



THE GOSPEL PROJECT TODDLER EASTER SUNDAY

Date: Sunday April 5, 2026 **Teachers:** Christina S (**lead**), Jess S, Sarah R

Props: at centre: empty easter eggs, & activity sheet (all will be in the room) the tunnel will be used as a prop and the JR class is borrowing the tent. **from home:** none

Rules: **Let's listen with our ears. We are going to sit in a circle before we play.**

BIBLE STORY: GOD'S BIG PICTURE STORY BOOK: p. 220 " Jesus Rises from the Dead"

ACTIVITY: "He is not here- He is risen!" materials: (empty easter eggs/they will be left in the room)

Get the kids to help open the easter eggs and every time, the kids can shout EMPTY! Today is a special day- the MOST special day, because today we celebrate that the tomb is empty and Jesus is risen. After Jesus died on the cross on Good Friday and was buried in a tomb, some women who loved Jesus came to the tomb, but Jesus wasn't there. The tomb was empty and Jesus had risen! They rushed to tell the other disciples and Jesus' disciples John and Peter ran to the tomb to see for themselves- It WAS empty! Can you say: Jesus is Alive

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

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"

Invite toddlers to lay down, close their eyes, and pretend to be asleep. When you say, "Good morning!" toddlers 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: "Run to the tomb" materials: (tunnel)

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!

PRAYER: King Jesus, you defeated death and are making this whole world new, come and start with us!

ACTIVITY/SNACK/CRAFT/ PLAYDOUGH: (Snacks) Activity/Colouring sheet (last 15-20 min divide time between craft/snack/activities)