

Palm Sunday

March 26, 2023-
April 2, 2023
Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 2:5-11

THEME: A Greater Type of King

SONG: CW21 538/ CW93 449
- God Loves Me Dearly

VISUAL: Pictures of a king and a servant (or one picture of both); a cross

OBJECT LESSON

Show the picture(s) of a servant and a king. What do you think it would be like to be a king or queen?

What would it be like to be a servant who works for a king or someone else?

Would you rather be a servant or a king?

In God's Word today, we are going to hear about someone who was a king but decided to become a servant instead!

BIBLE TRUTH

Read verses 5-6.

The Bible says that Jesus has always been God. Does that make him more like a servant or a king? (a king)

Read verse 7.

When Jesus became a human being, what did he also become—a servant or a king? (a servant)

Read verse 8.

Jesus was like a servant because he obeyed God the Father. What was Jesus willing to do to obey his Father? (Show the cross to cue.) God the Father was so happy with Jesus for becoming a servant and saving us, that he did something special for Jesus.

Read verses 9-11.

What did God make Jesus once again—a servant or a king? (a king, ruling over everyone and everything)

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Would you want to give up being a king in order to become a servant and be nailed to a cross?

Why did Jesus do that?

Imagine if Jesus hadn't become a servant and died for us. Would we be able to go to heaven someday?

Who is our king now?

Jesus loves us so much that he became a servant to save us—and now he's our king, taking care of us. Isn't that great news? Let's thank Jesus for being our wonderful, saving king!

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank you for leaving your kingdom in heaven to come to earth to save us. We are so glad that you love us and are ruling over us! We praise you for being our king! Amen.



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Resurrection

April 3, 2023-
April 9, 2023
Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28:1-10

THEME: He Lives to Take Me from Death to Life

SONG: CW21 438/ CW93 157 - Jesus Christ is Risen Today
If the children do not know the words, teach them to sing the Alleluias. Let them know that Alleluia means "praise the Lord."

VISUAL: Dead flower, box, large rock or brick, picture or model of Jesus' tomb with stone in front of it

OBJECT LESSON

(Show the dead flower, the box, and the large rock or brick.)

If I have a flower that died and put it in a box in the ground, and then put a big stone/brick on top of it, is that flower going to be able to get out of the box?

If somehow it got out, would it be a beautiful, blooming flower again?

BIBLE TRUTH

Read the Bible story. Show a picture or model of Jesus' tomb with the stone in front of it. Explain that the stone was very, very heavy.

If you were put into a tomb, like a cave, and a huge, very, very heavy stone were put into the only opening to the cave, would you be able to get out?

If you were dead when you were put there, would that make it easier or harder to get out?

It should have been impossible for Jesus to leave his tomb. But when the angels rolled the stone away, what could the women see? Was Jesus' body in the tomb?

Jesus had become alive again, and he had left the tomb, even before the angels rolled the stone away! How did the women know for sure that Jesus was alive?

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Just like that flower I showed you, Jesus was dead. The flower couldn't make itself alive again. When we people die, can we make ourselves alive again?

We can't make ourselves alive again, but Jesus made himself come back to life. If Jesus could make himself live again, what can he do for us after we die?

Just as Jesus made himself come back to life, Jesus will do the same thing for us. He will make us alive again. Where will we go to be with our living Savior, Jesus?

Someday we'll get to live in heaven with Jesus, and no one will ever die again there! How does that make you feel?

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, we're so happy that you are alive again! Thank you for promising to make us alive again and take us to heaven. We are excited that we will get to live with you there someday! Amen.



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IMPRINTS**

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 10, 2023-
April 16, 2023
Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: John 20:19-29

THEME: He Lives to Give Me Proof and Peace

SONG: CW21 584 - Jesus Loves Me, This I know

VISUAL: A puppy (picture, stuffed animal, or actual puppy)

OBJECT LESSON

(Show the puppy.)

Imagine that you don't have any pets in your house. You've always wanted a puppy. You've begged your dad for one SO many times, but he's always said no. You've cried, promised to do extra work around the house, hugged him—nothing has ever worked. He doesn't want a dog in the house.

One day you come home from school and your older brother tells you, "Dad got us a puppy!" Would you believe him? Even if you think he might be telling the truth, what would you want to see so that you could be sure? How would you feel after you saw the puppy?

BIBLE TRUTH

Read John 20:19a.

How did the disciples feel as they hid in a locked room after Jesus died?

Read verses 19b-20.

Jesus proved who he was by showing the disciples his nail marks. After they had proof that Jesus was alive, how did the disciples feel?

Read verses 21-25.

What did Thomas say he would need to see in order to believe that Jesus was alive?

Read verses 26-29.

Thomas had wanted proof. Did Jesus prove to Thomas that he was alive? How did Thomas feel then?

