

City SG—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)

1. Who to Tell

What You Need: Bible, plastic eggs (1 per Kid), John 16:33b Coloring Cards (1 per kid), pens, markers

What You Do:

- Look up John 16:33 and read the memory verse out loud to your group.
- Give each kid one egg, one John 16:33b Coloring Card, and a pen.
- Set the markers out in the middle of your group.
- Allow the kids several minutes to color the card however they want to.
- Invite the kids to think of one person they want to share the good news that “Jesus is alive” with (a friend, family member, neighbor, etc.), and to write that person’s name on their colored card.
- Help the kids fold their cards small enough to fit inside their plastic eggs.
- Direct the kids to give this person the egg this week!

What You Say:

“One of the best parts about the hope Jesus gave us on Easter is that it’s not made to keep to ourselves! God made us to spread love and hope to everyone we meet! WE get to be hope-bringers to people’s hard days, biggest challenges, and moments of trouble. How awesome is that? When you give your eggs out, let the people who receive them know that **[Bottom Line] whatever happens, remember Jesus is alive.**”

2. Scrambling for Hope

Non-Reader Option Highlighted Below

What You Need: “Scrambling for Hope” Activity Pages (1 set of 12 per Group)

What You Do:

- Say, “We’re going to have a fun Easter Relay Race! I have some scrambled up letters and you are all going to work as a team to put the words in order to reveal a very important phrase!”
- Divide the kids into two teams.
- Direct the kids to line up behind one another.
- Place a shuffled set of “Scrambling for Hope” Activity Pages on the opposite side of your space across from each team.
- Instruct the teams to race, one kid at a time, grab one piece of paper off the stack, and bring it back to their team.
- Direct the teams to do the actions listed on some of the letters and try to put the letters in order as they get them.
 - o **READ the action required to the Team (For Example: “10 Jumping Jacks”).**

- o Numbers will be on the bottom right corner of the page (12 pages total) that will help cue the kids how to put the letters in order (For Example: 5/12 for Page 5 of 12).
- Encourage the kids not to give up hope but to do the actions written on the letters and keep unscrambling!
- The first team to spell “Jesus is alive,” wins!
- Play a few rounds as time and interest allows.

What You Say:

“It was easy to lose hope when you had to do jumping jacks or keep running back and forth, wasn’t it? I could see that some of you were SO close to finishing, but when you picked up one of those action cards, it kept you from hurrying through. There may be times when you want to lose hope because of something you’re facing in your life. It’s okay to be upset or feel discouraged, but remember that we have God’s Spirit to help us have hope!

[Make it Personal] (Share an age-appropriate story about a time you faced hopelessness and how your relationship with Jesus brought you hope in that situation.) “Every single day isn’t perfect! Some days are really, really, hard. But because Jesus brought hope to the world, we can understand that there is a bigger picture. Even during the hard times, we can have hope because Jesus conquered death. ***[Bottom Line] Whatever happens, remember Jesus is alive.***”

3. Empty Eggs

What You Need: Empty Plastic Easter eggs (1 Bag per Group), Basket Targets (2 per Group)

What You Do:

- Scatter the eggs around your area.
- Create a target area(s) by setting one or two baskets on cardstock paper on the floor.
- At your signal, guide kids to crawl on their knees and use only their elbows to move the Easter eggs to your target area(s).
- When they finish, guide kids to gather around the eggs.
- When you shake the empty egg, pretend to be surprised.

What You Say:

“Each of these eggs has a surprise inside—they’re EMPTY! (*Open the empty eggs.*) In Large Group today, we heard about something else that was surprisingly empty. The tomb! Jesus is ALIVE! Happy Easter!”

4. Pray and Dismiss

What You Say:

“Dear Jesus, thank You that at Easter we get to celebrate the reason we can have hope: You are alive! We pray that this hope You’ve given us will encourage us to bring hope to others. Help us show the people we encounter that ***[Bottom Line] whatever happens, remember Jesus is alive.*** Just like the big picture on a puzzle box, may we point everyone to the bigger picture of the hope we have through Your resurrection.”