

# Preschool Kids Church

April 5, 2026



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**Theme This Week-** Jesus is the reason we celebrate!

**Welcome Everyone-** Free Play

**Clean Up Time- Clean Up Song**

**Songs-** God is with Me

**Large Group Time**

**Small Group Activity #1-** Roll Away the Stone Relay

**Small Group Activity #2-** He is Not Here

**Small Group Activity #3-** 1, 2, 3 Hopscotch

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**Take Time to Pray with your Kiddos!**

**Special Announcements-** Happy Easter! The greatest day in history!

**Memory Verse for the Month-**

**“I have called you friends.”**

**John 15:15**

# Roll Away the Stone Relay

## What You Need:

- Large playground balls
- Painter's tape

## What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Create a start and finish line in an open area of your room with tape.

*During the Activity:* Divide the children into two teams. Have the first child in each line roll the "stone" (ball) across the room to the finish line and then roll it back to the next person in their line. Continue until everyone has had a turn.

*After the Activity:* Introduce the Bible Story.

## What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* "Hello, friends! I'm so happy you're here! Happy Easter! Come stand with me. We're going to play a game with this big, round stone! (*Hold up ball*)"

*During the Activity:* "In our story today, we will hear about a big stone that was rolled in front of a tomb. Let's play a game and pretend to roll that stone! We'll make two teams. When I say, 'Go,' the first person in each line will roll the stone all the way to that wall and then roll it back to the next person. Ready, set, go! (*Cheer for the children as they play.*) You are doing a great job rolling that big stone! Way to go, teams!" (*Repeat as desired.*)

*After the Activity:* "That was so much fun! That big stone reminds me of our Bible story today. It's a special story that makes me want to shout, 'Hip, hip, hooray!' Let's go hear about the stone in our story."

# He Is Not Here!

## What You Need:

- “He Is Not Here Tomb” Activity Page
- “He Is Not Here Tomb People” Activity Page
- Glue sticks
- Clear tape

## What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Copy “He is Not Here Tomb” one for each kid. Copy “He is Not Here People” one for each kid.

*During the Activity:* Pass out both activity pages to each of your kids. Give them time to color their pages. Glue the picture of Jesus and the two ladies to the edges of your picture. Take time to talk about what your kids have heard about the Easter story as they complete their activity.

## What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* “Come sit with me! We’re going to play with these story pieces to help us remember our amazing Bible story.”

*During the Activity:* “After Jesus died, His friends were very sad. They put His body in a tomb, like this box. But three days later, some of Jesus’ friends, these women (hold up women figures), went to the tomb. But when they got there, the big stone was rolled away and ... Jesus was gone! He wasn’t there! An angel told them, ‘He is not here! He is alive!’ Jesus is alive! Can everyone say, ‘Jesus is alive!’? *(Pause.)* Hip, hip, hooray! Jesus is alive! It was the best surprise ever! **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever**, and that’s why He came back.”

*After the Activity:* “This is the best story! Jesus is not in the tomb. Jesus is alive! And because Jesus is alive, **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever**. Who wants to be your friend forever? **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**”

# 1, 2, 3 Hopscotch

## What You Need:

- “1,2,3 Hopscotch” Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Painter’s tape

## What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Copy “1,2,3 Hopscotch” on cardstock, two sets per Small Group. Arrange and tape the pages to the floor in a simple hopscotch pattern (1, 2, 3, Jesus).

*During the Activity:* Encourage children to take turns hopping on the numbers, counting as they go. When they land on the picture of Jesus, everyone shouts, “Jesus is alive!”

*After the Activity:* Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

## What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* “Let’s play a hopping game! Come stand by me.”

*During the Activity:* “We’re going to play hopscotch! I want you to hop on each number and say it out loud. Ready? One ... two... three! And when you get to the last picture, it’s Jesus! When you land on Jesus, we are all going to shout, ‘Jesus is alive!’ [Child’s name], you go first! (*Guide the child through the course.*) One, two, three ... (*Child lands on Jesus.*) Everyone, shout! ‘Jesus is alive!’ Hip, hip, hooray!” (*Continue until all children have had a turn.*)

*After the Activity:* “All that hopping was fun! What do we shout when we see Jesus? (*Pause for response.*) That’s right! Jesus is alive! And because He is, **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.** Who wants to be your friend forever? **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever!**”