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Remember how you would feel if you had proof that your dad got you a puppy?

We have proof from God's Word, the Bible, that Jesus is alive. How does that make us feel?

Remember how the disciples were afraid? Let's make faces that look like we're scared. (Model a scared face.)

Jesus kept saying to his disciples, "Peace be with you." When we have peace, we aren't scared anymore. We trust that Jesus is taking care of us. Show me what your face looks like when you have peace from Jesus. (Model a happy face.)

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank you for proving to your disciples and to us that you are alive! Help us not to be scared about what might happen to us. Instead, give us peace and trust that you are taking care of us. Amen.



HEART IMPRINTS

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 17, 2023-
April 23, 2023
Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:14a,32,33,36-38

THEME: He Lives to Restore My Hope

SONG: CW21 441/ CW93 152
- I Know That My Redeemer Lives st. 1, 8

VISUAL: Broken toy or badly torn stuffed animal

OBJECT LESSON

(Show the broken toy or badly torn stuffed animal.)

Let's pretend that this is your favorite toy, and it is broken (torn). You ask your mom and dad to please fix it for you, and they say, "It's too broken. We can't fix that." How would you feel?

When we really want something to happen, and we're told it can't happen, we lose hope. Having hope means thinking that a good thing might happen.

Imagine that you tell your grandparents about your broken toy, and they say they might be able to fix it. Would you have hope again?

In today's Bible story we are going to hear about something that Jesus' disciple Peter told the people. Listen to find out if they had hope.

BIBLE TRUTH

Read Acts 2 verses 14a, 32, 33, 36.

Peter told the crowd of people that the person they had put to death on a cross—Jesus, God's Son—was alive again and that God had made him Lord of all. The people had made sure Jesus died a terrible death on a cross. Now he was their ruler. Do you think they expected him to be kind to them after what they had done to him? (Shake your head.) Did they have any hope that they would be forgiven for what they had done?

But Peter gave the people good news. Listen to what happened next.

Read verses 37-38.

The people were very scared. They asked, "What should we do?" Did Peter tell them that God was going to hurt them? (Shake your head.)

Peter told the people to be baptized for the forgiveness of their sins. God was going to forgive them! He would even send the Holy Spirit to them! Do you think the people had hope after they heard that? (Cue by nodding and smiling.)

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

You haven't nailed Jesus to a cross. But you've done some bad things, called sins. What are some bad things that kids your age sometimes do?

When we think about all the bad things we have done, we might start to lose hope. We might think that Jesus will be angry at us and punish us. But does Jesus still love us? Does he forgive us?

Jesus died for our sins. He took them away we he died on the cross. Does that give you hope? It gives me hope too! We are forgiven! Jesus will take us to heaven someday. We never need to lose our hope again.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank you for dying on a cross for our sins. Thank you for becoming alive again. Help us never to lose hope, but instead to trust that you forgive us and will take us to heaven. Amen.



HEART IMPRINTS

4th Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2023-
April 30, 2023
Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: John 10:1-6

THEME: He Lives to Be My Good Shepherd

SONG: CW21 804/ CW93 432
- I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

VISUAL: Picture of a sheep; several children/volunteers; a small piece of chocolate for each volunteer

OBJECT LESSON

Ask if the children know what a shepherd does. Show a picture of a sheep and explain that a shepherd takes care of sheep. The shepherd leads them to places with food and water.

Ask for several children to volunteer. Have them pretend that they are the sheep and you are leading them to food. Have them follow you as you walk around. Be sure to call them by name! When you get to your destination, give each "sheep" a small piece of chocolate, and have them return to their seats.

BIBLE TRUTH

Jesus is our Good Shepherd. As you hear Jesus' words today, listen carefully to find out what he says a shepherd does.

Read John 10:1-6. What are some things a shepherd does? (He opens the gate to the sheep pen, calls the sheep by name, and has them follow him.)

Jesus gives us something much better than chocolate. Where does Jesus lead us? (to heaven) Jesus is the best shepherd of all. All of us who have faith in Jesus as our Savior will follow him to heaven someday!

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Let's think about how you can follow our Good Shepherd. I'm going to say some things that you might do. If what I say sounds like following Jesus, use your hands to make sheep ears. (Demonstrate.) If what I say doesn't sound like following Jesus, shake your heads no. (Demonstrate.)

Give a mixture of examples of things the children could do that would be examples of following Jesus (such as learning Bible stories, singing praise to him, and being kind to others) as well as examples of sinful actions (such as hitting friends, disobeying parents, and taking someone else's toy without asking). Allow the children to make sheep ears or shake their heads to show whether each action would be an example of following Jesus.

Let's do our best to follow Jesus as he leads us to heaven!

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank you for dying for us, your sheep, so that we can go to heaven someday. Help us follow you in everything we do. Amen.



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