

WEEK 3 PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE

DID YOU
KNOW?

THE BIG IDEA

Did you know Jesus
is alive?

THE BIBLE

Jesus Comes Back to Life:
Luke 24:1-12

WELCOME TIME

MUSIC | Praise Showcase

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** You can lead the kids in worship with any songs you like, but here are a few songs that go along with this month's theme. Make sure you have purchased any licenses required to play or perform these songs. For more information, [read this!](#)
 - "Jesus is the King" (Cool Worship Kids)
 - "He's Alive, He's Alive" (Yancy)
 - "Saved" (Go Fish)
 - "One, Two, Three" (Yancy)

ACTIVITY | Empty Egg Hunt

- Welcome to another day on the *Did You Know? Game Show!*
- Today we are celebrating Easter, so let's start with an Easter egg hunt!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Before the kids arrive, hide empty Easter eggs around the room.
- Hey, friends! It's time to play Easter Egg Bonanza! There are hidden eggs all around this room. On the count of three, I want you to go find them all! As soon as you find an egg, bring it up and put it in our basket.
- **Did you try opening any of the eggs? Did you notice they were all empty?**
- There is nothing inside these eggs because we are going to learn about something from our Bible story that was empty, too!
- I can't wait to talk about it with you!

ACTIVITY | Catch the Golden Egg

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Split kids into as many teams as plastic egg colors you have (or choose just four). You might want to tape the eggs shut so they don't open when kids toss them. Give each kid one plastic egg of their team's color. Set up a starting line at one end of the room and have kids stand behind it. Take a golden egg and throw (or roll) it into the middle of the space from the starting line. Have kids take turns trying to throw (or roll) their egg as close to the golden egg as possible. The team with the most number of eggs close to the golden egg wins! Repeat by collecting the eggs and tossing the golden egg again.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Instead of trying to get their egg near the golden egg, set up a hula hoop that they can try to get their egg into or set up plastic bowling pins to knock down with their eggs.
- Great job, everyone! In this game, it was important that everyone tried to reach the golden egg. It didn't matter if just one team member reached the egg. You needed the rest of the team to get as close to it as possible, too!
- After you hear today's Bible story, you are going to want everyone you know to hear it, too!

TEACHING TIME

BIBLE STORY | Jesus Comes Back to Life

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Have three gift bags with you as you tell the Bible story. One bag contains a stone, another contains a flashlight, and the third bag contains a white cloth. As you read the passage, Luke 24:1-12, ask a kid to open one of the gift bags to see what's inside.
- Let's go back over what we heard during last week's story before moving on to today's story!
- **So, Jesus was traveling through Jerusalem on a certain type of animal. What kind of animal was it?** It was a donkey! That's right! You all have good memories.
- When the people saw Jesus, they were so happy that everyone cheered!
- But not everyone was happy with Jesus. Some of the leaders were not happy at all. So, they decided to do something really mean. They wanted to hurt Jesus.
- So Jesus was put on a cross and there, he died. Everyone who loved Jesus was incredibly sad. They thought they'd never see Jesus again. But Jesus had a surprise for the entire world!
 - [Ask a kid volunteer to open the first gift bag. Hold up the stone.]
 - **Does anyone know what a stone has to do with today's Bible story?**
- Well, after Jesus died, Jesus was put inside of a tomb, which is like a cave. The tomb was closed with a giant stone so no one could get in.
- A few days later, a few women went to visit the tomb where Jesus was. But when they got there, the stone had been rolled away. And guess what? Jesus wasn't inside the tomb anymore!
 - [Ask another kid volunteer to open the next gift bag. Hold up the flashlight.]
 - Light? I wonder what this surprise has to do with our story.
- Well, suddenly two men in shining clothes [Turn on the flashlight.] stood in front of the women. The men told them that Jesus wasn't in the tomb anymore. They said Jesus was alive again!
- The women couldn't believe it! After they spoke to the two men, they hurried to where more of Jesus' friends, were and told them everything they saw!

- **Do you think everyone believed them? Would you?** The others had a hard time believing. They had to see it for themselves. So one of Jesus' friends, Peter, ran to the tomb as fast as he could.
 - *[Ask another kid volunteer to open the final bag. Hold up the white cloth.]*
 - **What do you think this has to do with our story?**
- When Peter got to the tomb and saw the stone rolled away, guess what he did? Yep! Peter went inside the tomb. And all he found inside was the white cloth that Jesus was wearing when he died, but Jesus was nowhere to be seen!
- **Do you know what that meant?** Jesus was alive! And just three days later!
- Jesus coming back to life shows us so many things.
 - It shows us how strong God is. **Everyone, let me see those muscles!**
 - It also shows us how much God loves us! **Everyone, give yourselves a big hug!**
- Jesus came back to life for you and me. And because Jesus is alive, we have the chance to be friends with Jesus! How cool is that?

