

Easter Weekend Cares Lesson (Large Group)

Bible Story: Come Alive (Crucifixion and Resurrection) • *John 18:1–20:18*

Bottom Line: Whatever happens, remember Jesus is alive.

Memory Verse: *“In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world.”* John 16:33b, NIV

“Hi, everyone! Happy Easter! Today is such an important day. At Easter, we celebrate the greatest event in all of history—when God proved once and for all just how much He loves us. Everything that happened was part of God’s plan. And what His Son, Jesus, did for us changed the world forever.

“We can read all about what happened at Easter in the Bible. Let’s take a look at this week’s video to learn all about it!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 7:21)

“Imagine what it would have been like for Jesus’ friends back then. When Jesus died, they must have been heartbroken. They probably wondered if everything Jesus had said could possibly be true. How could Jesus be the Son of God if He had just been killed? They were confused and afraid. They didn’t know what to do. It seemed that all their hope was lost.

“But now we know that God had a plan all along. He sent Jesus to die on the cross to pay the price for our sins, and then Jesus defeated death when He came back to life.

“That’s why, whatever happens, I can have HOPE in Jesus. When times are good or when times are dark and scary, I can remember that Jesus is with me. He died on the cross because He loves me. But He didn’t stay dead. He’s more powerful than death. He is ALIVE!

And that’s why I put my hope in Jesus. When we believe in Jesus, we have HOPE that will last forever.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

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“Great job everyone! Before we move onto our game and other activities, let’s pray.”

Lead group in a prayer then dismiss.