

c|Life Preschool Online

Unit 8 Lesson 2: Jesus is ALIVE!

Heartprint: I Am Made New With Jesus

Memory Verse: Galatians 2:20

April 11&12 2020 - Easter

Resurrection Eggs Lesson

Parents, our lesson looks a little different today because we have combined the activity with our large group lesson. This large group/activity will last a bit longer than usual, but it is normally very well received by our kiddos as something special for Easter. Here is the link to our video large group: <https://youtu.be/JzQRsIPNWNw>

Song: Hosanna Rock: <https://youtu.be/SxJZxJBEkW4>

Oh So Happy Day: <https://youtu.be/NKAZqk8bOic>

Activity: Resurrection Eggs

Refer to Bible Story. Our large group time will be longer since we are doing the Resurrection Eggs today and we will have two songs for large group. If you do not have Resurrection Eggs, there is an additional section with another option on pages 5-7.

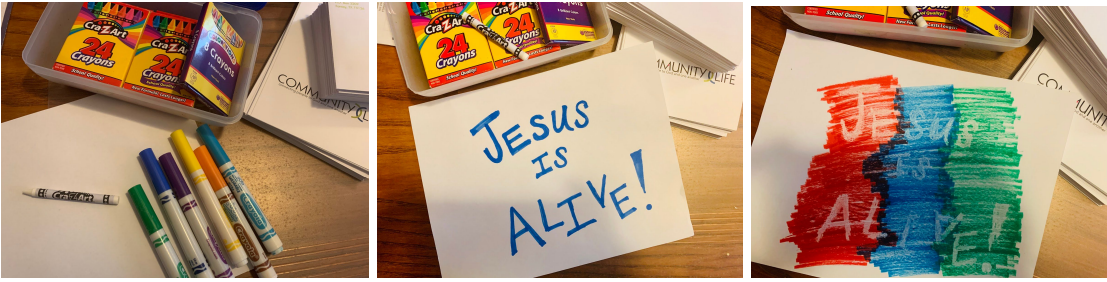
Craft: "Jesus is Alive!" Magic Art

Items Needed:

- 2 pieces of paper
- White Crayon
- Markers

Instructions: Write "Jesus is Alive" in Marker on one sheet of paper. Take it to a window and trace over it with white crayon on the second blank sheet of paper (press down hard and go over it a couple times). Then let

your little one scribble over the page with markers (press down hard). The words will magically appear!



Connection Point:

In our story today, we heard how the women got up early in the morning to go to the tomb where Jesus was buried. The sun was just coming up because it was so early. When they arrived at the tomb, the stone was rolled away! The tomb was empty because Jesus isn't dead...JESUS IS ALIVE!

Bible Lesson: Jesus is ALIVE!!

Memory Verse: I am the way, the truth and the life. John 14:6 <https://youtu.be/ntpX4umwoYM>

Resurrection Eggs/Easter Large Group

- Items needed:
 - 12 different colored plastic Easter eggs (colored the same as below if you have them)
 - Pictures of the items listed below or something similar (i.e. instead of a picture of a rooster/donkey, show a video on your phone of that animal)
 - ** If you don't have any plastic eggs, refer to pages 5-7 for directions and ideas.
 - Go over the memory verse and sing/play: "Hosanna Rock" before opening any eggs. (Sing/play: "Oh so Happy Day" after you do all the eggs because it says, "Did you know Jesus is alive today? He's alive today that's why we say it's an oh so happy day.")
 - Pray and thank God for our snacks.
 - **Say:** We are going to use some colorful eggs to hear our story today. Make sure you stay sitting on your bottom and looking with your eyes only. The adults in the room are going to get the eggs for the story as we find them. Now, we can start with our first egg...
1. **Dark Blue egg: Little Donkey** –
 - a. Matthew 21:2-3, 6-8
 - b. **Say:** Let's look for the dark blue egg. Does anyone see it? Remember to stay seated so everyone can look. Mrs. June, will you go get the blue egg, please? Thank you. Let's shake it. Do you hear it? (Open egg to reveal the donkey.)
 - c. **Say:** Jesus was riding into town on a donkey like a king. Do you know what they were shouting? HOSANNA! Can you shout Hosanna? HOSANNA! Can you shout it louder? HOSANNA! Great job! Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the roads, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road to honor Jesus as their king!
 2. **Light Pink: Silver Coins** –
 - a. Matthew 26:14-16

- b. **Say:** Let's now look for the light pink egg. Who can point to the light pink egg? Mr. John can you see the light pink egg? Thank you. Let's shake it. What do you think it sounds like? (Open egg to reveal the silver coins).
- c. **Say:** Silver coins, does anyone know why we have silver coins? One of Jesus' disciples, Judas, left the group and had gone to bad men. They offered Judas some money to show them where Jesus was so they could capture Him. Because Judas was greedy for money, he told these men he would help them capture Jesus if they would pay him thirty silver coins.

