



**WEEK ONE**

**MATTHEW 21:1-11, 15-16**

People celebrated Jesus by waving palm branches in the air and spreading their coats on the road.



**REMEMBER THIS:**

"I am alive for ever and ever!"  
**REVELATION 1:18, NIV**



**SAY THIS:**

Who is alive?  
**JESUS IS ALIVE.**



**DO THIS:**



When you go into your child's room, say, "Good morning! It's time for you and your friend, [name of plush animal, blanket, or toy they sleep with] to wake up." Hold the toy friend like it is talking to your child. Say, "Hey, [child's name], who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be your friend forever!"

**BASIC TRUTH:**

**JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER.**

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## CELEBRATE EASTER

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Every Easter my brother, sister, and I got brand new and coordinating Easter outfits and baskets. My mom wasn't the kind of mom who baked cookies and did crafts with us. In today's terms, she wouldn't have been a "Pinterest Mom." But she made a big deal about Easter. And because of that, I look forward to Easter as an adult. It doesn't carry the pomp and splendor (read: pressure) of Christmas, but it's a sweet holiday—one with traditions and activities I've passed down to own my kids.

So how do we do that? How do we create Easter traditions for our children that will not only create fun and fond memories, but also reinforce the levity of the day itself? Here an idea for Preschoolers:

### Resurrection Eggs

If there's one thing every preschooler loves, it's marshmallows. And this activity calls for plenty of them. You'll also need crescent rolls, cinnamon and sugar (or red sprinkles), and melted butter.

Before you get started with the supplies, begin by sharing the Easter story through the Bible. The Jesus Storybook Bible is a great one for preschoolers. As you complete each step of the Resurrection Rolls, remind your child about what you just read.

Once you're finished reading, spread out your crescent roll triangles on a baking sheet. These triangles represent the tomb Jesus was buried in. Next, show your child how to roll one marshmallow into the butter, and then into the cinnamon and sugar. Explain that this represents Jesus' body being prepared for burial with oil and spices. Next, allow your child to place one marshmallow in each crescent roll, wrap it up, and press the edges together so the roll in completely sealed. This represents the tomb being sealed with a stone. Bake the crescent rolls according to the package's directions.

After the crescent rolls cook and cool off, help your child peel open one of the rolls. The marshmallow is gone! Just like Jesus' body!

While the crescent rolls cook and cool, you could always read a few Easter books with your child. A personal favorite of my preschooler is *The Berenstain Bears and the Easter Story* by Jan and Mike Berenstain.

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