



I Am Loved

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1 year olds - 4 year olds

Bible Passage: Jesus died and came back to life- Matthew 27-28

Bottom Line: Jesus is Alive

Leader Context: As we celebrate Easter through the story of Jesus' death and resurrection, we get to share the good news of the gospel and make room for conversations where kids can ask questions and make decisions to trust and follow Jesus.

THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS: Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Mar 31 Social Instruction Page, Roku Game Instructions, beanbag, party hats (1 per kid)

What You Do:

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This!

Thank You, Super Crew! Our Hooray Day Bible story makes me want to have a super big celebration because Jesus is alive! That is why we celebrate Easter. Jesus is alive! Can you say that with me? I'll say it first, and you say it after me. Let's add motions too! Hooray! (Hooray!) Jesus is Alive! (Jesus is Alive!)

We learned that Jesus died, but He did not stay dead. Three days later, He rose again, and He is alive today! Jesus is alive! Hooray! Sometimes when we celebrate, we shout, "Hooray!" and make lots of noise. But did you know we can also celebrate by saying thank you? Let's talk to God right now and tell Him thank you that Jesus came, and He is alive! Let's be still, close our eyes, and pray 3-2-1.

Thank You, Jesus, for coming to make a way for us to have a friendship with You. We are so excited that You are alive and that we can be forgiven and have a friendship with God because of You. Thank You for giving us a reason to celebrate today. Amen."

Today, we learned that we can have a friendship with God by believing in Jesus. The Bible tells us that God made everything perfect because He is perfect. Then something happened. Adam and Eve decided to do what they wanted to do rather than what God wanted. They sinned. Sin is when we disobey God's rules. Sin broke our perfect friendship with God. But God sent His Son, Jesus, so we can be forgiven from our sin and have a friendship with Him. Hooray! We can thank God for loving us and sending Jesus for us. He loves us so much. And that is an amazing thing to celebrate. We have had such a fun day celebrating Jesus. I hope you will come back and hang out with us again."

A Worshipful Welcome (20 minutes)

What You Need: wood cross (1 per kid) washable paint or color dots (5-6 colors per kid), Gospel Printable for families (1 per kid)

Do: Take a look at this shape. (Display a cross.) Does it look familiar? Of course! It's our Super Clue! Our Super Clue today is a cross. We are going to decorate a cross today to help us connect our Super Clue to our Bible story. You will use paint or color dots to fill your cross with dots. These dots remind us that God forgives us because of Jesus.

Say: I love each of your crosses! A cross reminds us of today's Bible story and our Big Deal. Our Big Deal is, "Hooray! Jesus is Alive!" Next time you see a cross you can remember God loves you so much that He sent Jesus for you."

Say:

- What was our Super Clue today? (a cross) What does it help us remember? (It reminds us that Jesus died on a cross. Three days later, He rose again, and He is alive today!.)
- What was your favorite part of the Bible story?
- How did we know that Jesus is alive? (The Bible tells us the tomb is empty.)
- What is something you learned about God today?
- What can you tell your friends and families about this week?

Our Big Deal is, "Hooray! Jesus is Alive!"

Hooray! (with both palms out, make large circles with both arms in front of body.) Jesus is Alive! (both hands in front facing up and then scoop up to the sky)

In today's Bible story we learned that Jesus came back to life. The tomb they laid Him in was empty. That is worth celebrating today and every day. Hooray! Jesus is Alive!"

Prepare kids to talk with their family about what they learned today.

- Pass out coloring pages for kids to take home.
- As family members arrive to pick up their kid, greet them and tell them one thing you noticed about their kid that day or something you talked to each kid about remembering this week.
- If there is time to chat with the family, ask how you can pray for them this week.
- Say bye to the kids and call them by name.