



## Happy Easter!

**Basic Truth:** Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

**Key Question:** Who is alive?

**Bottom Line:** Jesus is alive.

**Memory Verse:** “I am alive for ever and ever!”

Revelation 1:18

**Bible Story Focus:** Jesus is ALIVE!

**Easter-** Matthew 26:20-50; 27:1-2; 28:1-7

### 1, 2, 3 Memory Verse Activity:

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

**What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Guide your kiddos to stand in front of you.

*During the Activity:* Count to three and then say the Memory Verse with them. Repeat several times.

**What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* “Jesus came back after THREE days! **[Bottom Line] Jesus is alive!**”

*During the Activity:* “Let’s count to three and then say our Memory Verse! Are you ready? (Pause.) One, two, three! “I am alive for ever and ever!” Revelation 1:18. Yay! **[Bottom Line] Jesus is alive!** Let’s do it again!” (Repeat as long as interest holds and change leaders, too.)

*After the Activity:* “Our Memory Verse tells us that **[Bottom Line] Jesus is alive! Who is alive? [Bottom Line] Jesus is alive!**”

### Paper Plate Tomb:

**What You Need:** Crayons, 1 paper plate per child, scissors, construction paper, and glue.

**What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Cut the paper plate in half. On one half, help your preschooler cut out a “tomb door” on the straight edge of the plate.

*During the Activity:* Let your preschooler decorate the tomb with crayons. Once finished, glue the rounded edges of the two half plates together creating a tomb. Cut a circle “rock” out of the construction paper, too.

*After the Activity:* Let your preschooler retell the Easter story by rolling the stone over the tomb opening and then back again to celebrate that it’s empty and He is alive!



*Before the Activity:* “Let’s make a tomb! An empty tomb because **Who is alive? [Bottom Line] Jesus is alive!**”

*During the Activity:* “Let’s color out tombs and cut out our stone. When you are done, let’s roll the stone back and forth across the opening of the tomb. Can you help me remember, why is the tomb empty? That’s right! He is Risen! **Who is alive? [Bottom Line] Jesus is alive!**” (Do activity.)

*After the Activity:* “Way to go! I am so glad the tomb was empty and Jesus was not in there! **Who is alive? [Bottom Line] Jesus is alive!** And that’s why we are celebrating today! And every day! It’s the best news ever! **Who is alive? [Bottom Line] Jesus is alive!**”

### Empty:

**What You Need:** Plastic eggs (few per child) and small pom-poms, coins, etc. to fill.

#### **What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Place a pom-pom, coins, or other items inside each egg except one. Be sure to leave one egg empty. “Hide” all of the eggs around the activity area.

*During the Activity:* Ask your kiddos to stand up, walk around the room, and find eggs. Ask them not to open the eggs but to bring them back over to where they started. One by one, ask your kiddos to open their egg and show the rest of the family what’s inside each egg.

*After the Activity:* Continue the activity until you come to the kiddo who has the empty egg. Compare the empty egg with the empty tomb in the Bible story.

#### **What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* “Let’s go on an egg hunt!”

*During the Activity:* “Walk around the room and find (you give the #) eggs. When you find your eggs, bring them back over here to me, but don’t open them until everyone is back from hunting! We will open them together.” (Do activity.)

*After the Activity:* “Way to go! Let’s open our eggs one at a time. (Finish activity.) Look! We found an EMPTY egg! What does that remind you of? We learned about something else that was empty today! And it was the best news! It is empty just like the tomb was in our Bible story. Jesus was not in there! Spend time retelling the story together. **[Bottom Line] Jesus is ALIVE! Who is alive? [Bottom Line] Jesus is alive!**”

### Prayer Time:

“Happy Easter, God! **[Bottom Line] Jesus is alive!** And that is amazing! I pray we will never stop believing that **[Bottom Line] Jesus is alive** and He wants to be our friend forever. Show us how to share His story with our friends. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”