



# Preschool

## “The Gospel Project”

### Jesus’ Crucifixion and Resurrection

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020

**Unit Key Passage:** *“He must increase, but I must decrease.” John 3:30 (CSB)*

**Bible Passage:** Matthew 26–28; 1 Corinthians 15

**Main Point:** Jesus gives us life with God forever.

**Big Picture Question:** *Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to rescue sinners.*

## 1 Getting Started

**9:30-10:00**

A team member will stand at the door and be sure that the children are signed in while the other team members will engage the children as they enter the class. Be sure that you are asking to see the parent’s security tags and making sure that the number is written on the sign in sheet and on the child’s name tag. Greet new parents and introduce visitors.

All Team Members: Make sure you have a name tag on! Welcome and introduce kids to one another.

## 2 Create the Story

**10:00-10:15**

**Activity:** “Who Fits Where ”

**Supplies:** “Who Fits Where” activity page, crayons/markers

**Directions:** Invite preschoolers to draw a line matching the people on the bottom to the scene they belong in on the top.

**Say:** Jesus died on the cross and was buried in a tomb. A large stone was rolled in front of the tomb, and soldiers stood guard. On the third day, two women went to the tomb. Suddenly an angel came down from heaven, rolled away the stone, and sat on it. Jesus was alive! The women saw Jesus and bowed at His feet to worship Him. You can use these pictures to tell this good news story to your family and friends!

### 3 Worship & Main Session Teaching

10:15-10:45

#### Supplies:

- ❖ **Bible story pictures-** (We are just referencing a few of the stories to review)
  - Jesus' Triumphal Entry
  - Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection
- ❖ **Other templates-**
  - **Key passage:** John 3:30
  - **Main Point:** Jesus gives us life with God forever.
  - **Big Picture Question/Answer:** *Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to rescue sinners.*
- ❖ **“The Gospel Project” DVD Lesson:** “Jesus’ Crucifixion and Resurrection”

#### Review:

- **Say:** Who remembers what we've been learning about recently? Can anyone remember any of those stories? (*Take a few answers and then, review these stories below with pictures*):
  - Last week, we learned how Jesus rode into Jerusalem for Passover on a donkey. The people welcomed Jesus as their King.

#### Today's story:

- **Say:** The Bible is God's Word, and it is always true. Our story today is from the Book of Matthew. The Bible tells us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.
- **Play the DVD video story.** (If DVD not available, teach the story using the printed version at the end of this curriculum)
- **Christ Connection:** The most important thing that ever happened is that Jesus died and was raised from the dead (***Show the picture of Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection***). Many people saw with their own eyes that Jesus was alive, like the two women both named Mary, Peter, the rest of Jesus' disciples, and then more than 500 people who followed Him. Jesus is still alive today. We can believe that Jesus is alive! When we turn from sin and trust in Jesus, we have hope and new life. **Jesus gives us life with God forever** (***Show the Main Point template***).
- **Big picture question:** Listen to our big picture question and answer. ***Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to rescue sinners.*** Because Jesus never sinned, He could die on the cross to take the punishment we deserve for our sin. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives us for our sin.

- **Review key passage: (Show key passage template)** “He must increase, but I must decrease.” *John 3:30 (CSB)*

## **Restroom Break Schedule (Preschool Coordinator will assist you)**

### **4 Snack & Life Group**

**10:45-11:00**

**IMPORTANT!!!!** Please check each child for a yellow allergy sticker along with referring to the sign-in sheet to be properly informed on children who may have food and other allergies.

**Snack:** Cheerios & bananas

**As the children enjoy their snack, discuss these Life Group questions with them.**

#### **Life Group Questions:**

- What had Jesus done wrong? (nothing)
- What was rolled in front of the tomb? (a large stone)
- Who went to Jesus’ tomb on the third day? (two of Jesus’ friends, both named Mary)
- What made the women happy at the tomb? (Jesus had risen. He was alive!)
- What did Jesus tell the women to do? (tell His friends to go to Galilee to meet Him)
- **Main Point: Jesus gives us life with God forever.**
- **Big Picture Question: *Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to rescue sinners.***
- He in our key passage is Jesus. The most important thing that ever happened is that Jesus died and was raised from the dead! Jesus is most important of all!
- **Review the Key Verse below with the kids:** “He must increase, but I must decrease.” *John 3:30 (CSB)*

## 5 Craft

11:00-11:15

### Craft #1: Make a Cross

**Supplies:** Card stock with a cross on it, tissue paper, glue

**Directions:** Provide preschoolers with a card stock picture with a cross on it. Instruct the preschoolers to glue pieces of the tissue paper onto the cross.

