

## City LG—April 10th, 2022 (EASTER LESSON)

**Today's Bible Story:** Back to Life (Crucifixion and Resurrection) • *John 18:1–20:18*

**Today's Bottom Line:** Whatever happens, remember Jesus is alive.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world.* John 16:33b (NIRV)

**REMINDER: Kids will need to be grouped into Small Groups to begin Service**

**WORSHIP: Hands Toward Heaven and Alive**

**CG: Camp Manitoqua Slide**

"Camp Manitoqua is a great opportunity for you to meet new friends and learn more about Jesus! You don't want to miss it! Also, Parkview Kids, Camp is just for our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade friends here in the City. Don't worry 1<sup>st</sup> Graders! We'll still have Summer Jam coming up and all kinds of other fun things for you too! You can look forward to going to Camp next year. All of the information is on this card (*show postcard*). Make sure you grab one before you leave today!"

"Happy Easter, everyone! Easter is next week, and we're celebrating BIG TIME today! We're celebrating because Easter is the very best example of HOPE. Because of Easter, we can have hope, no matter what tough things we might face in life.

"Here's what hope is about..."

**SLIDE: Hope**

**"Hope is believing that something good can come out of something bad.**

"You see, Easter is about so much more than just bunnies and chicks and chocolate eggs. And trust me, I LOVE bunnies and chicks and chocolate eggs! (*Pause.*) We celebrate Easter because Jesus died on the cross for us then came back to LIFE! Jesus did all of that for us, and He made a way for us to have a relationship with God that will last forever. That's some good news, am I right? Because of Jesus, we can have hope, whatever happens.

"I know sometimes we feel PUZZLED when things don't go the way we expect. But in those moments, we need to remember that **we can trust God no matter what**. We can trust that God sees the bigger picture!

"Speaking of puzzles, I've got some fun Easter puzzles for you to guess as we kick off our time together. Let's see if you can look at these emojis and figure out the bigger picture of what they're supposed to say. For example, let's look at this first one.

**SLIDE: Emoji Puzzle #1a**

"What do you see there? Some eggs . . . and a magnifying glass. Put them together and what do you get? (*Pause for response.*) Yes—an egg hunt!

**SLIDE: Emoji Puzzle #1b**

“Let’s look at the next one.

*For each puzzle, give the kids some time to guess. If they have trouble, give them hints and help them figure out what the individual emojis could mean. When they guess the right answer, repeat it out loud and show the answer slide on screen.*

**SLIDE: Emoji Puzzle #2a**

“That’s right! That’s a chocolate bunny!

**SLIDE: Emoji Puzzle #2b**

**SLIDE: Emoji Puzzle #3a**

“EGGS-cellent! You got it—bunny ears!

**SLIDE: Emoji Puzzle #3b**

**SLIDE: Emoji Puzzle #4a**

“Yep! You all are EGGS-tra good at this! It’s Easter candy.

**SLIDE: Emoji Puzzle #4b**

**SLIDE: Emoji Puzzle #5a**

“EGGS-traordinary! You are correct! Baby chicks and bunnies!

**SLIDE: Emoji Puzzle #5b**

**SLIDE: Emoji Puzzle #6a**

“Ah, yes! When we EGGS-amine this closely, we see jelly beans!

**SLIDE: Emoji Puzzle #6b**

“Okay, here’s our last puzzle. Can you guess what it means?

**SLIDE: Emoji Puzzle #7a**

“Let’s see. (*Reference the screen.*) Jesus died on the cross . . . and three days later . . . He came back to life. Jesus is alive!

**SLIDE: Emoji Puzzle #7b**

“We’ll learn more about that in our Bible story. But first, let’s spend some time in our Groups answering this question...

**SLIDE: "What does Easter mean to you?"**

3 minutes on the clock! GO!"

**CG: Question Video (Runtime: 3:00)**

"Wow, it's so exciting to share the Easter story with all of you! Easter is SO worth celebrating because of all that Jesus did for us. Because of Jesus, we can have HOPE that will never end! Let's get into our Bible Story Video today!"

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 7:30)**

"Early on Sunday, Jesus' friend Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. When Mary got there, she saw that the stone had been rolled away!"

**SLIDE: Empty Tomb Scene**

"The tomb was empty! Mary ran to find Peter and John. They, too, saw the empty tomb. The men returned home, still trying to understand. But Mary stayed behind. She looked in the tomb and saw two angels where Jesus' body had been. The angels asked her why she was crying. Mary said . . .

*Open the Bible to John 20:13 (NIRV) and read.*

*"They have taken my Lord away . . . I don't know where they have put him.*

"Mary turned and saw a man who also asked her why she was crying. At first, Mary thought the man must be a gardener. But then He said her name, Mary, and she realized it was Jesus! He was ALIVE!"

"Mary ran to tell the others, 'I have seen the Lord!' (John 20:18, NIRV)

"Can you help me? Mary said, 'I have seen the Lord!'"

*Point to the kids to cue them to repeat after you.*

**KIDS:** "I have seen the Lord!"

"Great job!"

"Through Jesus, we have a way to have a relationship with God that will last forever. We can have hope because in the end, darkness will never win. We can celebrate today, because Jesus is ALIVE! Let's learn our Bottom Line for today!"

**CG: Bottom Line Video (Runtime: 1:00)**

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**[Bottom Line] "Whatever happens, remember Jesus is alive.**

“That’s the BIGGEST reason we can have hope. We may have to face some difficult things in life, but it makes all the difference when we remember that Jesus is alive and that He’s ALWAYS with us. Let’s pray.”

**PRAY:** “Dear God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus for us! Thank You for giving us a reason to celebrate today. We can put our HOPE in Jesus, because He conquered death and came back to life! Whatever goes on in our lives—tough times, uncertainty, fear—help us think of what Jesus has done for us and remember that He’s alive today. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“Because God loves us so much, God sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. And Jesus came back to life to give us hope, so when we believe, we can have a relationship with God that will last forever.

“Jesus is more powerful than any fear or any problem we may have. No matter what you might be going through, you can be sure that Jesus is with you. He loves you. And He is alive!

“Remember what Jesus said to His disciples before He went to die on the cross. This is our memory verse for this month, John 16:33.

**SLIDE: Memory Verse**

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

“I don’t know about you, but I feel so full of HOPE when I think about what Jesus did for me. I feel so happy when I remember that Jesus is alive! Happy Easter!”

**OFFERING:**

Here in Parkview Kids, we bring our offering each week to help support (your Campus Child) learn more about Jesus just like we do here in Parkview Kids. Here’s a picture of (your Campus Child)! If you brought your offering, you can bring it up now! Have fun in Small Groups!”

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