

WEEK 3 FAMILY LESSON



Need to Know: *Jesus Is the Best Ever*

Bible Story: *Palm Sunday, Last Supper, Crucifixion, & Resurrection*

Circle Up

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1. Gather your kids, and tell them how excited you are to have church with them at home today.
2. Tell your family that Easter is the best day ever and to kick off the celebration, you're going to play a game! Gather an Easter egg (or ball) and a spoon. Have each family member choose a number between 1-6 and then do the following based on the number they choose:
 - 1 - Try to roll the Easter egg (or ball) down their arm
 - 2 - Toss the Easter egg (or ball) and catch it two times
 - 3 - Give the Easter egg (or ball) a roll and see how far it will go
 - 4 - Carry the Easter egg (or ball) on a spoon to the nearest door
 - 5 - Balance the Easter egg (or ball) on your head while the family counts to five
 - 6 - Hold the Easter egg (or ball) and hop like a bunny six times
3. Then say:
 - *That was a fun way to celebrate the Best Day Ever, but why do you think today is the best day ever?* (It's Easter, it's when we celebrate that Jesus came back to life)
 - *Yes! At Easter, we celebrate that Jesus came back to life after He died on the cross to take the punishment for all the wrong things we do. Because Jesus did this, our friendship with God can be fixed forever! That makes Jesus the best ever! So let me hear you say this after me:*
Jesus Is (both hands point up)
The Best Ever (two thumbs up)

Read the Bible

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Watch today's Preschool and/or Elementary video on the web page where you found this lesson or on the KidSpring App or YouTube channel. Afterwards, ask your family:

- *Why did Jesus die on the cross?* (To take the punishment for all the wrong things we do)
- *What makes Jesus the best ever?* (He came back to life, He saved us from our sins forever, He fixed our friendship with God)
- *Did Jesus say that anyone who believes in Him will be saved?* (Yes) *That's the best news ever!* (If your child says they believe in Jesus and are interested in making a decision to follow Him, check out the Salvation Video and the Salvation-Baptism Card on the web page where you found this lesson)

Let's Practice

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1. Have your kids go on a scavenger hunt to find the following items and bring them back to you: something yellow, something black, two small sticks (or something that could make a cross shape), a flashlight (or candle), a rock, and something that makes noise.
2. Once your family has collected the items, place all of the collected items in front of your family. As you read each of the following, have your family find the object(s) that matches what you are discussing.
 - *This is the color of the sun.* (Something yellow) *Yellow makes me think of the golden streets in heaven. God loves you so much and He wants all of us to be with Him in heaven one day.*
 - *Now find something that is the color of the night sky.* (Something black) *This looks dark and reminds us of sin, or the wrong things we do, like telling lies or being mean to our friends. Each of us has sin in our hearts and that sin breaks our friendship with God. But God had the best plan ever to fix our friendship with Him!*
 - *Can you find the two sticks and put them in the shape of a cross? God sent His Son, Jesus, to die on a cross and take the punishment for all wrong things, or sin, that we do.*
 - *Now find something that helps us see when it's dark.* (Flashlight or candle - Turn the lights down and turn on the flashlight or light the candle) *After Jesus died on the cross, the Bible tells us that the sky was dark from twelve o'clock noon to three o'clock in the afternoon.*
 - *After Jesus died, they put His body in a tomb and closed it shut with a big rock.* (Allow kids to find the rock) *After He had been in the tomb for three days, Jesus came back to life!* (If your lights are still down, turn them back on)
 - *Let's celebrate because it was the best day ever – Jesus was alive!* (Create noise with whatever you collected that makes noise)
3. Have your child repeat the Need to Know after you with motions:
Jesus Is (both hands point up)
The Best Ever (two thumbs up)

Memorize It

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1. Say: *There's a verse in the Bible that we can learn to help us remember that Easter truly is the best day ever because of what Jesus did for us! These are the words the angel said to Jesus' friends when they went to where he was buried:*
 "He is not here!" (shake head "no")
 He has risen, (two thumbs up)
 Just as He said He would!" (cup hands around mouth)
 Matthew 28:6 (make book with your hands)
2. Practice saying the verse together a few times, having your child repeat each line with the motions.
3. See if your child can tell you the verse without any help, and give them a treat for working hard to memorize it!

Let's Pray

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Ask your family what they want to thank God for and what they want to ask Him to do. Listen to any concerns your child expresses without interruption. Then pray the following over your family:

- *Father God, we thank You for* (all the things your family mentioned).
- *We also thank You for sending Your only Son, Jesus, to live, die, and come back to life so that we can be saved from our sins forever!*
- *Father, we ask You for* (all the things your family mentioned).
- *And we ask that You would help us remember that every day can be the best day ever because of Jesus!*
- *In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

Stay Together

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1. Return to the web page where you found this lesson to download and print the activity sheets for your child to complete.
2. Here are a few more ideas for your family:
 - Make today feel like the best day ever! Have an Easter egg hunt in your yard, cook a special meal full of your family's favorites, eat on fancy plates, play games together, or even let your kids dress you up!
 - Have your kids create a resurrection garden with Legos or things they can find outside (grass, rocks, flowers, sticks, and a small cup or flower pot)



- Play "Telephone"
 - Start it off by whispering a funny phrase to the family member beside you such as: *Easter bunnies like to eat purple carrots.*
 - Have every family member whisper the phrase they hear to the next person sitting beside them.
 - Have the last family member say the phrase aloud. See if the phrase stayed the same or if it changed!
 - Play again, allowing your kids to take turns coming up with a funny phrase to pass.
- 3. Create more discussion with your older children by asking:
 - *What did Jesus do for you and me?*
 - *How does knowing that Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for the wrong things that you do change the way you live every day?*
 - *When you believe that Jesus died on the cross for your sins, what happens for you and to you? (You're forgiven forever, your friendship with God is fixed, God promises you will live in heaven and never die, etc.)*