**Say:** The bright colors on your cross picture are happy colors. The women were very happy to see that Jesus was not in the tomb. They ran to tell Jesus' friends that Jesus is alive. The women had been sad and afraid when Jesus was dying on the cross and then placed in the tomb, but now they knew they did not need to be afraid. **Jesus gives us life with God forever.** Can you give your cross picture to someone in your family or to a friend and tell him or her that Jesus is alive?

### Craft #2: "Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection" color page

**Supplies:** "Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection" color page, crayons/markers

**Directions:** Allow preschoolers to color their picture from today's story.

**Say:** Jesus' body was sealed up tight in the tomb, but when the stone was rolled away, Jesus was gone. Our marshmallows just melted, but Jesus really did come back to life! When we trust in Him, **Jesus gives us life with God forever.**

## 6 Games/Activities

11:15-11:30

### OPTION #1: Sing a Song

**Supplies:** None

**Directions:** Lead preschoolers in singing the following lyrics to the tune of "London Bridge Is Falling Down." You can put motions to the song. Hold both arms out by your side to make a cross for "Jesus died for you and me". Instruct preschoolers to squat down and jump up when singing, "Jesus rose up from the grave". Finally, cross arms over the chest when singing, "He loves you and me." You can also repeat the song singing it slowly or fast.

"Jesus died for you and me, you and me, you and me.

Jesus died for you and me, He loves you and me.

Jesus rose up from the grave, from the grave, from the grave.

Jesus rose up from the grave, He loves you and me."

**Say:** Great singing! When people believe that Jesus died for their sin, and rose again from the grave, they are saved from sin! Jesus gives us life with God forever.

## **OPTION #2: Rolling Stone Relay**

**Supplies:** 2 balls, painters tape

**Directions:** Team members split the class into 2 different groups. Mark a start line with painters tape on one side of the room, and a turn around point on the opposite side of the room. Have each group line up on the same side of the room behind the starting line. Provide a ball (Stone) to the first child in each line. Instruct the child to roll the stone to the piece of tape located on the opposite side of the room and turn around and roll it back to the next person in line. Whichever team finishes first wins.

**Say:** In our Bible story today, the women who went to Jesus' tomb saw an angel come down from heaven. The angel rolled away the stone and sat on it. The angel told them the good news that Jesus was alive! *Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to rescue sinners.* When we turn from sin and trust in Jesus, we have forgiveness and hope. **Jesus gives us life with God forever.**

## **7 Closing Activity**

**11:30-11:45**

**Closing Activity- Journal page**

**Supplies:** Journal page, crayons/markers

**Directions:** Offer the journal page and invite preschoolers to draw a picture of Jesus. Remind preschoolers that **Jesus gives us life with God forever** when they believe in Him as their Savior and turn from their sin.

**Pray:** Jesus you are still alive today. When we turn from sin and trust in You, we have hope and new life. Jesus thank you for coming to rescue us from sin and giving us life with God forever. Amen.

**THANK YOU FOR SERVING THE KING'S KIDS TODAY**

**Main Session Teaching:** (Use if DVD is not available)

An angry crowd took Jesus away to the religious leaders. They wanted to find a reason to kill Jesus, but Jesus had done nothing wrong. They took him to Pilate, the governor.

Pilate's soldiers made a crown of thorns and put it on Jesus' head. They put a purple robe around Him and pretended to bow down to Him. Then they led Jesus away.

Jesus was nailed to a cross (*Show the picture of Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection*). They put a sign above Jesus' head that said: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Two criminals were put on crosses next to Jesus.

Darkness covered the land. Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why have You abandoned Me?" Jesus died and was buried in a tomb. A large stone was rolled in front of the tomb, and Pilate's soldiers guarded the tomb so that no one would steal Jesus' body.

On the third day, two of Jesus' friends, both named Mary, went to the tomb. They were very sad. Suddenly there was a big earthquake as an angel came down from heaven. The angel rolled away the stone and sat on it. The guards fainted.

The angel spoke to the women, "Do not be afraid! Jesus is not here! He has risen from the dead, just as He said He would."

The women were so happy! Jesus was alive! They left the tomb to tell Jesus' disciples the good news. Just then, Jesus greeted them. The women worshiped Him. Jesus said, "Do not be afraid. Tell My brothers to go to Galilee. They will see Me there."

Jesus appeared to Peter and then to His other disciples. Then Jesus appeared to more than 500 people who followed Him. Many people saw with their own eyes that Jesus is alive!

**Jesus gives us life with God forever (*Show the Main Point template*).**