

RISEN

God Story:

Easter Sunday | Matthew 28:1-10

Big Idea:

Jesus' life rocks heaven and earth.

Key Verse:

The Lord is my rock and my place of safety. He is the God who saves me.
My God is my rock. | Psalm 18:2a (NIRV)

Leader Tips:

Expect more visitors as well as families that do not attend church regularly. Be sure to introduce yourself and take the time to learn everyone's names. You may find it helpful to pair anyone who's new with a friend.

Ms My Story

- 1. Conversation Starter** **2 minutes**
Talk about how the kids celebrate Easter and what it is that we're actually honouring today. Introduce the Big Idea.
- 2. Intro Activity** **5 minutes**
Use waxed yarn stick to make creations that represent what Easter means to the kids.

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- 3. Weekly Video** **12 minutes**
The video includes host, God Story, Life Story, and Key Verse segments.

Ms My Story

- 4. Small Group Activity** **12 minutes ***
Discuss the video teaching and make a magnet craft, which highlights that Jesus lives!
- 5. Key Verse Activity** **8 minutes**
Create actions to go with the words of this month's Key Verse.

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- 6. Dismissal**
Connect with parents and give them the take-home materials.

* Extendable activity



1. CONVERSATION STARTER

Supplies:

- None

Instructions:

- As the kids arrive, gather them together.
- Make a special effort to welcome any visitors! Introduce yourself and everyone in your group.
- Ask:
 - What does your family do to celebrate Easter?
 - What is it that we're actually celebrating today?
- Depending on the size of your group, have the kids share their answers with the people sitting closest to them or with everyone.
- Introduce this week's Big Idea: **Jesus' life rocks heaven and earth.**

2. INTRO ACTIVITY

Supplies:

- Easter Is cards
- Waxed yarn sticks
- Pens or makers

Instructions:

- Gather everyone to sit at a table or on the floor.
- Give each person a card and at least two waxed yarn sticks. Place the remaining sticks where everyone can access them.
- Encourage the kids to think about what represents Easter to them, then to form that thing with their waxed yarn sticks. Their creation should be placed on top of their card.
- Pass around pens or markers, and direct everyone to write their name on their card.
- Invite the kids to share what they made with the rest of the group.



3. WEEKLY VIDEO

Supplies:

- Video file

Leader Tip:

- Sit with the kids and encourage them to focus on the video as necessary.

Instructions:

- Play the video. It contains:
 - Host segment
 - God Story (Easter Sunday | Matthew 28:1-10)
 - Life Story

4. SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

Supplies:

- Magnet craft packages
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Markers

Leader Tip:

- Make sure everyone's names are on their crafts.

Instructions:

- Gather your small group to sit together.
- Discuss:
 - What was the Life Story about in today's video?
 - What was the God Story about?
 - What does Easter mean for us? Why do we celebrate it?
- Explain that when we say **Jesus' life rocks heaven and earth**, it's because Jesus changed everything!
- Let the kids know that they'll create a craft to take home as a reminder of Jesus' awesome return to life (what we refer to as resurrection).
- Give each of them a magnet craft package.
- Place the rest of the supplies where everyone can reach them.
- Guide the kids through the steps of assembling their crafts. Help them as needed.
- When everyone is finished, take some time to thank God that Jesus has risen! He is alive!

5. KEY VERSE ACTIVITY

Supplies:

- Key Verse signs

Instructions:

- Remain in your small group and sit in a circle.
- Place the Key Verse sign in the middle.
- Encourage the kids to work together to create actions that will help them remember the words.
- Do the actions and say the verse together.
- Once the kids are familiar with it, take away the Key Verse sign and challenge them to say it on their own.

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6. DISMISSAL

Supplies:

- Kids' crafts
- Take-home cards
- Key Verse colouring pages
- Key Verse cards

Before Dismissal:

- Place any crafts and take-home materials where everyone can access them easily.

Leader Tip:

- Take a moment to share with parents about their kids' experiences. Many parents will only hear about the morning from you.

Instructions:

- Greet parents as they arrive to pick up their kids.
- Give everyone take-home cards and a Key Verse colouring page.
- Offer Key Verse cards to anyone who has not gotten one this month.
- Remind them to take any crafts.
- Make sure the security numbers match before the kids leave with their parents.