

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.

Conversation Starter: How do you celebrate Easter?

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

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What You Need:

- Dissolving paper
- Washable markers
- Clear, plastic bowl
- Water
- Plastic tablecloth or tarp

What You Do:

- Give each kid a piece of dissolving paper and a washable marker.
- Instruct them to write a word or draw a picture that represents a sin that separates us from God. (Sin is anytime we choose to go our own way instead of God's.) (e.g., "Lying," "Selfishness," "Envy.")
- Direct them to fold the paper.
- Explain that Jesus' death on the cross paid the price for all of these things.
- One by one, encourage the kids to drop their paper into the water in the bowl. (*Stir gently with your finger if needed.*)
- Watch as the paper dissolves.

What You Say:

"Look at that. Your papers don't look like paper anymore and what you wrote went away. That's what Jesus did for us on the cross. He took all our sin—all our bad choices, all of the times we chose to go our way instead of God's way—and He washed them away. He broke the curse of sin so we could be close to God again. Because He's alive, we're forgiven and free! That's the biggest reason for joy.

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