

Easter EGG HUNT

LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

Jesus is alive and wants to be our friend.

OBJECTIVE:

Kids will learn that Jesus is alive and be able to share how they can invite Jesus into their hearts.

KEY PASSAGE:

Luke 24:1-12, the empty tomb

MEMORY VERSE:

"He is not here; he has risen!" - Luke 24:6a (NIV)

SUMMARY:

If the Easter egg hunt is in the backyard, you don't go to the basement to find Easter eggs. Everyone was looking for Jesus in the tomb on Easter morning, but he was not there. He is alive, and he wants to dwell in our hearts.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for sending Jesus to die for us.

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*

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MEMORY VERSE

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LARGE GROUP:

Read the verse aloud with the kids. Have the kids read it in a whisper, and then have them shout it out loud!

SMALL GROUP:

Split the verse in half, and split the group in half. Have one half of the group recite the first sentence, and the other half recite the second sentence. Repeat, and see how quickly the group can "volley" the verse back and forth.

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SKIT

LOOKING IN THE WRONG PLACE

ITEMS NEEDED:

A chair, a newspaper, an Easter basket, a Bible

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN: 2M

CHARACTERS:

Ken- A 36 year old man-child

Joe- Ken's dad

*Joe is sitting in his favorite chair reading the newspaper. A Bible is on the floor nearby.
Ken enters with an empty Easter basket.*

KEN: Daaaaaaaad!

JOE: Yessssss?

KEN: I have a problem!

JOE: What is it, son?

KEN: There are no Easter eggs!

JOE: What?

KEN: There's no Easter eggs, Dad!

JOE: Of course there are Easter eggs. It's Easter!

KEN: Well where are they?

JOE: I don't know, Ken! You have to hunt for them!

KEN: I've been hunting, Dad! I've looked everywhere!

JOE: Obviously not, if you haven't found any!

SKIT

KEN: I've searched the basement, the laundry room, the dining room, the kitchen. I even searched in the coat closet. There are no Easter eggs!

JOE: Did you look in the backyard?

KEN: Why would I look in the backyard?

JOE: Because that's where the bunny hides the eggs, son! He doesn't hide them in the basement, the laundry room, the dining room, or the kitchen!

KEN: What about the coat closet?

JOE: They're not in the coat closet, Ken! They're in the yard! Take your basket, go outside, and you'll find the eggs!

KEN: All right, all right, I'll go outside already!

JOE: Good. Then after you do that, get a job.

KEN: What??

JOE: Son, you're 36 years old. It's time you get a job!

KEN: But Dad, I've been looking everywhere for a job! I can't find one.

JOE: Where've you been looking?

KEN: Mad Magazine, Spider-Man comics, Field and Stream!

JOE: You'll never find a job in Mad Magazine or Spider-Man comics!

KEN: What about Field and Stream?

JOE: You can't find a job in Field and Stream! You find jobs in the newspaper!

KEN: But I don't have a newspaper, Dad!

Joe hands Ken his newspaper.

JOE: Get a job, son.

KEN: Fine!

SKIT

Ken starts to exit.

JOE: Happy Easter!

KEN: Yeah yeah!

Ken exits. Joe picks up the Bible and opens it.

JOE: "Why are you looking for the living among the dead? He is not here. He is risen." Hmm. I might have to teach Ken where to find Jesus too.

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OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

ITEMS NEEDED:

A dozen eggs

We all know that on Easter, there are eggs hidden everywhere for kids to find. Eggs filled with candy, eggs with money, and a few decorated hard-boiled eggs. But if I wanted to make myself some scrambled eggs on Easter Sunday, where would I look for those eggs?

Raw eggs go in the fridge. That's where we put them to keep them fresh. You wouldn't look for these eggs in the yard or in the living room because that's not where they belong.

The angel's question about Jesus on that first Easter was confusing to those who heard it. They saw Jesus die on the cross. They saw his lifeless body wrapped and buried in a tomb. Why would they be looking for Jesus among the dead? Because they thought he was still dead!

Jesus is not dead, as we all know. He is alive, and he lives in the hearts of all believers. Let's pray that people will see Jesus by the way we treat others so that they too will know that Jesus is alive!

