



BIG IDEA

Jesus beat death.

THE BIBLE

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Easter: Matthew 28:1-10

WELCOME TIME

Heroes meet in the Youth Room for worship.

ACTIVITY | Egg Toss

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Put the kids into pairs. Each pair gets a bucket and a bag of ten plastic eggs. Ask them to stand about five feet apart with one holding the bucket and the other with a basket (or bag) of eggs. The kid with the eggs will try to toss all the eggs into the bucket. Then, they switch. The winner is the one who gets the most eggs in the bucket.
 - **TODDLER HACK:** Put a basket in the center of the room and give toddlers plastic eggs to toss into the basket.

TEACHING TIME

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- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Let the kids decorate this week's printable and then show them how to roll it up and tie a string around it like a scroll.
- Let's cheer, as loud as we can, "Jesus beat death!" Pretend we are at the biggest, best game cheering on our team! We won and want everyone to know! Let's cheer together: "Jesus beat death! Jesus beat death! Jesus beat death!"

VIDEO | Level Up, Episode 2

 INSTRUCTIONS: Play this week's preschool <u>teaching video</u>. <u>Level Up Preschool Week 2</u> on <u>Vimeo</u>

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BIBLE STORY | Matthew 28:1-10

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Prepare a basket of eggs (filled with cutouts from the Story Eggs printable and other small items) to use as props as you read the story from Matthew 28:1-10. Open each egg and show the kids the contents at the appropriate times in the story.
 - Verse 1: the two women (cutout)
 - Verses 2: a small stone
 - **Verse 3:** a bright white piece of cloth
 - Verse 4: guards (cutout)
 - Verses 5-6: an angel (cutout)
 - Verses 7-8: disciples (cutout)
 - Verses 9-10: Jesus (cutout)
- Who went to the tomb where Jesus had been buried?
- What did they find when they got there?
- What was the good news they ran to tell the disciples?
- Jesus beat death! Jesus is alive! This is why we celebrate Easter. We celebrate Easter because Jesus is alive!

PRAYER

• Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to Earth to beat death. Thank You for loving us.

DISCUSSION TIME

ACTIVITY | Easter Poster

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Before the kids arrive, write "Jesus beat death!" in big letters on a poster board. After the discussion, ask the kids to decorate the poster with Spring stickers (e.g., butterflies, flowers, etc.) or stamps.
- Easter is an incredibly exciting day. It's not about candy, or Easter baskets, or bunnies, although all those things are great. Easter is about Jesus! The exciting thing about Easter is Jesus beat death! This is why we celebrate Easter!
- How does that remind you about the real reason for Easter?
- What new thing can you do on this holiday to help you remember Jesus beat death?
- Let's decorate our poster to remember the real reason we celebrate Easter.

MEMORY VERSE | Hebrews 12:2

PLAY TIME

While you're waiting for parents to pick up their kids .

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ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

• **INSTRUCTIONS:** Use this time while the kids color to remind them of today's Bible story, the Big Idea, and the memory verse.

Encourage your preschoolers to help clean up the room while they wait for their parents.