

April 5, 2026 Happy Easter! Week 1

Bible Story: Easter (Crucified and Risen) • *John 18–20:23*

Bottom Line: You can have joy because Jesus is alive.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!* • *Philippians 4:4 NIV*

Buckets of Questions

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Move

What You Need:

- Prepared buckets or plastic bins with the numbers 1–5 on them
- Soft balls or beanbags
- Floor tape

What You Do:

- Set up a line with floor tape on one side of the room.
- Place the prepared buckets in a line on the other side of the room, across from the tape line.
- Invite the kids to line up single file behind the tape line.
- Instruct the first kid to toss the ball or beanbag into a bucket.
- If they make it into bucket #1, ask question #1. If #2, ask question #2, etc.
- Questions:
 1. Who did God send to rescue us? (*Jesus*)
 2. Why were the disciples sad at first? (*because Jesus died*)
 3. What did Mary find at the tomb? (*It was empty./Angels!/Jesus!*)
 4. Why do we have joy today? (*Because Jesus is alive!*)
 5. Who can be friends with God forever? (*Everyone who believes in what Jesus did!*)
- Let the kids answer, then retrieve the ball or beanbag and give it to the next person.
- Make sure all five questions have been discussed before ending the game.

What You Say:

“Great job answering those questions! You know the true story of Easter so well. God had a plan all along to rescue us because He loves us so much. Jesus followed that plan perfectly. Jesus came to Earth, lived a perfect life, died on a cross for our sins, was buried in a tomb, and on the third day, Jesus rose again. Jesus is alive! Because Jesus paid for our sins, we can be friends with God! And since Jesus is alive forever, we will be His friends forever! **[Bottom Line] You can have joy because Jesus is alive.**”