

## April 5, 2026 Happy Easter Week 1

**Today's Bible Story:** Easter • Matthew 26:31-32, 36, 47-50; 27:1-2, 11-66; 28:1-8  
Jesus is alive.

**Key Question:** Who wants to be your friend forever?

**Bottom Line:** Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

**Memory Verse:** "I have called you friends." • John 15:15 NIV

### Jesus Is Alive!

#### Live for God | Application Activity

*Made to Create*

#### \*Uses Minimal Supplies

##### What You Need:

- "Jesus is Alive" Activity Page
- Copy paper
- Two clear plastic cups per child
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Permanent marker

##### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Copy "Jesus is Alive" on copy paper and cut, one set per child. Write each child's name on the bottom of their set of cups.

*During the Activity:* Give each child a set of cups. Ask children to color both of their pictures. Encourage each child to rub glue on the back of their picture of Jesus next to the tomb and stick it to one side of their cup. Place that cup inside their second cup. Ask children to rub glue on the back of the picture of the stone and glue it on the cup covering the tomb on the inside cup. Demonstrate how to twist the cups to roll the stone away.

*After the Activity:* Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

##### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* "Come make a special Easter craft with me that shows the super happy surprise of our Easter story!"

*During the Activity:* "Look at these pictures, they're pictures of the stone and the tomb. Color your pictures then we'll add them to your cups. *(Pause.)* Rub some glue on the back of the picture of Jesus next to the tomb. Now stick it to the side of your cup like this. *(Demonstrate.)* Super! Now put that cup inside your other cup. *(Demonstrate.)* Rub some glue on the back of that great big stone. *(Pause.)* Stick that on your cup to cover the tomb like this. *(Demonstrate.)* Great job! But we aren't finished yet. In our Bible Story today, we heard that Jesus died on a cross and His friends put His body in a tomb. *(Twist the cups so only the tomb shows.)* Then the big stone was rolled in front to cover the tomb. *(Twist the cups so the stone covers the tomb and Jesus.)* But on the third day, the stone was rolled away *(Twist the cup again to show the empty tomb and Jesus next to it)* and the tomb was ... EMPTY! Jesus was

gone! Jesus is alive! Jesus came back just like He said he would! Hip, hip, hooray! Jesus is alive! Let's do it again. The tomb was closed with a big stone ... but then it was rolled away! Jesus is alive!"

*After the Activity:* "You can take this home to tell everyone the good news! Jesus is alive, and **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.** Who wants to be your friend forever? **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever!**