



WEEK
TWO
APRIL 2023

SMALL GROUP
2s-3s

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus is alive!

EASTER

**MATTHEW 26:20-50;
27:1-2; 28:1-7 AND
JOHN 13:33; 14:1-3, 28**

MEMORY VERSE

"I am alive for ever and ever!"

REVELATION 1:18, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who is alive?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is alive.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be
my friend forever.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive.

One, Two, Three Bubbles
Happy Face Searching

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"He Is Alive"
Bible Story
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.

Forever and Ever
Three Times Movement
Easter Surprise

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home
Parent Cue Card (*print or email*)
Parent Cue App



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MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts



ONE, TWO, THREE BUBBLES

WHAT YOU NEED: Bubble solution and a large bubble wand or machine

Note: We recommend using a hand-operated wand or bubble machine to help prevent the spreading of airborne illnesses.

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WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Have the children stand in front of you. Tell the children that they will play with bubbles today.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Explain that we have to wait for the count of three. Encourage the children to count to three with you with words and fingers. Blow the bubbles and encourage the children to pop them. Repeat as desired.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how we'll hear a story about waiting three days for something amazing to happen.

MEMORY VERSE

"I am alive for ever and ever!"

REVELATION 1:18, NIV

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come stand with me. We're going to play with bubbles. Hooray!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Before I blow the bubbles, we'll count to three. Count with me! One (*Hold up one finger.*), two (*Hold up two fingers.*), three. (*Hold up three fingers.*) Ready? (*Blow bubbles.*) There they are! Pop the bubbles! (*Pause.*) Fantastic! Let's do it again! Get ready to count! (*Repeat as desired.*) Great job, friends! It was hard to wait to pop the bubbles, but we did it! Sometimes, we must wait for the best things to happen."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Today in our Bible story, we'll hear about something AMAZING that happened after waiting for one (*Hold up one finger.*), two (*Hold up two fingers.*), three (*Hold up three fingers.*) days! Let's get ready to hear our Bible story to find out what it was!"

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TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by walking then stopping and counting to three before walking again. Repeat several times as you move to the story area. Be sure to hold up your fingers as you count.

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MADE TO EXPLORE

an activity that channels a preschooler's innate curiosity into a discussion of the week's crucial concepts



HAPPY FACE SEARCHING

WHAT YOU NEED: Happy face balls, a large shallow bin, and paper shreds

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Place the happy face balls in the bottom of the bin and cover them with paper shreds.

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to search through the bin until they find a happy face ball. Have them keep searching until they find all three, then count them together. If time allows, hide them again for the children to find.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how we'll hear a story about something happy that happened after three days.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, gather around the table with me. We've got some exploring to do!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "There's something fun hidden in our bin. Let's take turns searching to see how many fun things we find. [Child's name], reach in and see if you can find one thing. (Pause.) What did you find? (Pause.) A ball with a happy face on it! Super! [Child's name], reach in and see if you can find something. (Pause.) You found a happy face ball, too! (Repeat until the third ball is found.) Look! We found (count on your fingers) one, two, three happy faces! Hooray!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible story today, something very happy happens after one (Hold up one finger.), two (Hold up two fingers.), three (Hold up three fingers.) days!"

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TRANSITION: Move to Bible story time by doing different motions three times: clap, give high fives, pat your legs, hop, tap your head, blink your eyes, etc.

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25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's
natural desire to move
to help them learn



FOREVER AND EVER

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Gather together in an open area
of the room.

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: Sing the song to the tune of "Here We Go Round
the Mulberry Bush." Say the memory verse together. Repeat as desired.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how Jesus is alive and wants to be our
friend forever.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, join me over here. We're going to learn a
new song today!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Listen, then sing with me. (to the tune of "Here We
Go Round the Mulberry Bush")

"Jesus is alive forever and ever
Forever and ever
Forever and ever.
Jesus is alive forever and ever
Forever and ever, Jesus is alive.

(Repeat as desired with the children.)

"That was fantastic, friends! That song is a lot like our memory verse. Let's say
our verse together while we do the motions. 'I am alive (point up) for ever and
ever,' (twirl around) Revelation 1:18. (Open hands like a book.) Super-duper!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, **Jesus is alive!** And Jesus wants to be your
friend forever! **Who is alive? Jesus is alive!**"

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THREE TIMES MOVEMENT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: Call out a movement and do it three times as you count to three out loud and with your fingers. Then count to three and say, **"Jesus is alive!"** Repeat as desired.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how Jesus went away and came back three days later. He went away and came back just like He said He would.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come stand with me. Spread out because we're going to move today!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Ready to move? Let's go! Jump three times. One. (Jump.) Two. (Jump.) Three. (Jump.) One (one finger up), two (two fingers up), three (three fingers up), **Jesus is alive!**

Clap three times. One. (Clap.) Two. (Clap.) Three. (Clap.) One (one finger up), two (two fingers up), three (three fingers up), **Jesus is alive!**

(Repeat with different movements.) Great moving today, friends!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible story, we heard that **Jesus is alive!** Jesus went away and came back one (One finger up.), two (Two fingers up.), three (Three fingers up.) days later. He went away and came back, just like He said He would. Count with me. One (one finger up), two (two fingers up), three (three fingers up), **Jesus is alive!** Let's do that again. One (one finger up), two (two fingers up), three (three fingers up), **Jesus is alive!** Great job! **Who is alive? Jesus is alive!"**

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