



WEEK 2

PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE



BIG IDEA

Jesus beat death.

THE BIBLE

Easter: Matthew 28:1-10

WELCOME TIME

ACTIVITY | Egg Balance Race

- **Happy Easter! What are some things that you think about when you think of Easter?** One of the first things that come to mind are Easter eggs! Let's play with some right now!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Divide the kids into teams. Supply each team with a spoon and a plastic egg. Use tape to mark a start line and a finish line. Ask the first kid in each team to balance their egg on their spoon and walk to the finish line and back. Then, ask them to give the spoon and egg to the next person on the team. Continue until everyone has a turn. The team that finishes first wins.*

TEACHING TIME

THE BIG IDEA | Jesus beat death.

- Let's cheer, as loud as we can, "Jesus beat death!" Pretend we are at the biggest, best game cheering on our team! We won and want everyone to know! Let's cheer together: "Jesus beat death! Jesus beat death! Jesus beat death!"
 - **TODDLER HACK:** *Toddlers do not yet have an understanding of death. Consider replacing "Jesus beat death" with "Jesus is alive!"*

VIDEO | Level Up, Episode 2

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's preschool [teaching video](#).*



BIBLE STORY | Matthew 28:1-10

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Prepare a basket of eggs (filled with cutouts from the Story Eggs printable and other small items) to use as props as you read the story from Matthew 28:1-10. Open each egg and show the kids the contents at the appropriate times in the story.
 - **Verse 1:** the two women (cutout)
 - **Verses 2:** a small stone
 - **Verse 3:** a bright white piece of cloth
 - **Verse 4:** guards (cutout)
 - **Verses 5-6:** an angel (cutout)
 - **Verses 7-8:** disciples (cutout)
 - **Verses 9-10:** Jesus (cutout)
- **Who went to the tomb where Jesus had been buried?**
- **What did they find when they got there?**
- **What was the good news they ran to tell the disciples?**
- **Jesus beat death!** Jesus is alive! This is why we celebrate Easter. We celebrate Easter because Jesus is alive!

ACTIVITY | Jesus Beat Death Relay

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Place props that look like stones at one end of a relay path. Roll up paper to look like a scroll and tie with string. If you have a large group, you can set up two relay paths and let two teams compete. Divide each team in half and have each half line up at each stone.
- **Let's have a relay race to remind us how Mary and Mary felt when they learned Jesus was alive. When I say, "Go!" run with your scroll to the other stone. Hand the scroll to your waiting teammate and shout, "Jesus beat death!" Then, that teammate runs back to the first stone and does the same thing. Keep playing until everyone has carried the scroll.**
 - **TODDLER HACK:** A relay is a complicated concept for a toddler. Instead, give them each a scroll to carry around the room, shouting the (modified) Big Idea. After awhile, tell them to put their scrolls in one big basket.

PRAYER

- Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to Earth to beat death. Thank You for loving us.

DISCUSSION TIME

SNACK | Easter Treats

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** This would be a good time to share a traditional Easter snack, or maybe some Easter cupcakes.



MEMORY VERSE | Hebrews 12:2

PLAY TIME

While you're waiting for parents to pick up their kids . . .

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Use this time while the kids color to remind them of today's Bible story, the Big Idea, and the memory verse.

ACTIVITY | Stone Roll

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Lay a crumpled brown lunch bag on its side to resemble a tomb (To make it sturdier, try folding the bag inside out). Crumple up smaller pieces of brown paper to resemble the stone. Have kids take turns trying to roll the "stone" into the "tomb."
- The stone in front of Jesus' tomb was rolled away because Jesus came back to life! Jesus beat death!

ACTIVITY | Tomb Drama

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Provide simple costumes and props for the kids to act out today's story (or to pretend to be the characters in the story).

Encourage your preschoolers to help clean up the room while they wait for their parents.