

2-3 Year Olds

Bible Story: "Mary Shares Good News," pp. 380-383

Topic: Jesus Died and Now Lives

Memory Verse: "Christ died and rose again!" 1 Corinthians 15: 3-4

Group Activity: *Easter Jelly Bean Story.* Have children sit in a circle. Give them each one jelly bean at a time telling what that color represents and then let them eat the jelly bean. Easter Video in Story Room (optional)

Songs: "There was a Man from Galilee" pg. 37; "Hallelujah" pg. 40;

"Easter Sunday" pg. 38; "Where Is Jesus?" pg. 38; "Clap Your Hands" pg. 38

Special Snack Idea : NONE

Art: Torn colored tissue paper Die-cut cross stencil Contact paper	Children create stained glass art – glue non-sticky side of contact paper to inside of stencil; place tissue paper in area of cross cutout; close stencil onto contact paper. Color butterflies pictures
Blocks: Jesus is Alive poster board Bean bags	Children play "Jesus is Alive" bean bag toss
Home living: 2 placemats Plastic lilies and other flowers Plastic vase	Children practice setting a table with placemats and lily centerpieces
Puzzles/Games: 1. Order Gospel Book correctly 2. Easter picture puzzle 3. Lily puzzle 4. Lacing string and beads	Leader helps children play with puzzles and games
Nature/Science: Booklets – "What Easter Means to Me" 4 spice bottles with picture cards	The children color "What Easter Means to Me" booklet Match spice bottle to picture cards – Jesus' body was prepared with spices
Books: Assorted Easter Books	Teacher and children read the story books

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Children's Discovery Bible

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Mary was very sad. Jesus died on a cross. Now it was early Sunday morning. Mary and some other women were going to Jesus' tomb. When they got there, the big stone in front of the tomb had been rolled away! The tomb was open. Jesus' body was not there!

Mary ran to tell Peter and John. "Jesus' body is gone!" she cried. "He is not in the tomb."

Peter and John ran to the tomb. John got there first. But he didn't go inside until Peter got there. Peter and John saw that Jesus was gone. But they didn't know where He was. So they went away from the tomb.

Mary went to the tomb again. She began to cry. She looked inside the tomb and saw two angels. "Why are you crying?" the angels asked. "They have taken Jesus," Mary said. "I don't know where they have put Him."

Then Mary turned and saw someone. He was standing near the tomb. She thought it was the gardener. He said, "Why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Mary said, "Sir, if you took Jesus away, please tell me where you put Him." "Mary," the man said. Mary saw that it was Jesus. Jesus was alive! "Teacher!" Mary said.

Mary was not sad anymore. She went to Jesus' friends. What good news she had to tell them! "I have seen Jesus," said Mary. "Jesus is alive!"