-5: Afterwards, Jesus' friends wrapped His body in special clothes and put Him in a tomb. The tomb was a room inside a big rock, kind of like a cave. Then, a large stone was placed in front of the tomb. Three days later, something big happened.

DO IT: Can you count to three with me? One, two, three!

Display Slide 3-6: On the third day, Jesus was alive! Jesus' friends came to the tomb, and the stone was rolled away. The tomb was empty, and Jesus was not there! Jesus came back just like He said He would! Woo! Jesus is alive!

DO IT: Jesus's friends were very surprised to see that Jesus was no longer there. Let's make a surprised face. Good job!

SAY IT: Can you say this with me? Jesus is alive!

DO IT: Let's pass around the Jesus plush toy to everyone. Give Jesus a big hug and say, "Jesus is alive!"

PRAYER: Dear Jesus, We thank you for loving us so much that you died for us to forgive our sins. We thank you for rising from the dead so that we can have hope and a future. Help us to remember that You are always with us, guiding us with Your love. In Jesus Name, Amen

LESSON QUESTIONS - 10 MINS

2 & 3YR OLDS

Question 1: Did Jesus have a special meal with His friends before He went away? **(Yes)**

Question 2: After the meal, did Jesus go to a garden to pray? **(Yes)**

Question 3: Did Jesus die on the cross so our sins can be forgiven? **(Yes)**

Question 4: Did Jesus' friends find Him in the tomb? **(No)**

4YRS - 1ST GRADE

Question 1: What happened while Jesus was praying in the garden? **(Soldiers came and took Jesus away.)**

Question 2: Were people being nice or mean to Jesus? **(Mean.)**

Question 3: After Jesus passed away, where was His body put? **(Jesus was placed in a tomb.)**

Question 4: How many days did Jesus stay inside the tomb? **(Three days.)**

Question 5: Did Jesus stay inside the tomb? **(No! Jesus rose again. Jesus is alive!)**



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ACTIVITY 1: EGG HUNT

Items Needed: plastic eggs (optional: treats can be added to the eggs), colorful buckets.

Connection: Today, we learned that after Jesus passed away, His body was placed in a tomb, and then a big stone was rolled in front of it. When Jesus' friends came three days later, the stone was rolled away, and the tomb was empty! Whoa! Jesus Is Out of This World! We're going to play a game with some eggs today. They're empty, just like the tomb was!

Step 1: Gather the children on one side of the room and place the buckets on the opposite side or on the tables.

Step 2: Sprinkle the eggs around the room, or if you have time and space, hide them.

Step 3: On “Go!”, let the children gather eggs and take them to the appropriate matching bucket. Note: If you have a large class, you may need to split the class into groups and have some children wait patiently for their turn or play Simon Says at the tables with them.

ACTIVITY 2: EGG RACE

Items Needed: Plastic eggs, spoons, and buckets.

Connection: Today, we learned that after three days inside the tomb, Jesus rose again! Jesus is Out of This World Amazing! The tomb is empty! Just like our eggs today. Let's play a fun game together!

Step 1: Divide the children into two lines on one side of the room. On the opposite side of the room are two buckets.

Step 2: Two at a time, help the children place an egg on their spoon and instruct them to walk it over and drop the egg into the bucket.

Step 3: Once it's in the bucket, they need to hurry back so the next person on their team can go.

Note: You may also place the egg on the floor and instruct the kids to use the spoon to roll the egg to the other side, just like the stone was rolled away from the tomb!

ACTIVITY 3: BUBBLE PARTY

Items Needed: Bubbles and music!

We've got some extra time today, so let's spend it worshipping and dancing with bubbles!

CRAFT OR COLORING SHEET (USE 1 OR 2 OPTIONS DEPENDING ON CLASS AGE & TIME)

JESUS IS ALIVE!

Connection: This weekend is a very special weekend! It's Easter weekend! We're going to make a special craft this weekend that can help us remember what we learned! Jesus is alive! **(Two craft options. Please choose the one that works best for your campus)**

Step 1: Assign a teacher to each table to assist with the crafts for this special weekend.

Step 2: Ensure that each teacher has a Sharpie to write the children's names on their craft

Step 3: Show the children the example craft and tell them we'll make one in class today to take home.

COLORING SHEET: JESUS IS ALIVE

Items Needed: Coloring sheet and crayons.

Step 1: Distribute the coloring sheets and allow time to color.

Jesus is Alive!

