

WEEK 2: Easter Sunday

Big Idea: Jesus is alive!

HANGOUT

1. Before the children arrive, cut 10 ovals from coloured paper. Write the Big Idea (**Jesus is alive!**) on each one. Hide these paper "eggs" around your group's space.
2. Encourage everyone to look for the eggs. When they've all been found, read aloud the special message on them. Point to each word in the Big Idea as you read. Invite a child to hide the eggs in new places while the rest of the group waits out of sight. Continue hiding and finding them as long as the children are interested. Emphasize the Big Idea each time.

HEAR

3. Ask: What's a really sad thing that happened to Jesus?
4. When someone answers that Jesus died, explain that this sad part didn't last long before something amazing happened. Encourage everyone to listen carefully to find out why Easter Sunday is so exciting!
5. Use a children's Bible to read about Easter (Mark 15-16; Luke 22-24; Matthew 26-28).
6. Discuss: What's your favourite part of this story? Why?
7. Emphasize the Big Idea: **Jesus is alive!** Explain that Jesus gives new life to us, too.
8. Discuss: Who could you tell this good news?

HUDDLE

9. Invite the children to celebrate that **Jesus is alive** now and forever! Lead them in a fun parade around your space. Encourage everyone to clap their hands and cheer, "**Jesus is alive!** Hooray!"
10. Gather everyone back together. Model how to sit in a prayer posture, with closed eyes and folded hands. (It's okay if anyone doesn't want to do this.) Pray, "Dear God, we are so excited to celebrate that **Jesus is alive!** Thank you for loving each one of us [say each child's name if possible] and for giving us new life. We love you! Amen."

Jesus said,
"I died, but
look—I am
alive forever
and ever!"

Revelation 1:18

