

Series: Easter 2026

Big Point: Jesus Saves Me!

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Large Group
Time



Worship and
Bible Story



See and Share

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Welcome:

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom.

Hi friends! I'm SO excited to see you today! God loves you, and God loves me so very much!

Today is a Happy Day! We are celebrating Easter! We celebrate something very happy and special that Jesus did for us. Jesus is alive!

Let's move our bodies together!

Now, can you roll your arms like this? (Demonstrate rolling arms in front of you.) Roll, roll, roll!

Good job. Now let's do 3 jumps. See how high you can jump! Ready, jump...1,2,3! (Jump and count together with kids)

Wave your arms and shout 'Jesus is alive!' (Demonstrate.)

Great job everyone! Let's try them all again! Repeat movements several times

That was fun! It's time to worship. Let's sing, dance and celebrate Jesus together!

Worship and Bible Story

Worship: **Show 2-3 worship songs**

Thanks for worshipping with me today! That was so fun! Now sit right down and shake the wiggles out (wiggle hands) so we can hear (cup hands behind ears) what the story's all about!

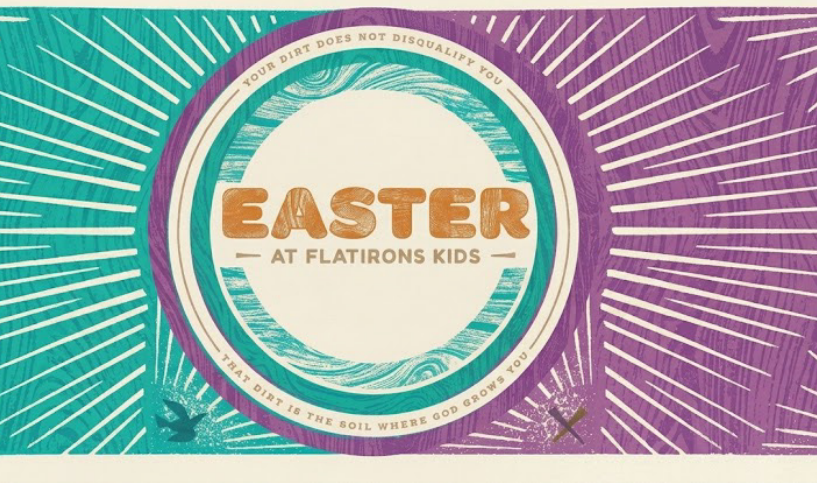
Bible Story: **Show Bible Story Video**

Wow, friends, what a great story. They were celebrating because [Big Point] **Jesus saves me.**

Let's say that together. Do these motions with me!

- "Jesus (point up)
- Saves me!" (Hug yourself)

Let's pray! Let's bow our heads, close our eyes, and talk to God. Dear God, thank You for a special time to celebrate Jesus. Thank you for sending Jesus to save us! In Jesus' name. Amen.



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See and Share Time

Take your time, engage with the kids, and have fun!

Do not leave children alone.

If you need extra time, raise your hand, and we will grab you a busy bin for further activities.

Story Items:

(Help leaders and kids get organized on a rug)

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- **Heart:** Jesus loves you, and Jesus loves me.
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- **Tomb picture:** When Jesus died, they put his body in a tomb and closed it with a big stone. Jesus was inside for 3 days. Let's count to 3 together...1, 2, 3
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- **Rock:** Feel this stone. What does it feel like? Is it hard? Is it soft? (hold rock and let kids touch) God is so powerful that he rolled the stone away. He raised Jesus back to life after 3 days!

Optional Craft:

Cross Dot craft. Give each kid a cross activity page and 6 dot stickers. Allow kids to add a dot sticker to each circle on the cross.

Optional Game:

Use the inflatable ball for the stone. Roll the ball to one kid. Everyone says "The stone rolled away!" When the kid catches the ball, everyone shouts, "Jesus Saves Me!"