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PRE-K



WEEK ONE

MATTHEW 21:1-11, 15-16

People celebrated Jesus by waving palm branches in the air and spreading their coats on the road.



REMEMBER THIS:

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



SAY THIS:

Who is alive?
JESUS IS ALIVE.



DO THIS:



When you go into your child's room, say, "Good morning! It's time for you and your friend, [name of plush animal, blanket, or toy they sleep with] to wake up." Hold the toy friend like it is talking to your child. Say, "Hey, [child's name], who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be your friend forever!"

BASIC TRUTH:

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER.

CELEBRATE EASTER

By Holly Crawshaw

Every Easter my brother, sister, and I got brand new and coordinating Easter outfits and baskets. My mom wasn't the kind of mom who baked cookies and did crafts with us. In today's terms, she wouldn't have been a "Pinterest Mom." But she made a big deal about Easter. And because of that, I look forward to Easter as an adult. It doesn't carry the pomp and splendor (read: pressure) of Christmas, but it's a sweet holiday—one with traditions and activities I've passed down to own my kids.

So how do we do that? How do we create Easter traditions for our children that will not only create fun and fond memories, but also reinforce the levity of the day itself? Here an idea for Preschoolers:

Resurrection Eggs

If there's one thing every preschooler loves, it's marshmallows. And this activity calls for plenty of them. You'll also need crescent rolls, cinnamon and sugar (or red sprinkles), and melted butter.

Before you get started with the supplies, begin by sharing the Easter story through the Bible. The Jesus Storybook Bible is a great one for preschoolers. As you complete each step of the Resurrection Rolls, remind your child about what you just read.

Once you're finished reading, spread out your crescent roll triangles on a baking sheet. These triangles represent the tomb Jesus was buried in. Next, show your child how to roll one marshmallow into the butter, and then into the cinnamon and sugar. Explain that this represents Jesus' body being prepared for burial with oil and spices. Next, allow your child to place one marshmallow in each crescent roll, wrap it up, and press the edges together so the roll is completely sealed. This represents the tomb being sealed with a stone. Bake the crescent rolls according to the package's directions.

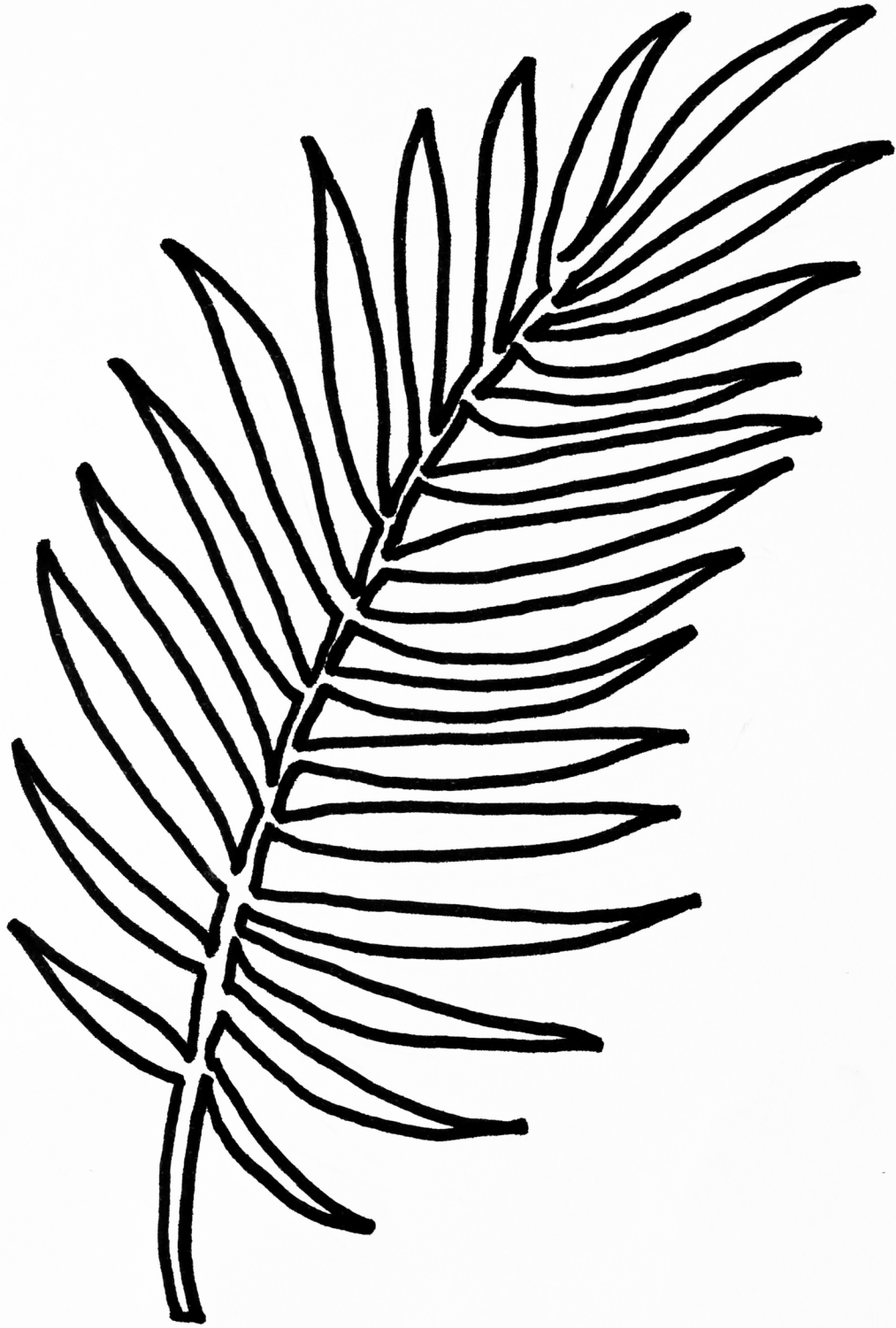
After the crescent rolls cook and cool off, help your child peel open one of the rolls. The marshmallow is gone! Just like Jesus' body!

