

EASTER BIBLE LESSON FOR 3-6 YEAR OLDS

USING THE JESUS STORYBOOK BIBLE, READ THE FOLLOWING:

“The sun stops shining” (p.302) (from Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, & John 19)
“God’s wonderful surprise” (p.310) (from Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20)

Supplies:

Watercolor paints and brushes
Watercolor paper
Painters tape
Playdough
Markers or pens

To do ahead of time:

Nothing

1. Ice Breaker (5 minutes)

Before you begin reading the story, do something active like a silly game, jumping jacks, a song with motions, etc. After that, lead your child/children into sitting down quietly to listen to the story.

Today is Easter! We are going to learn why we celebrate this wonderful holiday.

2. Bible Story/Questions (10 minutes) Read aloud **“The sun stops shining” (p. 302)**, then ask:

- What did the Roman soldiers do to Jesus?
- Could Jesus have rescued himself? Why didn't he?
- Why did Jesus cry?
- God was angry at sin...but did he want to destroy his children?
- Did Jesus actually die?
- What did Jesus' friends do with Jesus' body after he died?
- When Jesus died, did he rescue the world?

3. Game

Give each child some playdough. Ask them to make a cross and a tomb with a stone in front of it. Let them do this while you are reading the next story. Maybe they can follow along and create what you are reading with their playdough.

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4. Bible Story/Questions (10 min) Read aloud **“God’s wonderful surprise” (p. 310)**, then ask:

- Why were Jesus’ friends sad?
- When the women got to the tomb, what did they see?
- What did the shining man tell them?
- Who came to see Mary in the garden?
- What did Jesus tell Mary to do?
- What was Mary feeling after she saw Jesus?

5. Bible Memory Verse (10 min)

(Open your Bible to the verse, let the kids see the words on the page, and talk about how the Bible is TRUE.)

“He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen.” Matthew 28:6

Sing the verse to the tune of “Hallelujah”

He is risen (Hallelujah!)
From the dead (Hallelujah!)
Just as (Hallelujah!)
He said (Hallelujah!)
Would happen (Hall le lu jah!)

6. Craft (15 minutes)

Using painter’s tape, make the shape of a cross on watercolor paper. Have the kids (or a helper) write “Jesus is alive!” on the paper. Paint all over the paper, then take off the tape.