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LARGE GROUP GAME

GOOD EGG

ITEMS NEEDED:

Three plastic eggs
M&Ms and Skittles

INSTRUCTIONS:

Choose one kid for this game. Set three eggs with candy in front of him - one filled with M&Ms, two with Skittles. The player has forty-five seconds to shake and rattle the eggs, trying to guess which one has the M&Ms. If he guesses correctly, he wins all the eggs and the candy inside.

VARIATION:

Another variation would be to have several kids come on stage. Each kid gets an egg and they have to guess, by the sound of the rattle, if their egg is filled with M&Ms or Skittles.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Candy is found in plastic eggs. Jesus is found among the living because he was raised to life!

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INTRO:

Good morning and happy Easter! How many of you have already enjoyed some Easter treats today? Where did you find those treats? Where did you find your baskets?

How many of you are going to hunt for eggs later today? Do you know where you'll be searching? Anyone have any tips for finding eggs?

Easter egg hunts are a fun part of the Easter celebration. The eggs are a reminder of new life, and the candy inside is a reminder of the sweet, sweet news that Mary Magdalene and the disciples received on the first Easter morning.

Easter Sunday didn't start out as a happy morning. That morning, Mary and two friends went to the garden of a man named Joseph to tend to the body of Jesus. Mary was one of the few friends who followed Jesus all the way to the cross, where he was put to death in front of an angry mob. She saw him taken down from the cross. She may have even touched his body before he was wrapped in linen and carried to the tomb. She was witness to his burial, and on Easter Sunday, she returned to finish preparing his body, as was the custom of the Israelites.

Mary didn't find Jesus in the tomb. You know why? She was looking in the wrong place! Mary thought she would still find Jesus among the dead, but an angel of the Lord was waiting to redirect her with the greatest news she would ever hear!

READ LUKE 24:1-12

LARGE GORUP LESSON

MAIN POINT:

It's hard to imagine how shocked and surprised Mary, Peter, and the others must have been to hear that Jesus was alive! They had seen Jesus raise people to life, including his friend Lazarus and a little girl, but who could possibly raise Jesus from the dead?

Jesus' followers did not yet fully understand who he was. He was the Son of God. He was Immanuel - God with us. He didn't need anyone to conquer death for him because he already had power over death.

Death is the punishment for our sins, but because Jesus never sinned, never did a single thing wrong, his sacrifice paid for the sins of the whole world. He died for every lie we've ever told, every hurtful thing we've ever done. Because he lives, he can forgive our sins and give us new life!

DRIVE IT HOME:

Later today, your families may take you out for an egg hunt. They'll direct you to the back yard, to the garden, to wherever those eggs have been hidden. If your parents lead you into the garden, none of you will head inside to look in the kitchen. You'll look for the eggs where the eggs can be found.

For centuries people have looked and failed to find the body of Jesus. There is some speculation as to where his tomb may be, and perhaps they are right. But if you visit that tomb, you won't see Jesus. He is not dead. He is risen.

Shortly after Jesus rose from the grave, he returned to his home in Heaven. Not long after that, he sent his Holy Spirit to dwell in the hearts of those who believed in him. Anyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God who died for sins, can receive the Holy Spirit. As the angel said, Jesus is among the living. He lives in the hearts of his people, and he is still changing and saving lives today.

If you've never "found" Jesus for yourself, then maybe today is your day. Jesus is alive, and he is knocking on the door of your heart. If you're ready to make Jesus your Savior, tell an adult before you leave today so that we can help you discover Jesus.

Jesus is not dead. He is alive, and he lives in the hearts of those who love him. I hope all of you find lots of eggs and tons of candy today, but more importantly, I hope all of you find Jesus and welcome him into your hearts!

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

*Dear God,
Thank you for sending Jesus to die for us.
In Jesus' name,
Amen*

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

ICEBREAKER:

Which is better: Peeps or Cadbury Eggs?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Luke 24:6a

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SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Pass around some Easter eggs with candy in them. Shake the eggs, and try to guess which candy is in each. Then break them open and share some candy!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Luke 24:1-12

Where did Mary go to look for Jesus?

Why was Mary looking in the tomb for Jesus?

What did the angel tell Mary?

Why did Jesus die?

