

April Toddlers | W3

Today's Suggested Schedule—April 2026, Week 3

Monthly Bible Story: Easter • Matthew 26:31-32, 36, 47-50; 27:1-2, 11-66; 28:1-8

Bible Words: "I have called you friends." • John 15:15 NIV

Bottom Line: Jesus wants to be your friend forever.

The toddler curriculum provides one monthly Bible Story because we understand that toddlers learn best through repetition. The toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the story and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos. We hope that by sending home a simple toddler craft, you are cueing families to begin having conversations at home with their children.

Story Time

- Draw It

Craft Time

- Coloring Page



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What You Need

-  Preschool Bible 1
-  Butcher paper 1
-  Small balled-up piece of paper 1
-  Washable markers Several

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) is all about Easter. Easter shows us how much Jesus loves us. Jesus loves you SO much that He wants to be your friend forever! Let's draw our story today."
(Draw a simple stick-figure Jesus.) "This is Jesus. Jesus loves His friends so much. And Jesus loves YOU so much too! *(Draw Jesus with His disciples eating together.)* One night, Jesus was eating with His friends, the disciples. Jesus told them He had to go away, but He promised He would come back! Some people took Jesus away, and Jesus' friends were very sad. Jesus was taken by some soldiers and put on a cross. *(Draw a tomb with an opening and place the balled-up paper over the opening.)* Jesus was put in a tomb—a big rock cave—with a HUGE stone in front of it. Then three days went by, let's count. One, two, three! *(Roll the waded paper ball from the tomb and draw Jesus beside the tomb.)* The big stone rolled away! And Jesus ... is ... ALIVE! Jesus came back—just like He said He would! *(Draw one big happy face.)* What a happy day! And Jesus did all of this because **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be your friend ... forever and ever.**

Supplies

Story Time	Quantity
1. Preschool Bible	1
2. Butcher paper	1
3. Small balled-up piece of paper	1
4. Washable markers	Several