

**April Week 5**

Garden

**1, 2, 3!!!**

*April 30*

**CRAFT**

**Look of Love**

**SUPPLIES:** Look of Love page, large inkpad, heart stickers, smiley face stickers, baby wipes

**PREP:** Pre-fold the doors of the church

## **What You DO and SAY:**

⇒ **Pass Look of Love page and crayons.**

- *“Today we learned that the early Church loved one another just like Jesus did. You can love others like Jesus and the early Church, too!*
- *What does your paper look like? A house! That’s right! In today’s true Bible story, we learned that the early Church shared everything they had with each other, even their homes! Color your house.*

⇒ **Press children’s hands on the inkpad and then fully press their hand in the open house. They can use a wipe to clean it. \*If any children are uncomfortable with the inkpad, you can trace their hand.**

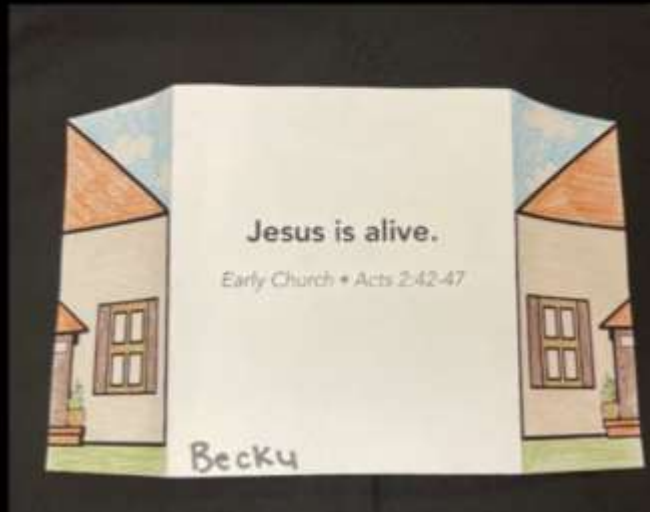
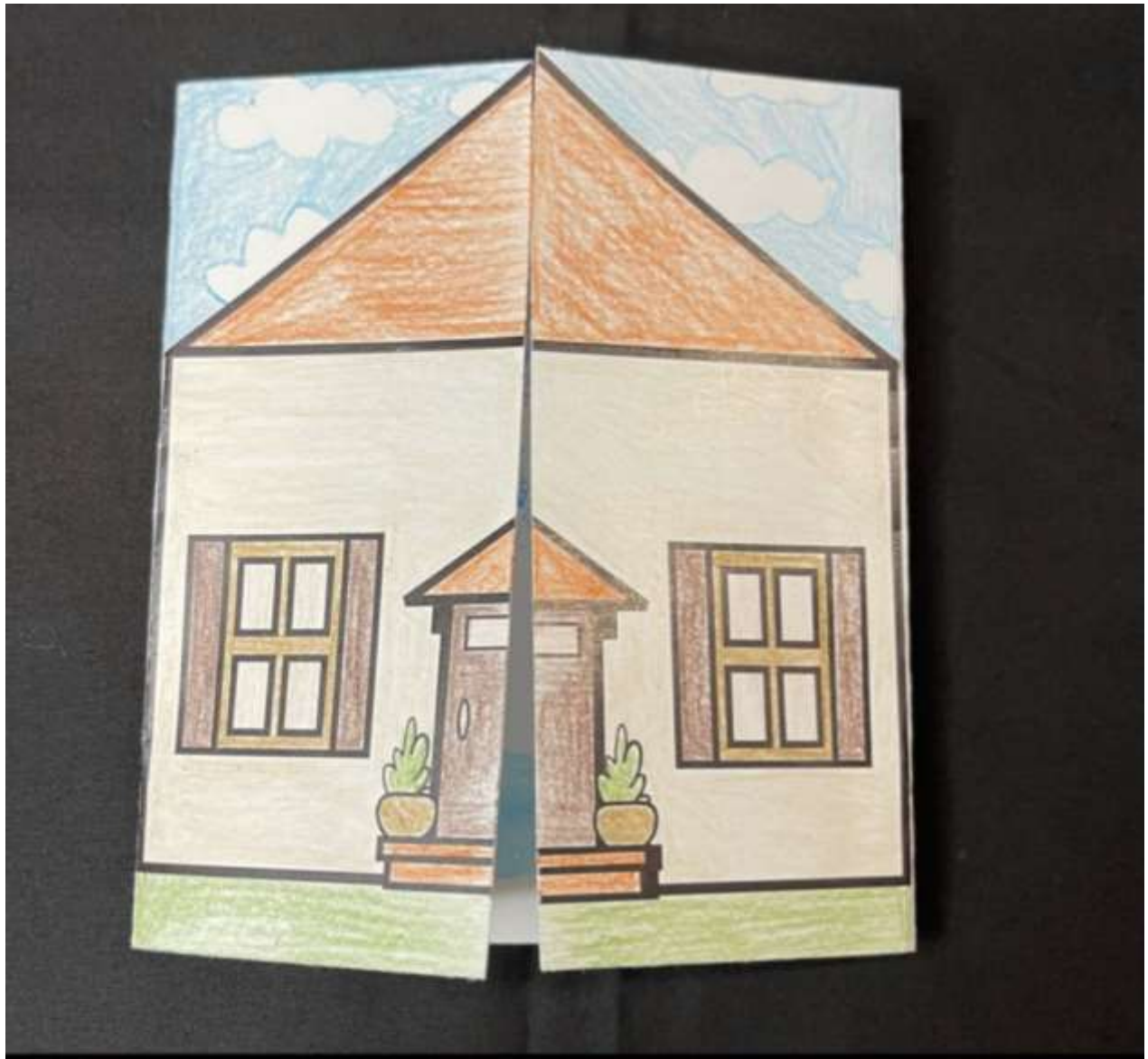
- *“Nice job! Now let’s open up the house and add your handprint.*
- *When you use helping hands, you are showing love!”*