How can we make Jesus our Savior?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for forgiving our sins and allowing Jesus to live in our hearts.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (3-5TH)

ICEBREAKER:

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Luke 24:1-12

Why was Mary looking in the tomb for Jesus?

How did Mary and the others react to the angel's news?

Why did Jesus die?

Where does Jesus live now?

How can we make Jesus our Savior?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

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POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

TRUE OR FALSE.

Early on Sunday morning, the disciples went out to visit Jesus' tomb.

FALSE

When the women saw the angels, they were terrified at first.

TRUE

The angels told the women they were in the wrong tomb.

FALSE

Jesus was no longer in the tomb because he is alive!

TRUE

We can get to know Jesus now if we accept him as our Savior.

TRUE

MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With Your Kids

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: EASTER EGG HUNT



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

If the Easter egg hunt is in the backyard, you don't go to the basement to find Easter eggs. Everyone was looking for Jesus in the tomb on Easter morning, but he was not there. He is alive, and he wants to dwell in our hearts. Luke 24:1-12



HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Do an egg hunt or a scavenger hunt with the kids. As you search, ask the kids why they choose to look certain places. Then ask them where they would go to look for Jesus.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Why did Mary and the women look for Jesus in the tomb?
- Why wasn't Jesus in the tomb?
- How can we get to know Jesus as our Savior?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

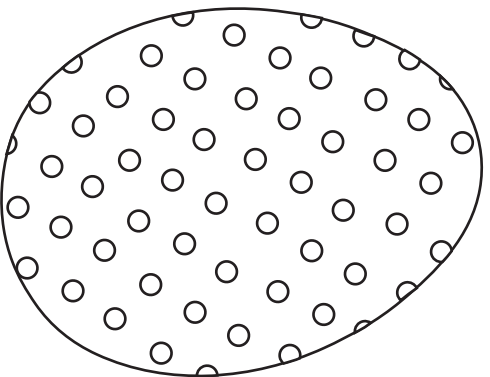
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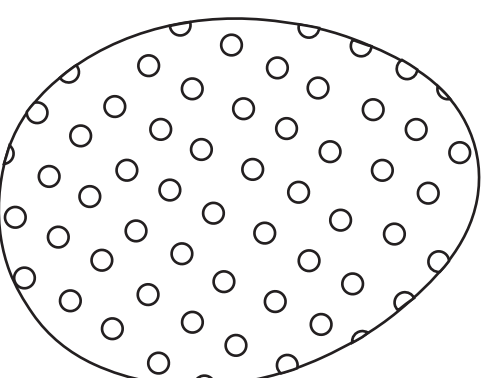
PARENT TIME:

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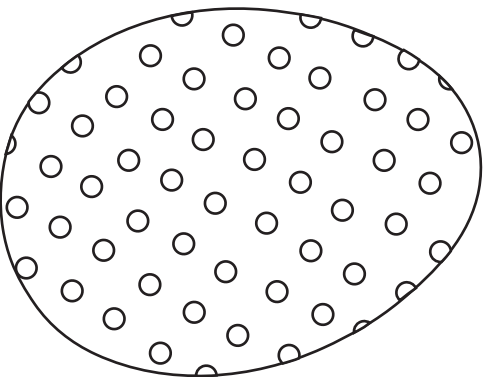
Jesus is alive! He is not dead; he lives in the hearts of his believers. Spend some time with your kids praising God for Jesus, and pray that your kids will choose to make Jesus their Savior.



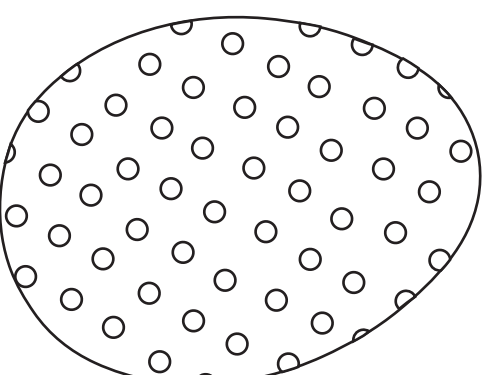
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ACTIVITY

Give each of the kids an egg with candy. Allow them to eat the candy so they can tell their families the candy is no longer there - just as Jesus is no longer in the tomb!