



THE GOSPEL PROJECT JR. Easter Sunday

Date: Sunday April 5, 2026 **Teachers:** Rachel A (**lead**) , Meg D (**Co-lead**)

Props: at centre: activity sheet with lesson, easter eggs (will be in class/hide before class)**Grab tent (usually used by Toddlers will need to borrow this week!)*

Review Rules:

One Mouth speaking at a time (Teacher points to mouths/kids point to their mouths)

Two Hands kept to myself (kids wiggle hands and keep them to themselves)

Two Feet kept to myself (kids cross legs)

Speak Kind Words like our God 3 in One

ACROSTIC OF JESUS

Vicky

INTRO TO BIBLE STORY (JR&SR): "Good or Bad News" materials: (none)

Vicky

Ask the kids to give a thumbs up if what you say is good news, OR a thumbs down if what you say is bad news

-You fell and scraped your elbow

-You are having ice cream for dessert

-You have to go to bed early

-You are having a friend over

-You find out your gramma is in the hospital

-Jesus died on the cross (kids may put their thumbs down, but you can say the disciples thought the same thing, they were sad, but they didn't know what his death meant, and they didn't know that God was going to raise Jesus from the dead.

Why did Jesus have to die? Humanity and Israel's embrace of evil had created a world of violence and death. Jesus was the compassionate King who came to earth to rescue it. He defeated humanity's evil and sin by letting it defeat him.

What happened on the third day? He rose again sealing the victory over sin and death! He now offers up his own righteous life as a gift to those who receive it and follow him!

-How about God raising Jesus from the dead?

-And God gives us His Spirit and makes us new creations!

THE BIBLE STORY (VIDEO) Jesus death and resurrection

DISMISS JR. KIDS-GR.1

ACTIVITY: "Which one doesn't fit?" materials: (activity sheet with lesson)

Rachel

Ask the kids to identify which picture doesn't fit in each photo (crown of thorns, cross, tomb)

These are all things that Kings or Queens would wear or sit on, or live in, but Jesus wasn't a King like other rulers, He ruled by self giving love: wearing a crown of thorns, His throne was a cross, and His castle was a tomb, but the tomb is empty! He is alive! He gave his life to give us life!

ACTIVITY: *“Sleep and wake up”*

Meg

Invite children to lay down, close their eyes, and pretend to be asleep. When you say, “Good morning!” preschoolers will sit up and open their eyes.

When Jesus’ friends went to bed on Friday and Saturday night, they were sad. Sunday morning, they woke up and saw Jesus! JESUS IS ALIVE forever!

ACTIVITY *“Why do you seek the living among the dead”* : **materials:** (use the Toddler tent)

Rachel

On the third day, after Jesus had died on the cross, some women that loved Jesus came to where His body was supposed to be buried, when they got there the stone in front of the tomb was moved away and the tomb was empty! The woman saw what she thought was a gardener but it was an angel and the Angel said, “why do you seek the living among the dead?!” We are gonna pretend we are looking for Jesus and this tunnel is going to be the tomb, let’s peek inside like we are those women looking for Jesus, go in and say **He’s not here! OR the tomb is empty OR He is alive!**

ACTIVITY: *“Run to the tomb”* **materials:** (toddler tent)

Meg

Jesus’ disciples heard from the women at the tomb that Jesus’ body wasn’t there, they ran to see. Take turns racing to the tunnel and kids open it up and run back and tell the other kids it is empty Jesus is alive!

ACTIVITY: *“Why are you looking here?”* (hide easter eggs before class) When the women came to the tomb- it was empty- Jesus was gone, he could not be found there. We are going to look for some Easter eggs and see if we can find them! We know Jesus is alive and when we trust in Jesus, we go from lost to found! The eggs are empty! Just like the tomb! ***You’ll be able to pick out an easter treat to take home at the end of class***

PRAYER: Jesus you won the victory! You defeated death!

ACTIVITY SHEET: *Have kids do the activity sheet together at the tables (colour by number)*

FREE PLAY/SNACKTIME