

Easter

March 25, 2024–
March 31, 2024

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 15:20

THEME: All Will be Made Alive

SONG: CW21 438/ CW93 157 v. 1–2–Jesus Christ is Risen Today (students can learn Alleluias)

VISUAL: Exmples of fiction and nonfiction books the students are familiar with

OBJECT LESSON

Give a brief explanation that some books share made-up stories and some books share things that are true or really happened. Hold up each book selection and ask students if they think the book is a made-up story or something that is real or true. End with holding up the Bible. Is the Bible true?

BIBLE TRUTH

Yes, the Bible is true! Read 1 Corinthians 15:20. In this passage the Bible writer Paul uses a big word: Indeed! This means we can be sure this is true. It's a fact that Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday! It really happened! Easter is not just a holiday or a fairytale. Easter is history, it really happened!

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Because Jesus has been raised, we also will rise again! Death is not the end for us. We will be raised when Jesus comes again on the Last Day. He will raise us up out of the grave and take us to be with him in heaven forever. That is what Easter really means for us. Thanks be to God!

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank you for rising from the dead. Thank you for reassuring me that death is not the end. When are afraid of death, remind us that you really rose and we will too. Help us to have faith in you, until you raise us and all believers to eternal life in heaven with you. Amen.



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IMPRINTS**

2nd Sunday in Easter

April 1, 2024 -
April 7, 2024

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: John 20:19-20

THEME: The Living Lord Gives Proof and Peace

SONG: CW21 548 - Jesus Loves Me

VISUAL: One bin of toys dumped out and messy, another toy bin cleaned up and tidy

OBJECT LESSON

Your parents might ask you, "Did you clean up your toys before dinner?" If you tell your parents "Yes, I did," what are they expecting to see when they walk into your room? They want to see that your toys are put back where they belong, not out on the floor. Seeing your toys put away is one way that shows proof or evidence that you put your toys away like you said.

BIBLE TRUTH

Read John 20:19-20. Jesus had risen from the dead early Sunday morning. The disciples were afraid that they might get arrested like Jesus, so they were hiding and had the doors locked. Then Jesus appeared in the room with them! They were so surprised!

The disciples needed some proof before they could fully understand what was going on. What proof did Jesus give them? "After he said this, he showed them his hands and side." The proof was right there on Jesus' body. The nail marks from the cross were still there. The wound in his side from the soldier's spear was still there. That was proof that this was really Jesus, risen from the dead. The disciples were filled with joy!

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

The proof of Jesus' resurrection brought joy and peace to his disciples. They knew there was more to their existence than just their time on earth. They knew the reality that eternal life was theirs, a gift from their living Lord. Jesus' resurrection reality brings us joy and peace too! We know that because Jesus rose from the dead we will also rise and live with him in heaven.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for raising Jesus from the dead. Whenever doubts or fears arise in our minds, comfort us with the peace that comes through the knowledge of our own resurrection from the dead. Keep us ever faithful to you now and always. Amen.



HEART IMPRINTS

3rd Sunday in Easter

April 8, 2024 -
April 14, 2024

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 1:5-7

THEME: We Have a Meaningful Message to Share

SONG: CW21 713 - I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

VISUAL: Blindfold, volunteers, two pieces of paper showing a shape they know

OBJECT LESSON

Pick two student volunteers. Blindfold one student then hand each a piece of paper with the shape. Ask the blindfolded student what shape is on the paper, then ask the student who is not blindfolded. Why didn't [blindfolded student] know what shape was on the paper? How did [other student] know what shape was on the paper?

BIBLE TRUTH

Read 1 John 1:5.

When the Bible talks about darkness, what does that usually mean? (sin/unbelief) And when the Bible talks about light, what does that usually mean? (goodness/ faith). Our God is light, holy and perfect.

Read 1 John 1:6-7.

Without God, we are lost in the darkness of our own sin. Without the light of God we can't see the special gift we have from him. With God's light we know that "The blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin." By faith in him through Jesus, we are with him in the light.

Wow! How amazing is that! We also get to share this good news about Jesus with other people! But notice what kind of people it takes to share that message. It takes people who are walking in the light, not the darkness.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

The key to walking in God's light instead of the darkness of sin is repentance. God wants us to confess our sins and turn to him for forgiveness. God always promises to forgive us our sins. Jesus' death on the cross already took away those sins. Talk about ways we can share the light of God's forgiveness with people who are still in darkness.

PRAYER

Dear Savior, thank you for taking away all my sin. Forgive me for the times when I've forgotten your love and turned away to the darkness of my sinful nature. Help me to walk in the light of your Word. Keep the light of faith shining brightly inside me until it leads me to the eternal brightness of heaven. Amen.



HEART IMPRINTS

4th Sunday in Easter

April 15, 2024 -
April 21, 2024

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: John 10:11-18

THEME: The Risen Savior Provides Good Shepherding

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

VISUAL: Pictures of tour guides (park rangers or docents) and/or things a tour guide might carry

OBJECT LESSON

Ask the students if they've been on a guided tour? Maybe it was on a family vacation. Maybe you visited a museum or a national park or a baseball stadium or a historical site. When you take a tour of any place like that, it's important to have a guide. Why would a guide be important? (take some answers) If you've never been to that place before, you need someone to lead you around who knows the way. If you don't have a guide to lead you around, you might get lost because you wouldn't know the right way to go. And even if you do get separated from your tour, you know to always look for your guide because they will show you the right way out.

BIBLE TRUTH

This Sunday is a special Sunday. It's called Good Shepherd Sunday. During the season of Easter, we take some time to focus on the fact that Jesus is our Good Shepherd. He even called himself that. Read John 10:11-18.

We are just like sheep. Without their shepherd, sheep wouldn't know the right way to go or the right thing to do. Sheep like to wander wherever they want. They don't know what paths are safe and what paths are dangerous. If they are left alone, they could wander farther and farther away from the safe pastures. They need a shepherd to guide them along the correct paths.

In the same way, if we are left alone to ourselves, we just wander off too. Maybe not actually wandering with our feet, but we wander with our hearts and minds. Left by ourselves, we wander farther and farther away from God's Word. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, comes in and leads us back along the right paths. He leads us back to God and his Word.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

There are many paths that don't lead to God. It might be our own ideas about what is right and wrong. Others might say that you have to do good things and that will get you to God. Still others might even say that faith doesn't even matter. Listening to these ideas gets us lost.

How did Jesus show us that he is the Good Shepherd? (He laid down his life for us; he brings us into his flock; he rescues us from those who would attack our faith). Jesus leads us with his Word to trust in him. We learn to listen to his voice. The more we listen to his Word, the more confident we are that he loves us and is guiding us.

PRAYER

Dear Savior, thank you for taking away all my sin. Forgive me for the times when I've forgotten your love and turned away to the darkness of my sinful nature. Help me to walk in the light of your Word. Keep the light of faith burning brightly inside me until it leads me to the eternal brightness of heaven. Amen.



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