

BIG IDEA

Jesus rescues us.

GOD STORY

Easter Sunday (Luke 22:39–24:12)

KEY VERSE

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

MUSIC

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

1 | Start

EMPTY TOMB SUPPLIES

- Brown bedsheet, blanket, or towel

EMPTY TOMB INSTRUCTIONS

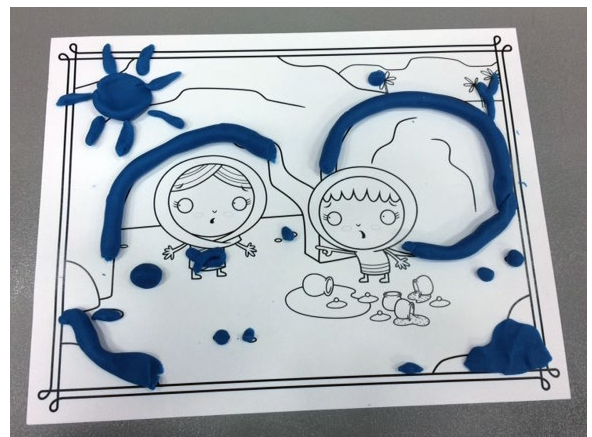
- Guide the children to take turns hiding quietly under the sheet.
- Prompt them to jump out from under the sheet when you shout, "Jesus is alive!"
- Cheer, "**Jesus rescues us!**" together.
- Repeat as long as everyone is interested.

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

- 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

- 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?
- Write the children's prayers on sticky notes and put them to the cross.
- Pray together using the notes as prompts.
- Place the cross where your family will see it often and be reminded to pray together.

4 | Craft

SUPPLIES

- Paper plate wreaths
- Story pictures
- Colouring materials
- Glue sticks
- Streamers
- Tape

INSTRUCTIONS

- Give each child a wreath, the three pictures, some colouring materials, and glue.
- Encourage them to colour in their pictures.
- As the children colour, describe what's happening in the pictures.
- Remind them that **Jesus rescues us**. Explain that he died on the cross, then rose from the dead to save us from our sins.
- Help the children glue their pictures onto their wreaths.
- Tape three streamers onto their wreaths.
- Demonstrate how to let the streamers blow behind you as you move. Prompt everyone to try it with their own wreaths!





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.

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.