

# PRESCHOOL FAMILY GUIDE (APRIL 10-16)

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We may not be gathering at our campuses on Sunday, but Little Lakers is still happening...in your house! Below you'll find instructions and resources you can use to spiritually invest in your preschooler. Don't be nervous...you've got this! Be patient, have fun, and know you're making a difference in their life.

## Overview

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** Matthew 26:36-28:15

**BIBLE STORY:** Jesus' Death and Resurrection

**MAIN POINT:** Jesus saves us from sin.

**MEMORY VERSE:** Romans 10:9

## Instructions

**SET A TIME AND A PLACE.** Decide when and where your preschooler is going to watch the Bible story video and do the activity sheets. We encourage you to do this with them to help them focus, learn, and make memories together.

**PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO.** When it's time, play the Bible story video for your child on your computer, the TV, a phone or tablet, or whatever works best in your home.

**ACTIVITY PAGES.** After your child has watched the video, have them color or complete the activity sheets. If you have a printer, print off the sheets beforehand for them. If not, you can always use a tablet or a computer for them. The first page has some helpful questions you can ask them to help reinforce the story and the main point. In the pages that follow you'll find activities you can do throughout the rest of week at your own pace to reinforce the story.

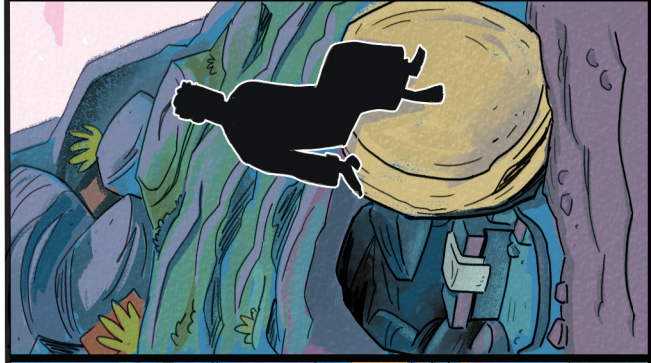
**PRAY.** After you've finished the activity pages, pray together. It doesn't have to be long or profound. Just pray something simple like, "Jesus, thank you for dying on the cross and rising from the grave to save us from our sin."



# Who Fits Where?

Preschool Activity Pages  
**Easter • Session 2**  
**Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Draw a line matching the figures on the bottom to the scene in which they belong on top.



**BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

- Jesus died on a cross and was buried in a tomb.
- On the third day, the tomb was open and an angel told Jesus' two friends, both named Mary, that Jesus was alive.
- Jesus appeared to the two Marys.
- Jesus gives us life with God forever.

**KEY PASSAGE:** John 3:30

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

- Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to rescue sinners.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- Why is Jesus' death and resurrection the most important thing that has ever happened?
- How can we have life with God?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Watch the sunrise as a family. Talk about what it might have been like that first Easter morning.
- Ask church staff for names and contact information of one or two guests who watched Easter online your family could pray for and follow up with.



*Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection*  
Matthew 26-28; 1 Corinthians 15

**STORY POINT: JESUS GIVES US LIFE WITH GOD FOREVER.**



# Jesus Is Alive!



**Jesus and His friends went to Jerusalem for Passover. Jesus rode to Jerusalem on a donkey. Long ago, God said His special King would ride a donkey. Everyone came out to see Jesus. They put their coats on the ground in front of Jesus. They waved palm branches and shouted “Hosanna!” The people welcomed Jesus as their King!**



**Jesus ate a special meal with His friends. Jesus told His friends about God's plan. People would put Jesus on a cross even though He did nothing wrong. "God will make Me alive again," Jesus said. Jesus gave them bread and wine to remember His plan to rescue them from their wrong choices. Jesus said, "When you eat this special meal, remember what I have done for you."**



**After Jesus ate the Last Supper, He went to a garden to pray. Jesus knew it was time for Him to die on the cross to rescue us. Jesus prayed, “My Father, I will do Your plan.” Then people grabbed Jesus to take Him away. All of Jesus’ friends ran away. Jesus said, “This is happening like God said it would.”**



**People put Jesus on a cross, and Jesus died to rescue us from our wrong choices. On the third day after Jesus died, women went to the tomb. The huge stone was rolled away and a man in bright clothes said, “Jesus is alive!” The women ran to tell the friends the good news. Peter and John ran to the tomb. Jesus was not there!**





**Two of Jesus' friends were walking to Emmaus. Jesus began walking with them. They did not know He was Jesus! One of them said, "We thought Jesus was the Messiah, but He died on the cross. This morning, some women said Jesus is alive!" Jesus told them about God's plan for the Messiah to die and come back to life. When they realized He was Jesus, they hurried back to tell the others.**



**Jesus' friends were hiding in a locked room. Suddenly, Jesus stood in front of them. They thought He was a ghost! "Peace to you!" Jesus said. Jesus showed them His hands and His feet, and He even ate fish with them. They were so happy! Jesus was alive, and He is still alive today!**



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Who saves us from our sin?

