

April Week 4

Garden
1, 2, 3!!!

April 23

CRAFT

Jesus is Alive megaphone

SUPPLIES: Jesus is Alive Megaphone page, markers/crayons, sticker strips (1per child)

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out Jesus is Alive Megaphone and crayons.**

- *“Do you know what this is in the picture? It’s called a megaphone! A megaphone is used to tell people a message REALLY LOUD!*
- *We learned about telling a message today in our true Bible story! Jesus gave His friends a very important job. Jesus told them to GO and TELL everyone, everywhere the good news that Jesus is alive and wants to be their friend forever. When we are Jesus’ friend forever, we have that same important job. So today, let’s make megaphones to hang up to remind us to GO and TELL the good news about Jesus!*
- *Let’s add colors first. Can you color in the words? They say “I can tell everyone everywhere – Jesus is alive! And he wants to be my friend forever.”*

⇒ **Pass out sticker strips.**

- *“These look beautiful! Now let’s add some special stickers. Let’s see, there is a heart, a smiley face, the numbers one, two, three, and Jesus!”*

⇒ **Complete activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus**

- *“Jesus and His friends went up a mountain, and He told them they had an important job to do. One (Hold up one finger), two (Hold up two fingers), three (Hold up three fingers), GO and TELL! Jesus said He wanted them to go and tell EVERYONE, everywhere that Jesus is alive and wants to be their friend forever! And guess what! We can do that, too! We can go and tell everyone, everywhere that Jesus is alive and wants to be their friend forever!*
- **Who is alive? Jesus is alive!”**

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ACTIVITY #1

Pin the heart on the map

SUPPLIES: Map of the world, wall tape, heart cut-outs

PREP: Tape map to wall. Put tape or tacky tape on back of hearts.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children sit spaced out on the floor or at tables and walk over one at a time to the map poster.**

- *“Look at this! Does anyone know what this is? That’s right! It’s a map of the WHOLE Earth! Do you know where we live? Right here!”*
- *“Did you know Jesus came back to be your best friend and mine? Well, he also came back to be friends with everyone all over the Earth! And Jesus wants us to show his love to everyone all over the Earth, too!”*
- *“(Point to a variety of locations.) Does Jesus love people in _____? Yes! Does he love people in _____? Yes!”*
- *“Jesus loves everyone and he wants to be their best friend forever!”*
- *“So now, let’s spread Jesus’ love all over the Earth so EVERYONE knows that he wants to be their friend forever. I am going to give everyone a heart cut-out and we are going to place it somewhere on the map.”*

⇒ **NOTE: You can modify this activity in the following ways:**

- *2s/3s can just place the heart on the map.*
- *4s/5s can close their eyes, do a spin and play it like a game of Pin the Tail on the donkey.*

⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“Great job, everyone! Jesus loves everyone so much and wants to be their friend forever! We can tell everyone everywhere that Jesus is alive!”*
- ***Who is alive? Jesus is alive!”***

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ACTIVITY #2

Parachute

SUPPLIES: Parachute, bag of heart and earth stress balls

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you in a circle in the center of the room.**
 - *“All month long we have been learning the answer to a very important question:*
 - ***Who is alive?***
 - ***Jesus is alive!***

- ⇒ **Ask children to stand around the parachute with you and guide them to each pick up a section of the parachute.**
 - *“Now everybody grab a section of the parachute.*
 - *Jesus’ love for us is ENORMOUS! Can you help me wave the parachute as big as Jesus’ love? Jesus loves us so much and he will forever because Jesus is alive!*
 - *Wow! Nice job, friends!”*

- ⇒ **Show the Earth and heart squishy balls to everyone.**
 - *“We can tell EVERYONE everywhere on the Earth that Jesus is alive forever and ever! Let’s toss these on! Can you keep them up in the air? Go!”*

- ⇒ **After all the balls have popped out of the parachute, have the children collect them all and bring them back to the parachute.**
 - *“Can you get them all? Let’s go!*
 - ***Who is alive?***
 - ***Jesus is alive!***
 - *Let’s do it again!”*

- ⇒ **Finish up the activity and Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Great job, friends! Our true Bible story tells us that Jesus loves us and wants to be our friend forever. Jesus is alive and we can tell everyone!*
 - ***Who is alive?***
 - ***Jesus is alive!***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY APRIL WEEK 4

Here are some ideas to try in a group or one-on-one.

2-year-olds are all at different stages of development! Some are ready to answer big questions and say the memory verse, while others aren't ready to talk yet. Even if they aren't ready to answer, they are listening!

READ

- ⇒ The Beginner's Bible
 - *Jesus Goes to Heaven, p. 466*
- ⇒ *The First Easter*
- ⇒ *The Easter Story*
- ⇒ *This is Easter*
- ⇒ *Good News! It's Easter!*

ASK A QUESTION

Who is alive?
Jesus is alive!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"I am alive for ever and ever!" Revelation 1:18

SAY A PRAYER

Dear God,
Thank you for making me.
Thank you for loving me.
Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.
Amen.