BIG IDEA | Did you know Jesus is alive?

- It's time to reveal our Big Idea!
- Now, which door do you think is hiding the Big Idea? Let's see!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Set up doors with butcher paper like last week. Choose three kids to come up front to help reveal the Big Idea. Count to three with the rest of the group and on three, have all three kids pull down the paper doors at the same time to see who reveals the Big Idea.*
- You found the Big Idea! It was behind door number *[one, two, or three]!*
- The Big Idea is . . . **Did you know that Jesus alive?**

VIDEO | Did You Know?, Episode 3

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's episode of [Cali's World](#).*

ACTIVITY | A Grateful Heart

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Post a large heart where the kids can easily reach it. Help each kid trace their handprint on the large heart and write each kid's name (or have them write their own name) in their palm print.*
- It was so sad when Jesus was inside the tomb. But I'm so glad that's not where the story ended. Jesus was alive again!
- And because Jesus is alive, we have the chance to make Jesus our friend!
- **I am so grateful to call Jesus my friend. Are you?**
- To show how grateful we are, let's make a grateful heart together!
- When we're grateful for something, we say thank you to whoever made us feel that way. And when we are really grateful, we want to share that news with our friends and family!
- One way we can tell others about how much Jesus loves us is to tell them today's Big Idea! Practice that with me: **Did you know that Jesus is alive?**

PRAYER

- Dear God, thank you so much for sending Jesus for us. We are so grateful we can call you our friend. Help us to remember every day how much you love us. Amen.

DISCUSSION TIME

SNACK | Egg-cellent Surprises

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Before the kids arrive, fill plastic eggs with a healthy snack of your choice and place the eggs in a basket. Then, pass around the basket and ask each kid to take an egg. Be sure to make extras in case the kids want more. Discuss today's Bible story as kids eat their snacks.*
- **How did all of Jesus' friends feel when Jesus was inside the tomb?** Yes, they were very sad. They didn't know the surprise that would happen three days later.
- **What happened three days later when Mary and Mary went to the tomb?** That's right! Jesus wasn't there! Surprise!

ACTIVITY | Mosaic Cross Craft

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Instruct the kids to glue small pieces of construction paper or art tissue paper inside the cross to make a beautiful mosaic.*
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** *Draw a large cross on butcher paper and have toddlers color it in using finger paint or [dot markers](#).*
- This cross reminds us that Jesus went through a lot of pain and loneliness before he died. But he did it because he wanted to save everyone.
- Let's make this cross beautiful to help us remember how much Jesus loves us!

ACTIVITY | Act Together

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Prepare a list of action words (e.g., running, sleeping, reading, putting on shoes, laughing, eating, etc.). Ask for a volunteer and have another leader step outside with them. While they are outside, tell the group what action to do, but they cannot talk. Once the volunteer comes back inside, have the whole group act out the word you just gave them and see if the volunteer can guess the action. Repeat as many times as desired with different volunteers.*
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** *Name a few simple actions and do it together with everyone. Ask toddlers questions like, "What do you do when you wake up in the morning?" Then act out brushing your teeth together.*
- You are all very good actors and guessers! Let's try one more action together . . . celebrating!
- **How do you celebrate?** Do you dance? Do you jump up and down? Do you sing? Maybe you do all of them.
- We are celebrating because Jesus is alive! Ask the person next to you: **Did you know Jesus is alive?**

MEMORY VERSE | II Peter 3:18a

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Have kids sit in a circle. Have them say the memory verse a few times (repeating after you and saying it with you). Then, say the first word of the memory verse and roll a ball to someone in the circle. Have them say the word that comes next, Then let that kid roll the ball to someone else who then has to supply the word that comes next. Encourage kids to help each other out.

PLAY TIME

Encourage your preschoolers to help clean up the room while they wait for their parents.

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print and distribute this week's coloring page along with crayons or markers. Discuss today's Bible story and Big Idea as the kids color.

ACTIVITY | Playdough Center

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Encourage the kids to make a cross or a tomb and stone out of Play-Doh.
✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Prepare plastic or silicone cookie cutters for toddlers to play.
- The cross and the tomb were very important in our Bible story today. Let's see if you can make your own!

ACTIVITY | Resurrection Eggs

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Have a store-bought set of [resurrection eggs](#) out that the kids can open and explore what's inside them. You can also make your own! Simply fill some plastic eggs with pictures of today's lesson (i.e., a cross, sad faces, white cloth, a stone, a flashlight, surprised faces, happy faces, a donkey, the number three, etc.). Make sure to stand nearby to answer any questions.

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