



Easter Sunday!!!

Preschool

## INVITATION

We invite you to pause, listen, and shift your gaze toward the Father ...

### LESSON AT A GLANCE

**WONDER TRUTH:** Jesus Is Alive!

**SCRIPTURE:** [Luke 24](#)

**WORD OF WONDER:** [From 2 Corinthians 5:17](#)

Growing up in Los Angeles, my family had a tradition of taking long, beautiful drives up and down the coast. And back in the day, when we didn't have tablets or TVs in the car, I would spend most of my time talking to God as I stared at the vastness of creation outside the window. In the moments when the sun would shine through the clouds and onto my face, I would imagine God holding me and letting me know how much He loved me. I knew, even at that young age, that the living God of the universe was with me.

Read [Luke 24:1–12](#). What do you notice that you've never noticed before? If you had been with the women at the tomb, what would have surprised you most about that morning?

The greatest difference between many other religions and Christianity is Jesus Christ—the *living* God—crucified, resurrected, ascended into heaven, and returning to earth one day. Without Jesus, and without His resurrection, there is no hope—we would be worshiping a mere, good human. But because God rose Jesus from the dead and He is alive, we can walk with heads and hands held high—we worship a living God! And through the Holy Spirit, that living God lives in us.

Jesus—the *living* God—is with you and in you. What questions do you have for Him today? What words of praise and thanksgiving are on your heart? Tell Him!

—Catherine Hwang-Jin

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## Play Stations

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** [The Resurrection Coloring Sheet](#) ( 1 per kid)

### Play Station: The Resurrection Coloring Sheet

**Set up:** Ahead of time, print one copy per kid of the coloring sheet and set out coloring utensils.

**Play:** Let the kids color. The kids could also turn the sheet over and draw a picture of a cross or anything that reminds them of Easter and Jesus.

## Puppet Intro and Curiosity Questions

**SUPPLIES:** dead or wilted plant or flower ( optional)

**Leader:** You may remember our friend Tac, the curious cat. Are you ready to talk with him?

**Tac the Cat:** Hi, kids! Today I'm curious today about my flower. It was beautiful and standing tall. Then I forgot to water it for a long time, and something bad happened ...

*(If you have a wilted or dead flower or plant, hold it up to show the kids.)*

**Leader:** What happened, Tac? Did it die?

**Tac the Cat:** Yes, I think so! It's all droopy now. It's turning brown. The petals are falling off the flower. Why did that happen?

**Leader:** That's too bad. Flowers need water in order to grow and stay alive. You might be able to give it some water and see if it comes back to life!

**Tac the Cat:** Oh, I didn't know that. So the flower might come back to life?

**Leader:** It's possible, if it's not all the way dead.

**Tac the Cat:** I can give it some water! I hope it blooms again. It was my favorite flower.

**Leader:** You know what it reminds me of? Our story for today! It's a true story about Jesus.

**Tac the Cat:** Is it a story about Jesus watering a flower?

**Leader:** No, Tac. It's about when Jesus died. It was so sad. But He didn't stay dead. He came back to life!

**Tac the Cat:** That sounds like an amazing story. How did that happen?

**Leader:** It's the greatest story! We'll hear all about it today.

**Tac the Cat:** That sounds great! Well, I'm going to go water my flower plant now and see if it does come back to life.

**Have you ever been curious about something? Let's take a moment and think: What do you think Jesus did that is so special?** Allow the kids to respond. **What are you curious about that has to do with Jesus?** Allow the kids to respond. **The part of God's big story that we'll hear about today will help you understand more about how amazing Jesus is and why we can celebrate.**

Today's Wonder Truth is **JESUS IS ALIVE**. Today we'll celebrate that Jesus is alive!

## Word of Wonder

**SUPPLIES:** Bible

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** [Word of Wonder Sheets](#),

### WORD OF WONDER

**Jesus makes us new.**

—from 2 Corinthians 5:17

Ahead of time, print the [Word of Wonder Sheets](#). Our Word of Wonder for the Created New series is from [2 Corinthians 5:17](#). Let's practice saying the Word of Wonder together.

