

April 15, 2018

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Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

The extended toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the Bible Truth and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos. The same Bible Truth will be told in four (or five) different ways throughout the month allowing for the repetition toddlers need and crave.

Bible Time

- Draw It

Craft Time

- Jesus Is Alive

Play Time

- Microphone Fun

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Bible Time

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the Bible Truth. Some kids (especially the younger ones) may wander. That’s OK. They’re still listening and learning!

What You Need: Preschool Bible, butcher paper, markers

LEADER: “Hey, friends! I’m so happy to see you today. Today’s Bible Truth was about Easter. We can read about Easter right here! (*Hold up Bible.*) Easter is about Jesus (*draw Jesus*), God’s Son! He came to earth where we live because He loves us so much.

“One night, Jesus had to tell His friends something. He knew that soon He would have to go away. He would be leaving His friends. But then Jesus promised to come back!

“That night, some mean people came and took Jesus away. They hurt Jesus, and He died. It was so, so sad. They put Jesus’ body in a tomb with a big stone in front of it. (*Draw tomb.*)

“Three days went by. Can you count to three with me?”

CHILDREN and LEADER: (*Write numbers as you count.*) “One, two, three!”

LEADER: “When some of Jesus’ friends went to the tomb they saw that the big stone had been rolled away and Jesus was **ALIVE!** (*Draw tomb with stone rolled away.*)

“Jesus came back just like He said He would! He went away, and He came back. So Jesus’ friends ran and told **EVERYONE**, ‘He’s alive! He’s alive! Jesus is alive! Jesus is **ALIVE!**’ (*Circle Jesus and put hearts around it.*)

“Everyone needs to hear that Jesus is **ALIVE!** [**Bottom Line**] **You can tell others about Jesus.**”

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Craft Time

Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's OK. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

What You Need: "Jesus Is Alive" Activity Page and dot markers

What You Do:

During the Activity: Retell the Bible Truth as the children use dot markers to color the page.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "Today's Bible Truth was about Easter. Easter is about Jesus, God's Son! He came to earth where we live because He loves us so much.

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"That night, some mean people came and took Jesus away. They hurt Jesus and He died. It was so, so sad. They put Jesus' body in a tomb with a big stone in front of it. Three days went by and when some of Jesus' friends went to the tomb they saw that the big stone had been rolled away and Jesus was ALIVE! Jesus' friends ran and told EVERYONE that Jesus is alive.

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Playtime

Microphone Fun

What You Need: Toy microphones and telephones

What You Do: Gather several toddlers and let them play with the toy microphones and telephones. Encourage them to say, “Jesus loves you,” into them. Continue as long as there is interest.

What You Say: “Friends, look at these fun toys. This is a microphone. It makes your voice louder. Let’s see how loud we can say, ‘Jesus loves you.’ This is a telephone. We can talk to other people on the telephone. Let’s tell someone, ‘Jesus loves you.’ Great job! You can tell others about Jesus!”