



Lesson
Guide

Babies & 1s

JESUS' RESURRECTION



Good Friday & Easter
JESUS RESCUES



LESSON GOAL:

Background: Jesus died on the cross and was buried in the tomb. But after three days, Jesus rose from the grave and was alive again! This was all part of God's plan to rescue us from our sins!

Lesson Goal: For kids to understand that Jesus, God's Son, came to earth and died on the cross for each one of us. We can choose to accept Jesus as our own savior who rescues us from our sin.

Matthew 27:62-28:10

KEY VERSE:



But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 5:8, NIRV

LESSON OVERVIEW:

Each service is about 1 hour long. You might complete all activities or you might only get through one thing. Overall, our goal is to help the babies & 1 year olds feel safe and secure while their parents attend service!

40 minutes - CHECK-IN

30 min prior to the start of service
until 10 min after service starts

10 minutes - KEEPSAKE CRAFT

Help kids make a special craft

10 minutes - WORSHIP & BIBLE

Help kids learn the Bible story

10 minutes - ACTIVITY

Help kids participate in simple games

15 minutes - FREE PLAY

Allow kids to play freely until parents arrive to pick up

CHECK-OUT

Follow check-out procedures as parents arrive to pick up

10 min
after the start
of service

CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in time is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome by creating a welcoming environment.



WELCOME FAMILIES

As kids arrive to check-in, greet them and help them feel safe, seen and secure.

SAY:

I'm so glad to see you today, **(insert child/parent name)**! Let's come in and play with some toys!

(Insert parent name), do you have a diaper bag or any other specific instructions for today? *(Respond accordingly)* Enjoy service!

DO:

Help kids feel **SAFE** (physically & emotionally), **SEEN** (known & understood) and **SOOTHED** (calmed & supported) so they can become **SECURE** in your classroom.



FREE PLAY

The goal of free play is to create space for toddlers to get adapted to the classroom so they can connect with the Ministry Partners and other kids.

DO:

As kids play with the classroom toys and games, take time to connect on their level. Initiate conversation by relating to something the child is doing, something you notice about him/her or an overview of what they can expect during class. The goal is to help them feel safe and connected.

Examples:

- I'm so glad you're here today!
- That's a nice red shirt you're wearing!
- I see you're holding a yellow lego.
- I see that you're sad. Your grown ups went to church but they'll be back soon.

10
min

KEEPSAKE CRAFT

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. You can pull kids aside one on one or do it altogether as a group.



MAKE: Jesus is Risen Craft

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

Supplies: He is Risen card, yellow ink pads/paint



SAY:

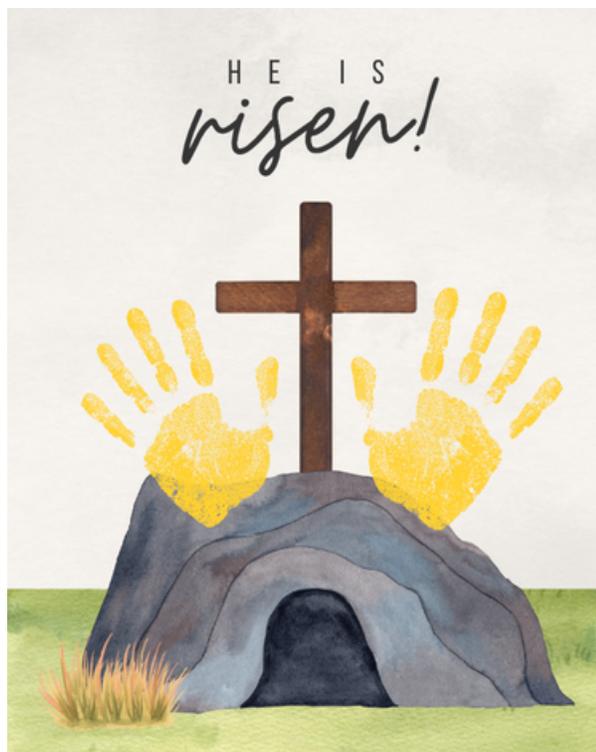
Jesus died on the cross and rose from the grave to save us from our sins! Let's color this special craft to remember this special moment!



DO:

Work one on one with each child to do the craft. Find a clear space to work and ensure you have all supplies ready before you begin (including wet wipes to clean the child's hands). One at a time, place the child's hands on the ink pad (or brush with paint) and place them on each side of the cross to make sunshine rays behind the tomb/cross.

Wipe the child's hands clean, then write his/her name on the back of the craft and place it in a safe place to dry.



15
min

WORSHIP & BIBLE STORY

The goal of this time is to help kids grow in their relationship with God through Worship and an engaging Bible story.



WORSHIP

Use the Little Kids music videos on Plex to sing some simple songs with your class. To access these videos, go to Plex > Videos > EC > Babies folder.

SONG 1: Jesus Loves Me

SONG 2: Hosannah Rock

SONG 3: It's a Happy Day



BIBLE STORY

Ask kids to sit quietly as you read the story aloud.



TIP:

Try to engage the child(ren) as you share the story by showing pictures and repeating key words and phrases. It's ok if you don't read every word of the story! Kids have very short attention spans (1 minute for each year of age) so try to keep your interactions short and don't get discouraged if a child loses focus!



SAY:

Read **"The Story of Easter"** by Patricia A. Pingry (found in your classroom curriculum bag)



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.

May you praise God that Jesus saves! Jesus died on the cross but He is alive and He rescues us from our sins!

10
min

ACTIVITY

The goal of this time is to help kids engage with fun activities that help reinforce the lesson.



ACTIVITY - Jesus Died for Us

Supplies: Cross poster, heart cutouts



DO:

Tape the cross poster on the wall. Give each child a heart and have them take turns placing it on the cross. They can do this as many times as desired.



SAY:

Look at the heart. It represents God's love for us. He loves us so much He sent Jesus to die on the cross. Let's put our hearts on the cross to remember how much God loves us.



ACTIVITY - Celebrating Jesus!

Supplies: egg shaker musical instruments



DO:

Pass out egg shakers to each child (or a few kids at a time, if there's not enough for each child). Allow them to explore the eggs by shaking, rolling, etc. Turn on some music and encourage the kids to shake the eggs along with the music.



SAY:

These eggs remind us of Easter when we celebrate Jesus, who rose from the grave to save us from our sins! Let's celebrate by singing and dancing!

As parents
arrive after
service

CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



DO:

As kids get picked up, hand the parent/guardian the child's belongings and their keepsake craft to take home.