Our Word of Wonder is from [2 Corinthians 5:17](#). We've learned Jesus died on the cross so our sins—all the wrong things we think, say and do—can be forgiven. When we're forgiven, we get a new way to live. Jesus makes us new! He makes us new because He loves us.

Hold up the [Word of Wonder Sheets](#). Look at the picture on the first page: It has a person on it. That's like us. What are we like before we follow Jesus? Allow the kids to respond. Without Jesus, we live for ourselves. We sin and we are far from God. We aren't whole. We were made to be in relationship with God. But when we trust in Jesus, He makes us new. The next page shows a person surrounded by hearts. What do you think the hearts are for? Allow the kids to respond. Jesus loves us! He forgives us and makes our hearts new. Let's say the Word of Wonder together again a few more times. Each time we say, "new," I'll choose someone to hold up the second page with the person surrounded by hearts. Say the verse several times together and choose a person to hold up the second page when you say "new."

Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the verse with you.

- **JESUS**—Point fingers from left hand into right palm, then right hand into left palm (sign language for "Jesus").
- **MAKES US**—Both hands over your heart.
- **NEW.**—Bring both arms out in front of you and down to your sides.
- **FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17**—Hold your hands together as if opening a book.

Gather kids to discuss these questions:

- **What does Jesus do in us?** (*Jesus makes us new.*)
- **How does it feel to know Jesus died for you because He loves you so much?**

## Craft: Creating Crosses

**SUPPLIES:** various colors of construction paper (at least 1 sheet per kid), craft sticks (at least 2 per kid), glue, coloring utensils (optional), Easter-themed stickers (optional)

Jesus didn't stay dead! He came back to life, and we can celebrate! It was sad when Jesus died on the cross. But we can be thankful for the cross because Jesus died to forgive our sins, and He came back to life! We can say, "Thank You" to God for this wonderful gift! We can celebrate Jesus and His resurrection! The word *resurrection* means He has come back to life. Let's make our own crosses to take home as a reminder of the wonderful gift Jesus gave us: forgiveness and His life!



Give each child a sheet of colored construction paper and two craft sticks. Help them glue the craft sticks onto the paper in the shape of a cross. You can also invite the kids to decorate the paper with coloring utensils and Easter-themed stickers. Make an extra cross to show the kids as an example and also to use in the Closing Game.

## Game: Jesus Is Alive Circle Chase

**How do you think the women at the tomb and Peter felt when they saw the empty tomb?** Allow the kids to respond. **Do you think they were surprised? They saw that Jesus was not dead anymore. He came back to life. Now He lives forever and ever. We can thank God for Jesus!**

Have the kids form a circle and sit down. This game is similar to "Duck, Duck, Goose" except kids will say, "Jesus is alive!" Designate one kid to tap heads as she goes around the circle. Have that kid begin making her way around the circle with this phrase: "Jesus is ... Jesus is ... alive!" When a kid gets tapped on the word "alive," he will get up to chase the tapper around the circle one time before it's his turn to tap others.

**Leader Tip:** You can keep this game easy and cooperative by avoiding any tagging as part of the chase. It may help not to have a spot in the middle of the circle, as kids this age may become confused or upset by playing the game in a more competitive way.

**Make It Inclusive:** For kids who aren't able to run (or choose not to run) or don't want to have their heads tapped, adapt the game and have them sit in their own area and stand up (or raise their arms up) when they hear the phrase "Jesus is alive!"

## Prayer and Blessing

After the kids finish their activity, pray with them, thanking Jesus for being alive and for loving us.

**Let's pray and talk to God. Jesus, thank You for showing Your love through Your death on the cross and for coming back to life forever. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands are open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

**Blessing:** Jesus is alive! May you shout it wherever you are. May you live it out this week. May you remember that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is alive in you. Jesus is alive, and He loves you!