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Series: Jesus Is the King  
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# He is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed!

**Primary Scripture:** Luke 24:1-12

**Key Verse:** Luke 24:6a (NIV), “He is not here; he is risen!”

## **How does this address a need in our kids' lives?**

In our culture, elementary children will be most aware of the Easter Bunny during this season. Children need to know that the central reason for celebrating this season is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. As well, they need to understand the meaning behind the resurrection. This is proof that Jesus' finished work on the cross has been completed. He has defeated the power of sin, death, and the devil. Because he lives, we, too, will live. We are spiritually alive with God now and, someday, forever with him in heaven.

## **How does Jesus fill this need?**

**Jesus for us:** Jesus rose from the dead. This is proof that after death, we who trust him will also be alive with God forever. His resurrection is proof of our victory.

**Jesus in us:** Jesus is alive. He lives and dwells in the lives of believers through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Jesus through us:** Not only do we have a new life with God in heaven, but we also have newness of life here on earth. The resurrected power of Jesus works through us that we might witness his presence to the world.

## Stamp of Excellence:

*Remind the kids what excellent worship looks like. We are in God's presence to honor him. Put on your best manners. This might include wearing your name tag, participating eagerly at all times, listening when the leader is talking, raising your hand to speak, not distracting others, playing the learning game with cooperation, singing enthusiastically, and praying reverently. Offer rewards or positive reinforcement to those who worship with excellence.*



## Worship

### Invocation:

*Let kids bring forward the worship symbols such as the cross, candles, Bible, and offering plate. Invite God's presence and call by name the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

### Attention Grabber:

*Capture the children's attention and help them focus on the worship theme for the day.*

*Supplies: several symbols of new life might include:*

- *a butterfly*
- *an egg*
- *an Easter lily*

Hold up the symbols of new life as you say the following.

**The butterfly is a symbol of new life. Once a caterpillar which was buried in a cocoon, the butterfly later emerges as a new creature. The Easter lily reminds us of a trumpet. Trumpets were used to announce good news. When Jesus was discovered to be alive, this was good news worth announcing to all.**

**Regarding Easter eggs, eggs have long been a symbol of new life. From eggs, new lives are hatched. In certain cultures, people decorate eggs to celebrate the message of the new life we have in Christ. For example, in Greece, eggs are painted in crimson, a deep red color, reminding us of the blood of Christ that was shed on the cross. From that comes new life, because Jesus is alive and we, too, will experience new life. Our sins are forgiven through the blood of Christ.**

Today we celebrate the new life we have because Jesus is alive. In the early church, people often greeted one another on Easter morning with the saying, "He is risen." And the other person responded with, "He is risen, indeed."

Let's practice. "He is risen." Children respond with "He is risen, indeed."

## Songs of Worship:

*Choose two or three songs. Briefly introduce songs so kids can better understand what they are singing and be drawn into a more focused worship. Keep the attention on God!*

## The Power of the Cross:

*Jesus has given his life for us that we might have forgiveness and power to live for him.*

*Supplies: a hand held cross*

**There is one symbol of new life that we have not mentioned. It is the cross.**

Hold up the cross.

**The cross is most often known as a symbol of death because Jesus died on a cross. How can it be known as a symbol of life? Look carefully at this cross. What do you see? Let me give you a hint. What do you not see? Do you still see Jesus hanging on the cross? No, that is because the cross is empty. Jesus died on the cross and our sins are forgiven and he will never have to die again. After he died on the cross, through the power of the Father, he came back to life three days later. He was discovered alive on Easter morning.**

**Let's now pray to him that we will have the power of the cross in our lives.**

**Dear God, we need the power of your cross in our lives. We know that Jesus died for sins on the cross. We need our sins taken away. We need your forgiveness. We can think of things that we have done that were unloving to others or even mean. We might have disobeyed or cheated. We might have been unthankful or demanding. For Jesus' sake, please forgive us. Now make us new people since Jesus is alive. Let him live in us so we can be new people on the inside. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

Again proclaim: "He is risen." Children respond with: "He is risen, indeed."

## **Song of Response:**

*Choose a song to help the children turn to Jesus. Or, you may want to help them celebrate what God has done by singing a song of praise.*

## **Offering:**

*Teach the importance of giving and talk about the mission activities they are supporting.*



# The Word

## Learning Game:

*Some churches dismiss children from the adult service at this time to join Kids Church. The learning game provides a fun kinesthetic activity to help kids connect with each other. The learning point will help reinforce the theme of the day.*

### **Option 1: Treasure Hunt**

*Supplies: candies hidden throughout the room or building*

Have a treasure hunt with Easter candy around the room or building. When the children have collected the Easter candy, talk about the surprise of finding the candy. It was a surprise because a special treasure was found.