⇒ **Give each child a strip of heart stickers and a strip of smiley face stickers.**

- *“Now we let’s add some heart and smiley face stickers. When you love others, it makes everyone happy! Great job, friends!”*

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

- *“Today’s true story from the Bible is about how more people believed that Jesus is alive and they became the very first Church! That’s right! The Church is not about a building, it’s about the people! People like you and me. And Jesus wants the people who are the Church to LOVE. We can show love like the early Church by doing what they did.*
- *We can love by eating together, praying together, and sharing what we have with others. We can share a coat with a friend who needs one or let someone stay at our house if they need a place. We can all be the Church and love because*
- ***Who is alive? Jesus is alive!”***



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# ACTIVITY #1

## *Share Your Food*

**SUPPLIES:** Various pieces of play food, basket

### **What You DO and SAY:**

⇒ **Have children sit on the floor in a circle. Review the Bible story and show children the food.**

- *“In today’s Bible story, the people who followed Jesus shared their food because they loved each other. They loved like Jesus and celebrated that Jesus is alive!”*
- *Look what I have here! What do you see? Food! We can pretend to share our food too!”*

⇒ **Pick up a piece of food, pass it to the child next to you. Have them pass it to the next and continue to pass it all the way around the circle. Then set it in the center of the circle.**

- *“What kind of food is this? Yes! It’s \_\_\_\_\_. Let’s all share our food with each other. (Pass it around the circle.) Everybody pass the food around the circle! We can share our food because we love each other. Jesus taught us how to love because he is alive! Who is alive? Jesus is alive!”*

⇒ **Repeat with each piece of food.**

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

- *“We have so much yummy food here! Thank you for sharing all of your food, friends! We can share our food with others because we can love like Jesus. Jesus taught us how to love and 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.**

- *“When we love people like they did in the early church, our love will spread all over the world! 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. WE can love others with that same kind of love!!*
- ***Who is alive? Jesus is alive!”***

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## READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY APRIL WEEK 5

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
  - *The First Church, p. 480*
- ⇒ *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.