

Story Time

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

WELCOME

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

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 LESSON

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!

"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.

SEE & SHARE

Ok, my friends, it's See and Share time! Let's sit on a rug with a leader.

(Help leaders and kids get organized on a rug)

See and Share

SAY: **Jesus saves me!** We can celebrate because Jesus loves us so much!

DO: Show items to the group and retell the Bible story

Heart: Jesus loves you, and Jesus loves me.

Cross Picture: To save us, Jesus took the punishment for the wrong things that we do.

Tomb picture: When Jesus died, they placed his body in a tomb and sealed it with a large stone. Jesus was inside for 3 days. Let's count to 3 together.... 1, 2, 3 (count to 3 aloud, putting up 1 finger at a time)

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!

Roll the Stone 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!"

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.
