

EASTER
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LARGE GROUP

Happy Easter!

HOST:

“Yay! I’m so glad to see you today. It’s such a special day. Today we are celebrating Easter! Happy Easter, everyone! I can’t wait for you to hear today’s story, but first remind me - **Who is your friend? (‘Jesus is my friend!’)**”

“Yes! Jesus is your friend. It doesn’t matter what else is going on, Jesus will always love you and be your friend. Jesus is my friend and yours and we can praise him every day! Let’s get up and sing!”

SONG 1: PRAISE THE LORD EVERY DAY

SONG 2: HOSANNA ROCK

WORSHIP LEADER:

“Great singing, my friends. Hey – I have an important question for you! **Who is your friend? (‘Jesus is my friend!’)**”

“Exactly. **Jesus is my friend**, and He loves us. That’s what the Bible says. Let’s practice our memory verse. Say it with me! A friend (*hook your pointer fingers together*) loves (*hug yourself*) at all times (*stretch your arms out to each side with your palms facing up as you turn in a circle*), Proverbs 17:17. (*Open your hands like a book.*)”

(Practice a couple more times.)

“Nice work, everybody! And Easter is a perfect time to remember that verse!”

STORYTELLER:

“Today’s true story from the Bible is very important. In fact, it is the most important story in the entire Bible!”

(Hold up the Bible, open it, and lay it aside.)

STORYTELLER:

“This true Bible story is the reason that we celebrate Easter. Today’s story is full of good news, but it starts out a little bit sad. Show me your sad faces ☹️

Oh no - you look really sad. In our true story, Jesus had to go away, but don’t worry – He said that he would come back! He loved us so much that after 3 days he came back again! The Easter story is all about God’s love for us – and God loving us makes me feel so happy. Can I see your happy faces? 😊

Wow! I love that! I can’t wait to hear Ollie tell us this story!”

OLLIE VIDEO: EASTER

STORYTELLER:

“God LOVED us so much He sent Jesus to be our friend forever. THAT is the good news! THAT is why we celebrate Easter! THAT is why the Easter story is the most important story in the Bible!

Jesus is alive, and He wants to be YOUR friend forever! **Who is your friend?**
Jesus is my friend!

He sure is! Let’s pray and thank God for LOVING us so much He sent Jesus to be our friend forever.

PRAYER “Dear God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent us Your Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. Thank You that He came back just like He promised. We are SO glad He is always with us. You are amazing, God, and we love You. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

HOST:

Now let’s stand up and sing our final song about how Jesus wants to be our friend forever!

SONG 3: FRIEND FOREVER

HOST:

Great singing, friends! Make sure you tell everyone the good news today. Jesus is alive, and He wants to be your friend forever! Happy Easter!