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JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER.

Sing the following to the tune of "London Bridge is Falling Down" as you rock or change the baby.

**Jesus wants to be my friend, be my friend, be my friend.
Jesus wants to be my friend.
Jesus loves [child's name].**

WORDS FOR BABY

*"Baby, Jesus loves you so much, and He wants to be your friend forever.
Jesus is alive!"*





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April 26, 2020

Toddlers/Early Pre-K (Ages 1-3)

Bible Words: "I am alive for ever and ever!" Revelation 1:18, NIV

Easter • *Matthew 26:20-50; 27:1-2; 28:1-7*

Bottom Line: Jesus is alive.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Parent Tip:

This month we have been concentrating on the story of Easter and Jesus being ALIVE! Tell the story below with excitement and ask your child lots of questions. Keep the story pretty simple (see below) and be interactive. The more you ask them to do as you tell the story, the better you will hold their attention. What You Need: Preschool Bible, one Little People® figure or something similar, a paper cup, and a balled-up piece of paper You will also need to print out the last page for the craft if you would like to do that piece as well and you will also need an envelope, and crayons.

Story Time

Find a comfortable place on a rug or in a specific area of your house to tell the story. Some kids (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning! Do your best to engage them.

Do you remember the story we have been talking about? Well, it about the true story of Easter and why we celebrate. One night, Jesus and His friends, the disciples, had gone to pray in the garden after eating dinner. While they were in the garden, some mean men came and took Jesus away. They hurt Him so bad He died. It was very sad. Show me your sad faces. (Demonstrate.) Jesus' friends took His body and put him in a tomb. (Lay the cup on its side and slide the Little People figure into the cup.) They rolled a big rock in front of the opening. (Roll the wadded-up paper in front of the opening.) Three days went by. Can you count with me?(Hold up your fingers as you count.) Great! When the disciple went to the tomb, they found that the tomb was empty! (Pick up the cup and look in it, put the figure in your lap as surreptitiously as possible, and then show the empty cup to all the children.)

[Bottom Line] "Jesus is alive! Yay! (Stand the figure up on the floor.) And that is why we celebrate Easter and we've been talking about it so much! [Bottom Line] Jesus is alive!"

[Bottom Line] Jesus is alive! Yay, Jesus!

Craft Time

He Came Back!

What You Need: Picture of Jesus, a check envelope, and crayons.

What You Do: Before the Activity: Print the picture of Jesus, have your child color it, and then help them cut it out...or cut it out for them.

During the Activity: Retell the story. Encourage children to put Jesus in the envelope, say He went away and came back, followed by taking Jesus out of the envelope.

Use this script to help you after Jesus has been colored and cut out:

Today we learned that Jesus went away. Can you put Jesus inside your envelope? (Pause.) Nice! Now count with me. One, two, three, Jesus came back! Take Jesus out of the envelope. (Pause.) Jesus came back just like He said He would!

(Pause.) Jesus went away and came back. [Bottom Line] Jesus is alive!" Then, have the kids tell the story and demonstrate for you. Help them until they can do it on their own. If there is someone else in the house, have the student do it for them.



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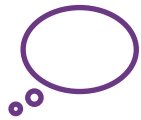
PRE-K



WEEK FOUR

MATTHEW 28:19-20

Jesus tells His disciples to go and tell everyone, everywhere that He is alive.



REMEMBER THIS:

"I am alive for ever and ever!"
REVELATION 1:18, NIV



SAY THIS:

Who is alive?
JESUS IS ALIVE.



DO THIS:



While bathing your child, sing the following to the tune of "Pop Goes The Weasel": "Jesus went away one day. His friends began to cry. Then on day three, Jesus came back! Jesus is alive!"

BASIC TRUTH:

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER.

HOW TO RAISE A JERK

By Reggie Joiner

Most parents don't set out to raise kids who become jerks. But parenting kids who have a mind of their own can be confusing.

Some people say too many who work hard at building children's self-esteem are raising kids who will exhibit a lifestyle of entitlement and egotism. Other specialists say those who talk about children being innately bad are raising a generation that feels inferior and insignificant. Every expert has an opinion and it's hard to know where the line actually is. Many promote their agenda by pushing the opposing opinion to the extreme.

One of the keys to parenting with balance is helping your children develop an attitude of humility. Every child has the potential to grow up and understand why it's important to "put others first." There is just a fine line between raising kids who have a healthy self-esteem and kids who are too egotistical.

A life of arrogance that goes unchecked can result in a sad and lonely existence for someone, and frankly there are enough self-centered people around. How does someone develop an overinflated sense of self-worth and entitlement?

Here are a few ideas to help you can unintentionally but effectively raise a jerk:

- Keep them away from anyone who thinks differently than they do.
- Try to give them everything they want.
- Tell them over and over again you just want them to be happy.
- Convince them that they are more special than other kids.
- Always take their side when they get in trouble with their teacher at school.
- Always take their side whenever they are in a conflict with a friend.
- Keep insisting that they are the best player on the team.
- Don't give them consistent opportunities to help or serve other people.
- Never require them to do chores.
- Reinforce their prejudices about people from different cultures or backgrounds.
- Make your relationship with them more important than your relationship with your spouse.
- Rarely express genuine gratitude to those who help you.
- Teach them to talk more than they listen.
- Never let them hear you say "I was wrong. I am sorry."

Maybe you can add a few ideas of your own . . . on how to raise a jerk.

- Protect them from the consequences of their own mistakes.
- Make sure you do whatever they can do for themselves.

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