

Jesus Is Alive



Parents, below are a few activities you can try at home together to help reinforce and continue teaching on this week's Bible story.

Overview:

Big Idea: Jesus rose from the dead, so I can find a new life in Him

Bible Basis: Matthew 27:27-28:10

Key Verse: Ephesians 2:5 (NIRV)

Grade 1-2 Activity: *Praise Party*

Supplies: Plastic Easter eggs (1-2 per child), jellybeans/rice (enough to fill half the egg), tape

Directions: Give each child one or two plastic Easter eggs. Have them open their eggs and fill one half with jellybeans or rice. Place the Easter eggs back together and help the children put tape on the seam so they don't break open. Next, play the following Easter praise song from Yancy and have the children dance and shake their eggs to the song. While the children are dancing and shaking, periodically pause the music and shout "freeze!". Instruct the children to freeze in place and shout, "Jesus is alive!". Begin playing the music again and have the children resume their celebration. Continue until the song is over.

Say: In today's true Bible story, we learned that Jesus died on a cross, but then God raised Him from the dead. During Easter time, we celebrate the good news that Jesus is alive! We're going to make musical instruments and have our very own Easter celebration.

Yancy Praise Song Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7hAn3NbXCBU&list=PLadc9fo1pca92rCzCcpMHcVg0DjE6rZOg&index=3&t=0s>

Grade 3-4 Activity: *Flipping for Jesus*

Supplies: Fill a plastic water bottle about 1/3 full of water and put the cap on. Cut a piece of paper into 8 squares. Number them 1- 8.

Directions: Have your family sit in a circle. Spread the numbered cards in the middle of the circle. Choose someone to go first and give them the partially filled water bottle. Have them hold the bottle from its neck/cap area. With a little flick, have them flip the bottle into the middle of the circle towards the cards. The goal is to give the bottle enough arc so that it flips over one time and lands upright. Give everyone five attempts. When someone lands the bottle upright, determine which number the bottle is on or near. Read the question below that corresponds with that number and have everyone answer. After discussing, remove that number, pass the bottle to the next person and repeat. Continue until everyone has had a turn or all the questions have been asked.

Say: When God raised Jesus from the dead, it's like He raised us from the dead too. When you follow Jesus, it's like you begin to live a new life. We're going to do an activity right now that will help us think about what a new life with Jesus is like.

Questions:

1. When you have a new life with Jesus, you have the promise of eternal life in heaven after you die. What do you think heaven is going to be like?
2. When you have a new life with Jesus, you say "no" to sin. What sin is the hardest for you to say "no" to?
3. When you have a new life with Jesus, you put others before yourself. What are some ways that you can put other people first?
4. When you have a new life with Jesus, you spend time with God. What is your favorite way to spend time with God?
5. When you have a new life with Jesus, you use your words differently. How can you use your words to be more kind or encouraging?
6. When you have a new life with Jesus, you think differently about things. What kind of things should you stop thinking about or start thinking about?
7. When you have a new life with Jesus, you act differently. What things might you start or stop doing?
8. When you have a new life with Jesus, you forgive others in the same way that Jesus forgave you. Is there anyone that you need to forgive right now?