



UNIT 20 | EASTER | APRIL 11-12, 2020

Preschool Parent Guide

Easter

Bible Passage: Matthew 26-28; 1 Corinthians 15

Story Point: Jesus gives us life with God forever.

Key Passage: “He must become greater; I must become less.” John 3:30

Christ Connection: Jesus is alive!

Use this guide to unpack what your kids are learning in the KidCity Online Experience. Pick an activity that works best for your family and lead your kids through the key passage and discussion questions. Check out the [Big Picture Card](#) or [Preschool Activity Page](#) as an additional resource for your kids to do during the week.

RESURRECTION HUNT

(Resurrection Egg Set, Paper Egg Printable, or Household Items listed below)

Use a [Resurrection Egg Set](#) or create your own set with the instructions below.

#1-Leaf: Find a leaf from outside or maybe a silk leaf from your home.

#2-Bread: Use a piece of real bread or a cracker.

#3-Coins: Use real coins or pretend play money.

#4-Praying Hands: Use provided picture.

#5-Crown: Use branch from a rose bush or find small sticks and tie them into a circle.

#6-Cross: Use a straw or toothpicks to cut and glue to make a cross or fasten together with yarn/ribbon.

#7-White Fabric: Use a dryer sheet, a strip of gauze or a square of toilet paper/paper towel.

#8-Rock: Find a small rock or pebble in your yard or a glass bead from a vase or mancala game.

#9-Number 3: Write the number 3 on a piece of paper or use a number 3 magnet.

#10-Empty: No supply needed.

Don't have Easter Eggs: *Make paper eggs and number them from 1-10 using this [printable](#).*

Starting with Egg #1, have your child open one egg at a time to tell the Easter Story. Explain what each item represents. "Jesus loves us so much. Let's use these eggs to tell the true Easter Story about how Jesus died and three days later ... He was ALIVE!"

#1-Leaf: "People waved palms to welcome Jesus into town."

#2-Bread: "The Last Supper Jesus had with his friends."

#3-Coins: "One of Jesus' disciples, Judas, received money because he told the mean people where they could find Jesus."

#4-Praying hands: "Jesus prayed in the garden because He was scared."

#5-Crown made from pipe cleaner: "The mean people put a crown of thorns on Jesus to make fun of him and hurt him."

#6-Cross: "Jesus died and it was very sad."

#7-White fabric: "Jesus's friends wrapped him in a cloth and put him in a tomb."

#8-Rock: "A rock was rolled in front of Jesus's tomb and soldiers stood guard."

#9-Number 3: "Three days later the ground shook and the stone rolled away."

#10-Empty: "Do you know why this egg is empty? That's right! Because the tomb was empty. Jesus wasn't there. He was no longer dead ... He was ALIVE!!"

KEY PASSAGE MOTIONS

(No Supplies Needed)

Say the key passage using motions. Repeat several times and encourage children for trying. "He (point up) must become greater, (hold arms upward in a V) but I (point thumbs to chest) must become less (crouch down)" John 3:30 (open hands like a book).

REVIEW

Ask the following questions. Retell parts of the Bible story as needed.

Did Jesus do anything wrong? (*No, Jesus did nothing wrong.*)

Where did the two women named Mary go on the third day after Jesus died? (*They went to Jesus' tomb.*)

Who came down from heaven to talk to the women? (*an angel*)

Who can you tell the good news that Jesus is alive? (allow responses)

How do we get life with God forever? (*Jesus gives us life with God forever.*)

SAY • Jesus died on a cross for our sins. But on the third day, He came back to life. Jesus is alive! This is the most important thing that ever happened! We can believe that Jesus is alive! When we ask forgiveness for our sin and trust in Jesus, we have hope and new life. Jesus brings forgiveness and life with God forever.

PRAY

Invite your child to share any prayer requests they have.

SAY • Jesus, thank you for coming to save us! You took the punishment for our sin so that we could have hope and new life. You are alive today! We have life with God forever because of you. We love you. Amen.

CONNECT

(Big Picture Card for 2s-3s or Preschool Activity Page for 4s-5s, Crayons)

Children may color the Story Point coloring page. Encourage them to do the Activity Page at home with you this week.