3. Light Purple: Cup –

- a. Matthew 26:27-28
- b. **Say:** Where is the light purple egg? Mrs. Starla can you get the light purple egg? Let's shake it. What's inside? A cup.
- c. **Say:** What could this cup mean? Jesus had a special dinner with His twelve disciples. During the meal, Jesus stood up and talked about special bread and a special drink. He held out a cup and gave everyone a drink and told his disciples he was going to die soon.

4. Dark Orange: Praying Hands –

- A. Mark 14:32-34
- B. **Say:** Who can see the dark orange egg? (grown up find the egg). Shake it. What's inside. Praying Hands.
- C. **Say:** After Jesus and His disciples finished dinner they went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. Jesus went to another place in the garden to talk to God alone. Jesus was sad about what He knew was going to happen soon. He was going to die. He prayed and asked God to help Him make the right choice.

5. Dark Green: Whip –

- A. John 19:1
- B. **Say:** Help me find the dark green egg. This one is a bit tricky because there are two green eggs that look similar. Shake it. What did we find? (A whip).
- C. **Say:** When Jesus finished praying in the garden the men who wanted to kill Jesus took Him as their prisoner. They brought Him to the ruler, Pilate, who had Jesus whipped. They hurt Jesus so much He was bleeding and bruised up. Did Jesus do anything wrong? NO!

6. Yellow: Rooster –

- A. Mark 14:71-72
- B. **Say:** The yellow egg is the next one we need. Who can find the yellow egg? (an adult goes and gets egg). Shake it! What does it sound like it could be? It's a rooster! Why do you think there is a rooster in this egg?
- C. **Say:** Peter was one of Jesus' closest friends and he once promised Jesus that no matter what, he would always be loyal. But when Peter realized that those who planned to kill Jesus might want to kill him too, Peter was so afraid that he denied knowing Jesus. Not once, not twice, but three times! Jesus told Peter this would happen before the rooster crowed. When the rooster crowed, Peter was sad. The rooster reminded Peter of when Jesus said that Peter would say he didn't know Jesus three times.

7. Light Orange: Crown of Thorns –

- a. Matthew 27:27-29
- b. **Say:** Now, let's look for the light orange egg. Does anyone see it? Remember to stay sitting down so everyone can look. Mrs. Jodi, will you go get the light orange egg, please? Thank you. Let's shake it. Do you hear it? (Open egg to reveal the crown of thorns.)
- c. **Say:** Does anyone know what this is? It is a crown of thorns. Would this be a pretty crown? No! Soldiers put a crown of thorns on Jesus' head (show the twig with real thorns). Do you think it hurt Jesus when they put it on Him? YES! This reminds us that the soldiers beat Jesus and put

the crown of thorns on his head and made fun of him as “the King of the Jews”. That must have really hurt Jesus and it made him bleed.

8. Light Green: Nails/Cross -

- a. John 19:16-18
- b. **Say:** Our next egg is the light green one. Where is it? Oh there it is. Mr. Jereme, can you bring that one, please? Does this one make a noise? (shake the egg) Yes, it does! (Open egg to reveal cross made of nails.)
- c. **Say:** This is three nails made into the shape of a cross. Did you know Jesus carried his cross then the soldiers nailed him to the cross using three big nails ? Jesus didn't have to be on the cross, but he chose to obey God. God loves us so much, He allowed Jesus to be punished for our sins - the bad choices we make. Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins.

9. Dark Purple: Spear -

- a. John 19:32-34
- b. **Say:** We are looking for the dark purple egg now. Good job! It's right there! Mrs. Brandi, it's close to you. (Shake egg). Oooh, listen carefully. This one is hard to hear. (Open egg to reveal the spear.)
- c. **Say:** Wow, this is tiny, but in real life it might be taller than I am. It is a spear with a very sharp point. When Jesus was on the cross, the soldiers had to make sure he was dead, so they took a spear and stabbed Jesus in the side and blood and water came out. It's sad to think about Jesus dying, but remember He gave up His life for every single person - whether they seem like a good person or seem like a bad person. He did it because He loves all of us and saved us from our sins.

10. Light Blue: Linen cloth -

- a. Matthew 27:57-60
- b. **Say:** Let's see...we are almost finished! Let's find the light blue egg. Oh there it is. Does this one make a noise? No, it doesn't. Is this one empty? Let's find out.
- c. **Say:** Oh look, there is something inside. It is a little strip of cloth. When Jesus' friends took his body off the cross, they wrapped Him very carefully in white cloth and placed his body in a tomb. They were all very sad, but they wanted to make sure Jesus' body was cared for the right way.

