



## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**Hope is Alive**

Crucifixion and Resurrection  
John 18-20:1-18; 1 Peter 1:3

### TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

Why does Easter give us hope?

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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John 16:33b, NlrV

### MONTHLY VIRTUE

Hope—Believing that something  
good can come out of  
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### BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

### PRELUDE: Setting the Tone for the Experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Check out our Pinterest page here <https://bit.ly/447HSzi> for a visual on some of the activities.

Check out our Small Group Leader Conversation Guides to guide you through salvation conversations: <https://bit.ly/4daxSUg>

### SMALL GROUP

15  
MIN

#### SOCIAL: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

Just for Fun  
Opening Activity

### LARGE GROUP

35  
MIN

#### STORY: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

#### WORSHIP: Inviting People to Respond to God

Welcome/Opener  
Worship  
Bible Story (Communicator Script)  
Key Question  
Prayer

### SMALL GROUP

25  
MIN

#### GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Application Activity: Take a Snapshot  
Bible Story Review: Bible Story Extension and Discussion Questions  
Memory Verse Activity: Verses to Take with You  
Prayer Activity: Make it Personal with Prayer

### HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)  
Devotionals for Kids  
Parent Cue App



PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

## MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group



*Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for patience and wisdom as you lead your kids today. They may come in with extra energy today, so be sure to take a few moments of quiet to pray as you prepare for your group to have a great Easter Sunday together.*

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## 1. JUST FOR FUN

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Cups, spoons, small marbles, and offering container

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids by name and with a smile as they arrive!
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- When enough kids arrive, divide them into groups of two or three.
- Designate a starting point a few feet away from a table in your group area.
- Give each group two cups and direct them to set one of their cups on the table.
- Give each kid a spoon.
- Provide the groups with ten marbles each in order to fill their second cup with.
- Explain the game:
  - Each kid must take turns carefully walking to the other side of the group area where the empty cups are placed while holding a spoon in their mouth.
  - Once kids reach the other side, they must transfer the marble from the spoon into their group's cup.
  - Then, the kid returns to the starting point, and the next kid collects another marble and repeats the process.
- The goal is for each group to keep going until their marbles have been transferred to the empty cup.
- The first group to transfer all of their marbles wins!
- Model for the kids how to place a marble on their spoon and hold the spoon in their mouth then begin the game!



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

## MADE TO EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery



## 2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Random key, "Jesus Letters" Activity Page, "Story Questions" Activity Page

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Before the game begins, hide a key in your group space.
- Show kids the two piles of clues (letters) from the "Jesus Letters" Activity Page.
- Divide the group into two teams.
- Explain to the kids that each team must work together to answer questions from today's Bible Story.
- Explain the rules:
  - For every correct answer, a team will earn a clue card.
  - The letters combined will spell a phrase that the teams must unscramble.
  - If a team wants to guess what the phrase is at any point, invite them to raise their hands.
- Select a team to start and ask them a question from the "Story Questions" Activity Page.
- If that team answers correctly, hand them a clue card at random from their pile.
- If that team answers incorrectly, give the other team a chance to answer the question.
- Award the other team a clue card from their own pile if they answer correctly.
- Continue alternating asking each team questions until all the questions have been answered.
- If the teams did not collect all of the clue cards or guess the phrase correctly yet, give them all of their clue cards and invite them to unscramble the phrase.
- Once the phrase is revealed, explain the next challenge:
  - Kids must travel around the group space to look for a hidden key.
- Once the key has been discovered, explain to kids that Jesus is alive! He is the "key" God sent to rescue us. Jesus opens the door for us to be friends with God again!

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## 3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

### WHAT YOU DO:

#### Ask:

- Why does Easter give us hope?
- How does knowing Jesus is alive help you through tough times?
- Even though following Jesus doesn't remove hard things, He's with you through them. How does that change how you view a tough time you've faced?
- How do you remind yourself that Jesus is alive when you feel afraid or uncertain?



## MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application



## 5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Small cups, bracelet beads (red, green, yellow, orange, purple, black), "Bead Prayers" Activity Page

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each child a small cup of beads in various colors (red, green, yellow, orange, purple, black) and a "Bead Prayers" Activity Page.
- Explain to the kids that they will pick up a bead one at a time and pray quietly or aloud based on what that bead represents.
- Share what the color of each bead represents:
  - Red: Pray for family members and friends to have the hope of Jesus.
  - Green: Pray for something you are hoping for.
  - Yellow: Pray for something exciting or fun you're looking forward to.
  - Orange: Thank God for something that makes you feel happy or thankful.
  - Purple: Pray that you would have hope during tough times.
- Give the kids a few moments to pray.
- If time allows, invite kids to pair up with another kid and share something they want them to pray for.
- After a few minutes, close the group in prayer.

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