While the crescent rolls cook and cool, you could always read a few Easter books with your child. A personal favorite of my preschooler is *The Berenstain Bears and the Easter Story* by Jan and Mike Berenstain.

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NURSERY



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 5, 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 are 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. Some pictures have been attached to this lesson if you would like to print them out to help tell the story.

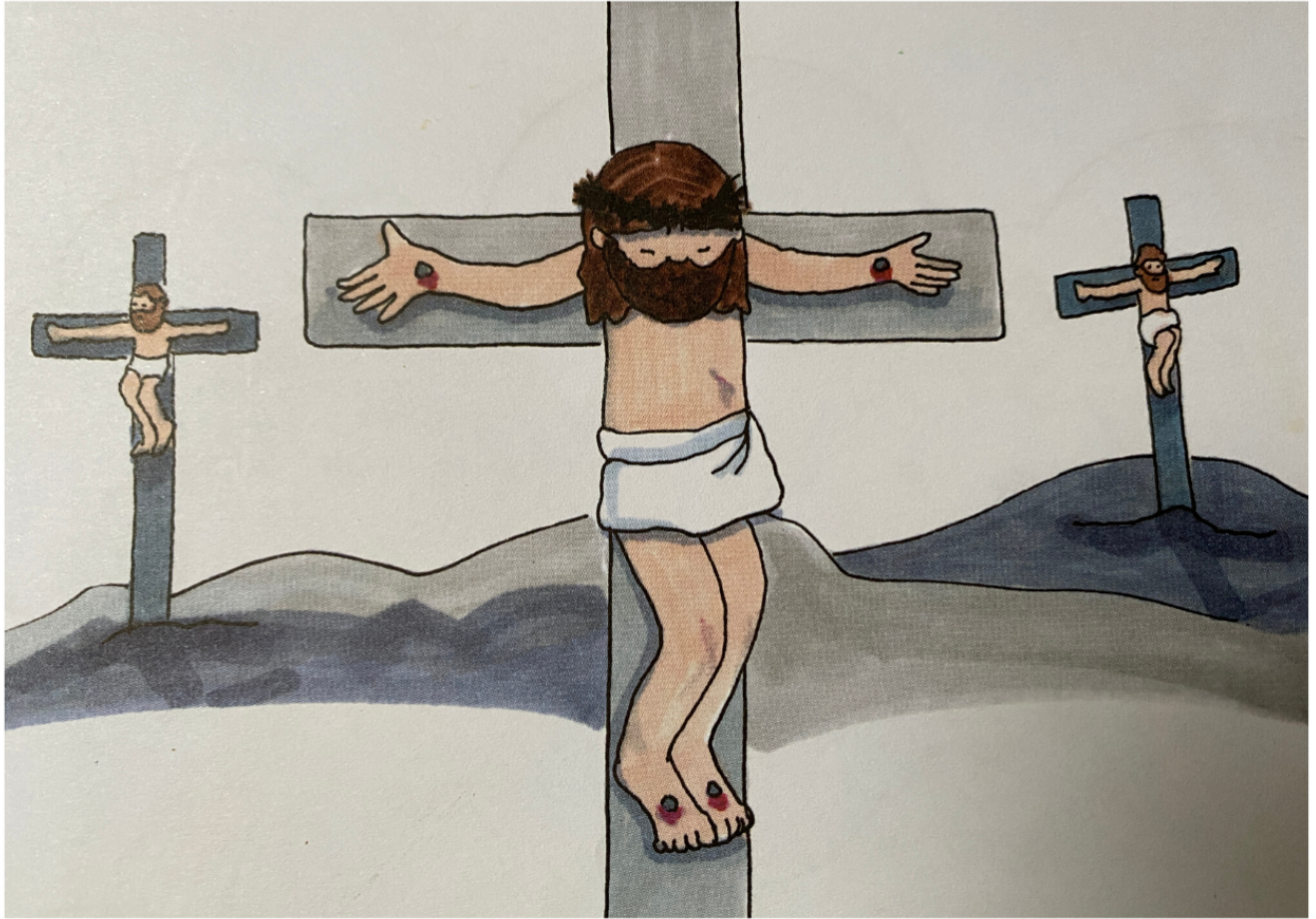
Story Time

Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) is about the story of Easter. Easter is the special day we celebrate that **Jesus is alive**. One day Jesus was eating with His friends (model how you would be eating with Jesus and then ask them to join you) When they finished (have kids pretend to wipe their mouths and hands as if they are done), they went to a garden to pray. While Jesus and His friends were in the garden praying (ask them to act like they are praying), some angry men came and took Jesus away. (have them say, "Oh, no!") They hurt Him so bad that He died. It was very, very sad (have them show you a sad face). But that's not the end of the story. Jesus' friends were really sad for three days, but on day three—count with me: one, two three (*hold up your fingers as you count*)—something AMAZING happened! Jesus came back to life! It was a miracle! Yes, He was ALIVE again. **[Bottom Line] Jesus is alive! Yay!** (Have them celebrate like they are at a party).

[Bottom Line]" Jesus is alive! And that is why we celebrate Easter. [Bottom Line] Jesus is alive! Yay, Jesus! Happy Easter!"









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RESOURCES

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The Parent Cue App—Partnering with you as a parent is important, especially helpful in times of uncertainty. Consistent communication between our church and you builds trust between us, and it also equips you to have spiritual conversations at home. This free app gives you weekly cues that are aligned with the content of what your child has been taught or experiences in our classrooms each week. <https://bit.ly/2wTCNtG>

Helping Kids Navigate Anxiety Podcast—On this episode, Sissy Goff, Director of Child and Adolescent Counseling at Daystar Counseling Ministries in Nashville, Tennessee, shares tools for leaders helping kids process anxiety. <https://bit.ly/2TZx1OR>

Managing Fear and Anxiety During a Health Pandemic—a blog post for parents on managing anxiety during any number of life disruptions: <https://bit.ly/2Q6kJTG>

Anxiety Conversation Guides – These can help you if you have a child with anxiety. You can download these age-appropriate resources to find tips and practical ways to help your child.

Preschool - <https://bit.ly/33eSacq>

Elementary - <https://bit.ly/38LkjZs>

*We will be adding to this list as we gather more resources to help our kids and families.