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## BOTTOM LINE

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## BASIC TRUTH

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## MAKE A CROSS PAINTING

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Paper, painter's tape, watercolor or finger paint (crayons or markers if no paint is available), and paint brushes

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Write **Jesus is alive** with a permanent marker at the top of a sheet of paper for your child.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Guide your child to use two strips of painter's tape to make a cross on their paper. If no tape is available, draw a thick cross outline on their paper. Invite your preschooler to paint or color over their entire paper. Allow paint to dry, and then remove the tape to reveal a white cross.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** The bright colors on your cross picture are happy colors. The women were very happy to see that Jesus was not in the tomb. They ran to tell Jesus' friends that **Jesus is alive**.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Jesus brings forgiveness and life with God forever. You can give your cross picture to someone in your family or to a friend and tell them that **Jesus is alive!**

## LOOK IN THE TOMB

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Flat sheet and white cloth

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Drape a sheet over three sides of a table. Fold a white cloth and place it inside.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Invite kids to look in the "tomb" as you review the Bible story.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** People put Jesus in a tomb because Jesus died on the cross, but God made Jesus alive again. **Jesus is alive** today!

TURN PAGE OVER FOR MORE ACTIVITIES



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### PLACE "SINS" ON A CROSS

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Marker, sticky notes, 2 white sheets of paper

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Draw a big cross on a sheet of paper. Invite your preschoolers to tell you sins or wrong choice we make. Make it personal by asking your children what they have done wrong.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Write the sins down on colored sticky notes and help your preschoolers to stick them to the cross. Tell preschoolers sins you have committed and write them down on the sticky notes as well.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** When the cross is covered with "sin" notes, take each note down, and replace with a white piece of paper labeled JESUS. Invite your preschoolers to help you throw the "sin" notes away.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** God forgives our sin because Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for sin. **Jesus died on the cross and is alive.** We removed all of the sins we wrote down because when we turn from our sin and trust in Jesus, He takes away all of our sin and makes us clean like Him.

### ROLL THE STONE

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Ball

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Gather your kids and a ball.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Roll the ball to your child and encourage him to roll or toss it back to you or to a sibling. Sing the following lyrics to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb" as your kids roll the ball.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Jesus died, but He's alive, He's alive, He's alive!  
Jesus died, but He's alive! The stone was rolled away!"

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** A big earthquake came as the two Mary's were at Jesus' tomb. An angel came down from heaven and rolled away the stone that sat in front of Jesus' tomb. Jesus died on the cross for our sins (the bad choices that we make). But **Jesus is alive!** When we put our trust in Jesus, God forgives our sin because Jesus died for us.



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### SLEEP AND AWAKE

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Invite your kids to lay down, close their eyes, and pretend to be asleep.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** When you say, "Good Morning!" have your kids sit up and open their eyes.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Jesus died on the cross, but God made Jesus alive again. Jesus was not inside His tomb because **Jesus is alive!**

### HOPSCOTCH THE MEMORY VERSE

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Sidewalk chalk or masking tape, beanbag or small stone

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Use masking tape or sidewalk chalk to create a hopscotch board on the floor or ground with one space for each word or phrase to the memory verse.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Review the Memory Verse a couple of times with your kids. Have your children line up at the start of your hopscotch board. Guide one child at a time to toss a beanbag or small stone onto the board and then hop to it. Invite them to recite one word or phrase of the memory verse each time they hop, stopping when they reach the beanbag. Help your children finish the verse by the end of their turn. Play several times.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Recite the memory verse together as a family.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Confess means to say or to agree. Our memory verse tells us that all we have to do to be forgiven of our sin is say that Jesus is Lord and believe God raised Him from the dead. Jesus did all the work to save us when He died on the cross and rose again.

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**PRAY OVER OUR FEARS**

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Paper and crayons

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Ask your kids to answer the question, "What are you afraid of?" Make a list of their answers. Share with your kids a couple of your own fears.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Invite your kids to draw a picture of one of their fears. Lead your children in praying over their fear drawings then throwing them away.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** When we are afraid, we can talk to God about it. Because **Jesus died on the cross and is alive**, we do not have to be afraid. When we ask, Jesus forgives us, and we can have life with God forever. No one can take that away!

**READ ABOUT JESUS**

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Jesus Is Alive Book

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Open the Jesus Is Alive attachment.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Read the book to your children, pointing to Jesus in each picture. Remind children that Jesus never did anything wrong.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** God sent Jesus to rescue us by dying on the cross. God made Jesus alive again. **God is always with us!**

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** God sent Jesus to rescue us. **Jesus is alive.**

**SING A SONG**

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Sing the song "If You're Happy and You Know It" while performing the motions.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Jesus' friends were sad when He died on the cross. But **Jesus is alive** today and that is the happiest news ever!

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