

BIG IDEA

Jesus rescues us.

GOD STORY

Good Friday (Luke 22:39–23:49)

KEY VERSE

Jesus Christ has rescued us. (From Galatians 3:13)

MUSIC

"Jesus Is Alive!" (*The Meeting House Kids Music*)

1 | Start

PASS THE EGG SUPPLIES

- Plastic Easter egg with story pictures inside it
- (Optional) Media player

TIP

- You could do this activity without the music. Shout, "**Jesus rescues us!**" to stop the egg passing.

PASS THE EGG INSTRUCTIONS

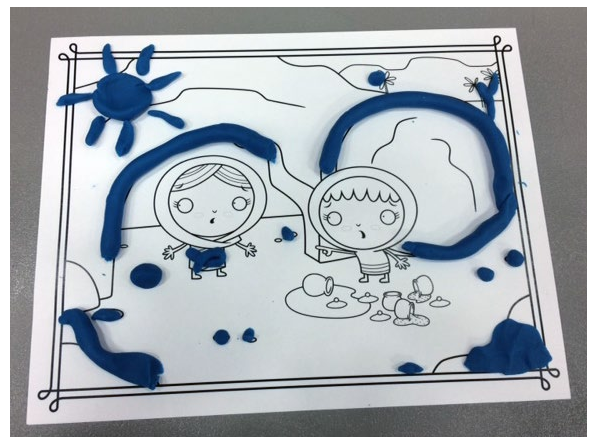
- Gather your family to sit in a circle.
- Play "Jesus Is Alive!" from *The Meeting House Kids Music*.
- Pass the Easter egg quickly from person to person—like in the game Hot Potato.
- Pause the music.
- Ask whoever's holding the egg to open it and find out what's hidden inside.
- Hold up each of the pictures and describe them:
 - [Jesus on a donkey headed to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday] Hosanna! Remember, this word is a way to share our joy and praise.
 - [Crosses] Jesus died for our sins on Good Friday.
 - [Empty tomb] Jesus is alive!
- Place the pictures back inside the egg and repeat the activity as long as the children are interested.

PLAY DOUGH SUPPLIES

- Easter mats
- Play dough

PLAY DOUGH INSTRUCTIONS

- Encourage each child to shape some play dough on an Easter-themed mat.
- Explain what's happening in the scenes on the two mats (see below) and chat about the Easter story (see Luke 22:39–24:12).





2 | Watch

SUPPLIES

- Media player

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Early Years playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

3 | Pray

SUPPLIES

- Large craft or construction paper
- Marker
- (Optional) Scissors
- Sticky notes

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- If you have not yet done this activity during the Easter series, draw a large cross shape on the paper or cut out a large cross shape.

TIP

- You could add the new prayers around the sticky notes from past weeks or start fresh each week.

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Ask: What would you like to talk to God about today? Do you want to thank him for something or someone? Would you like to tell or ask him something?
- b. Write the children's prayers on sticky notes and put them to the cross.
- c. Pray together using the notes as prompts.
- d. Place the cross where your family will see it often and be reminded to pray together.

4 | Craft

SUPPLIES

- Good Friday activity pages
- Colouring materials
- Stickers

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Give each child an activity page, some colouring materials, and some stickers.
- b. Encourage them to decorate their pages.
- c. As the children work on their crafts, chat about Good Friday and the Big Idea: **Jesus rescues us.**

5 | Key Verse

SUPPLIES

- Key Verse sign
- Matching verse words plus extra Easter-related words
- Plastic Easter eggs

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Fold one set of words and place them in the eggs.
- Hide the eggs around the room.
- Spread out the matching words on a table or the floor.
- Place the sign where everyone can see it.

TIP

- These supplies will be used again on Easter.

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Direct the children to find the hidden eggs.
- b. Once they're all found, open them and remove the words inside.
- c. Match up the two sets of words.
- d. Place the words of the Key Verse in order. Use the sign as needed.
- e. Say the verse together a few times.