11. Dark Pink: Stone -

- a. Matthew 27: 60b-66
- b. **Say:** We only have two eggs left. Can you find two eggs? One is dark pink, and the other is white. We need the pink one first. Let's shake it. Whoa this one is a loud noise! (Open the egg to reveal the stone.)
- c. **Say:** Does anyone know why there is a stone in our story? When Jesus' friends put his body in the tomb, a large stone was rolled in front of the tomb. The people who wanted Jesus dead were afraid Jesus' friends would come get his body. Pilate ordered soldiers to stand guard at the tomb and to seal the stone, so no one could get in, and Jesus couldn't get out. (Point out picture 2-14).

12. White: Empty -

- a. Matthew 28:2-6
- b. **Say:** Okay, this is our last egg! Can anyone guess which one it is? Right! It is the white one. Let's shake it. Wait, there is no noise! Wonder what is inside? (Open to reveal the empty egg.)
- c. **Say:** Uh-oh! There is nothing inside? Did we lose something? No. Three days after Jesus died, there was a big earthquake because an angel of God came and rolled the stone away. The soldiers guarding the tomb were so afraid of the angel, they fell down and became like dead men. A little while later, two women who were friends of Jesus came to visit the tomb. When

they looked inside, the tomb was empty...just like our egg! The women were so surprised!! The angel told them Jesus is not here, for He has risen!! The women ran to tell the disciples. As they were running, a man met them on the road. It was Jesus!

Say: We are celebrating today because - is Jesus dead? NO! JESUS. IS. ALIVE!!!! (Make this a BIG thing!) Because Jesus is alive and He wants us to know Him, He gave us the way to go to Heaven. We know that from our memory verse.

Have everyone stand up and say the memory verse again.

Questions:

1. Did we find something in all of the eggs? (No)
2. Did I forget to put something in the white egg? (No)
3. Why is the white egg empty? (The tomb was empty. Jesus is ALIVE!)
4. On the count of three let's say Jesus is ALIVE. 1...2...3...Jesus is ALIVE!!!!

Pray: God, we thank you so much for sending Jesus to die on the cross. Jesus, thank you for listening to God and dying to save us from our sins. Jesus, what is even better is that You are not dead! YOU ARE ALIVE!! We thank you that you are alive! You are our risen king, and you want us to go to Heaven with you one day. Amen.

****** If you do not have plastic eggs at home, you can still do this lesson/activity with your kiddos. You can do this by gathering a few things together:

- picture/video of donkey
- A small bag of nickels and dimes - if you have enough, put 30 in the bag.
- Special/fancy glass
- Write "Praying Hands" on a piece of large paper.
- Whip, a rope or a belt which can be use to make a "snapping" sound
- Picture/video of a rooster
- Picture of a crown of thorns (if you have a Mesquite tree near your house, they have large thorns you can use to show your kiddos.)
- Three nails
- Large knife or a picture of a spear
- White cloth
- Relatively large rock
- A container through which you can not see that also has a lid.
- A bag or box big enough to hold all of these items
- A copy of the list below for reference.

Say: I have a special bag/box of things we are going to use for our story today. As I pull each thing out, I will tell you about it. Everything in this bag has something to do with the story of Jesus. Let's see what we find in here!

1. **Little Donkey** –

- a. Matthew 21:2-3, 6-8
- b. Bring out a picture of the donkey/the word donkey/show video of donkey.
- c. **Say:** A donkey? What is a donkey doing in the story of Jesus? Jesus was riding into town on a donkey like a king. Do you know what the people were shouting? HOSANNA! Can you shout Hosanna? HOSANNA! Can you shout it louder? HOSANNA! Great job! Most of the crowd

spread their cloaks on the roads, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road to honor Jesus as their king!

2. **Silver Coins** -

- a. Matthew 26:14-16
- b. Bring out the bag of coins
- c. **Say:** Silver coins, does anyone know why we have silver coins? One of Jesus' disciples, Judas, left the group and had gone to bad men. They offered Judas some money to show them where Jesus was so they could capture Him. Because Judas was greedy for money, he told these men he would help them capture Jesus if they would pay him thirty silver coins.

3. **Cup** –

- a. Matthew 26:27-28
- b. Bring out the glass.
- c. **Say:** What could this glass mean? Jesus had a special dinner with His twelve disciples. During the meal, Jesus stood up and talked about special bread and a special drink. He held out a cup and gave everyone a drink and told his disciples he was going to die soon.

4. **Praying Hands** –

- a. Mark 14:32-34
- b. Bring out the paper that reads, "Praying Hands" and fold your hands in prayer.
- c. **Say:** Do you recognize what I am doing? This is how we might hold our hand when we pray. After Jesus and His disciples finished dinner they went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. Jesus went to another place in the garden to talk to God alone. Jesus was sad about what He knew was going to happen soon. He was going to die. He prayed and asked God to help Him make the right choice.