**Listen today to the story of the ladies going to the tomb on Easter morning. They were expecting to find a dead body. Instead, they found a great treasure. It was an empty tomb. Jesus was alive. He is risen, He is risen indeed.**

### **Option 2: Resurrection Lift-Off**

*Supplies: a parachute or sheet per team of ten, soft items such as balls, stuffed animals, or rolled up socks*

Have teams hold the parachute or sheet tightly at the edges. Soft items such as balls or stuffed animals are tossed onto one team's sheet. Then each team tries to toss the items to another team to catch in their sheet.

*The teaching point is: The objects flying through the air remind us of the resurrection... rising from the dead.*

To make the game more interesting, secure a rope at least six feet off the ground dividing the area between two teams. Place a sheet over the rope so that it becomes like a volleyball net. The teams will not see when the tossed objects come over. Play the game like volleyball, serving back and forth. Kids will enjoy the surprise of suddenly seeing objects come over the net for them.

*This game can be tied into the delightful surprise it was for the ladies and disciples when they came to the tomb early Easter morning. They realized that Jesus was alive!*

# Bible Presentation:

*Help children pay attention by giving them a word or concept to listen for as you read. Consider letting a child read who could do so with excellence.*

## Option 1: Show a video or film

Choose one of the following recommendations:

- *The Miracle Maker*, Family Home Entertainment, 1999
- *The Animated Stories from the New Testament – He is Risen*. Nest Family Entertainment, 1988
- *The Visual Bible, Matthew*, produced by Visual Bible international, 1997
- *Jesus of Nazareth*, directed by Franco Zeffirelli and distributed by Artisan

## Option 2: Read the Bible

Another option is to read the Bible event, noting several key words to leave blank. Have the children fill in the blanks as the Bible story is read to them.

## Option 3: Resurrection eggs

Twelve plastic eggs each contain a symbol of the resurrection story. This is an easy way to tell the full story of Jesus' passion and his resurrection. This item is often available at your local Christian bookstore but can be ordered through S & S Christian activities ([www.swww.com](http://www.swww.com)), Item # CHD-GA2492.

# Application Activity:

Easter Craft:

There are wonderful Easter crafts available from Oriental Trading Company, ([www.orientaltrading.com](http://www.orientaltrading.com)) and also S & S Worldwide ([www.swww.com](http://www.swww.com)). Let the kids make Easter crafts for take home projects.



# Witness

## Witness and Tell:

*Give children opportunities to share how God is working in their lives. It is best to use a microphone to ask children interview questions around the theme for the day.*

**Because Jesus is alive, even if we die, we can be alive with him forever. Also, since Jesus is alive, he is with us now, wherever we go. Who would like to share what they like most about knowing Jesus is with them?**

After responses are heard, continue with the second question.

**Who would like to share what they think it will be like living in a perfect world with Jesus forever? We can be with him someday if we trust Jesus as our Savior.**

## Prayer:

*Let the kids pray out loud. If you are using a microphone, invite children to form a prayer line and speak their thanksgivings or requests. If you have portable microphones, you can roam the audience. Kids can also go to prayer stations set up for specific types of prayer.*

## Blessing:

*Speak a blessing prayer over the children. Personalize this to your setting. Use a special scripture verse or blessing around the theme of the day.*

## Song of Sending:

*Choose one song. Briefly introduce song so kids can better understand what they are singing and be drawn into a more focused worship. Keep the attention on God.*

# Supplies:

## *Attention Grabber:*

- a butterfly
- an egg
- an Easter lily

## *The Power of the Cross:*

- cross with no figure

## *Learning Game:*

### *Option 1:*

- Easter candy

### *Option 2*

- parachute or sheet
- soft items or balls

## *Bible Presentation:*

### *Video choices:*

- *The Miracle Maker*, Family Home Entertainment—order from [http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/B00004WI56/y8er49-20/002-7436213-2441636?dev-t=DM6PZEVJGHXV%26camp=2025%26link\\_code=xm2](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/B00004WI56/y8er49-20/002-7436213-2441636?dev-t=DM6PZEVJGHXV%26camp=2025%26link_code=xm2)
- *The Animated Stories from the New Testament: He is Risen*—order from [http://www.nestfamily.com/store/product\\_detail.asp?productID=HRD](http://www.nestfamily.com/store/product_detail.asp?productID=HRD)
- *The Visual Bible: Matthew*—order from [http://www.amazon.com/gp/search/ref=pd\\_sl\\_aw\\_tops-1\\_dvd\\_9288316\\_1/002-7436213-2441636?search-alias=dvd&keywords=matthew%20the%20visual%20bible&rank=relevancerank&field-format=dvd%7Ctheatrical%7Cumd%7Cblu](http://www.amazon.com/gp/search/ref=pd_sl_aw_tops-1_dvd_9288316_1/002-7436213-2441636?search-alias=dvd&keywords=matthew%20the%20visual%20bible&rank=relevancerank&field-format=dvd%7Ctheatrical%7Cumd%7Cblu)
- *Jesus of Nazareth*—order from <http://www.dvdworldonline.com/jesusofnazarethdvd.asp>

## *Application Activity:*

- order Easter activity from [www.orientaltrading.com](http://www.orientaltrading.com) or [www.swww.com](http://www.swww.com)

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