5. **Whip** –

- a. John 19:1
- b. Show the whip/rope/belt and make a loud "snapping" noise with it.
- c. **Say:** Whoa! That was loud. Did Jesus need a belt for our story? No. Let's find out why there is a belt. When Jesus finished praying in the garden, the men who wanted to kill Jesus took Him as their prisoner. They brought Him to the ruler, Pilate, who had Jesus whipped. They hurt Jesus so much He was bleeding and bruised up. Did Jesus do anything wrong? NO!

6. **Rooster** –

- a. Mark 14:71-72
- b. Reveal: Picture of rooster/video of rooster
- c. **Say:** We have another animal in our story! What does a rooster say? We learned about a rooster last week. Peter was one of Jesus' closest friends. Peter promised Jesus that no matter what, he would always be loyal, but Peter was so afraid when Jesus was arrested, he denied knowing Jesus three times! Jesus told Peter this would happen before the rooster crowed. When the rooster crowed, Peter was sad. The rooster reminded Peter of what Jesus said.

7. **Crown of Thorns** –

- a. Matthew 27:27-29
- b. Bring out a picture of a crown of thorns or a small branch with some thorns.
- c. **Say:** Does anyone know what this is? It is a crown of thorns. Would this be a pretty crown for a king? No! Soldiers put a crown of thorns on Jesus' head (show the twig with real thorns). Do you think it hurt Jesus when they put it on Him? YES! This reminds us that the soldiers beat Jesus and put the crown of thorns on his head and made fun of him as "the King of the Jews". That must have really hurt Jesus and it made him bleed. (You can allow children to touch the tip of a thorn under supervision.)

8. **Nails** -

- a. John 19:16-18
- b. As you bring out the 3 nails, **say:** Oh, look. I have three things here. What are these? They are nails and they are very pointed at the tips.
- c. **Say:** Did you know Jesus carried his cross then the soldiers nailed him to the cross using three big nails ? Jesus didn't have to be on the cross, but he chose to obey God. God loves us so much, He allowed Jesus to be punished for our sins - the bad choices we make. Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins. (You can allow children to touch the tip of the nail under supervision.)

9. **Spear** -

- a. John 19:32-34
- b. Show knife or picture of spear
- c. **Say:** This is a spear/knife with a very sharp point. When Jesus was on the cross, the soldiers had to make sure he was dead, so they took a spear and stabbed Jesus in the side and blood and water came out. It's sad to think about Jesus dying, but remember He gave up His life for every single person - whether they seem like a good person or seem like a bad person. He did it because He loves all of us and saved us from our sins.

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- a. Matthew 27:57-60
- b. Bring out the white cloth
- c. **Say:** This is such a pretty cloth. When Jesus' friends took his body off the cross, they wrapped Him very carefully in white cloth and placed his body in a tomb. They were all very sad, but they wanted to make sure Jesus' body was cared for the right way.

11. **Stone** -

- a. Matthew 27: 60b-66
- b. Remove the rock from the box
- c. **Say:** Does anyone know why there is a stone in our story? When Jesus' friends put his body in the tomb, a large stone was rolled in front of the tomb. The people who wanted Jesus dead were afraid Jesus' friends would come get his body. Pilate ordered soldiers to stand guard at the tomb and to seal the stone, so no one could get in, and Jesus couldn't get out.

12. **Empty container** -

- a. Matthew 28:2-6
- b. Bring out the empty container.
- c. **Say:** I wonder what's inside? Uh-oh! There is nothing inside? Did we lose something? No. Three days after Jesus died, there was a big earthquake because an angel of God came and rolled the stone away. The soldiers guarding the tomb were so afraid of the angel, they fell down and became like dead men. A little while later, two women who were friends of Jesus came to visit the tomb. When they looked inside, the tomb was empty...just like our egg! The women were so surprised!! The angel told them Jesus is not here, for He has risen!! The women ran to tell the disciples. As they were running, a man met them on the road. It was Jesus!

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Questions:

1. Did I forget to put something in the container? (No)
2. Why is the container empty? (The tomb was empty. Jesus is ALIVE!)
3. On the count of three let's say Jesus is ALIVE. 1...2...3..Jesus is ALIVE!!!!

Pray: God, we thank you so much for sending Jesus to die on the cross. Jesus, thank you for listening to God and dying to save us from our sins. Jesus, what is even better is that You are not dead! YOU ARE ALIVE!! We thank you that you are alive! You are our risen king, and you want us to go to Heaven with you one day. Amen.

Sing: *Oh So Happy Day*: <https://youtu.be/NKAZqk8bOic>