



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus
Unit 3, Lesson 14

The Miracle of Easter

Lesson Aim: To learn God raised Jesus to life and Jesus lives forever.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "Jesus lives forever."

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS LORD

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to Jesus as Lord. Sing: "Praise Time: Love the Lord Your God."

Jesus died on the cross for you and for me. Three days later, God raised Jesus back to life. Jesus is our Lord who lives forever. That is today's Whisper Verse. Let's try it together. Review the Whisper Verse together: "Jesus lives forever." Include sign language.

In today's story, we will learn about the day God raised Jesus to live forever. "Easter" is the name of the day when believers from all over the world celebrate the miracle that after Jesus died on the cross for us, God raised Jesus back to life. This is the most important of Jesus' miracles to remember. Sing: "I Will Remember."

We want everyone to know about the miracle of Easter. Let's pray God will use the offering we give to help the whole world know Jesus lives forever. Then, everything that has breath will praise the Lord. Sing: "Let Everything That Has Breath" while collecting the offering.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

Jesus died on the cross to save us, then God raised Him to life forever. Do you know where Jesus is now? (Children respond.) Jesus is living in heaven. His Spirit is in the hearts of all who believe in Him. Sing: "Jesus Is Living in Heaven Today" or "He Is Mighty to Save."

THE WORD AFTER JESUS DIED FOR US, GOD RAISED HIM TO LIFE CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned Jesus rode into town on a donkey while the people praised Him. Today, we will discover what happened on the very first Easter morning. Let's open our Bible to today's story in Matthew. Leave Bible open to Matthew 28:1-7.

WATCH THE WORD: MATTHEW 28:1-7

Read poem. Display visual.

- Jesus came to save the world;
- He died for every boy and girl.
- He died on the cross for me and you,
- And then, they buried Him in a tomb.

- They sealed the tomb with a heavy stone.
- His friends were sad; they felt alone.
- Three days later, the stone rolled away,
- And women there heard the angel say,

- "He is not here. He has risen today.
- Come see the place where Jesus lay.
- Quickly go tell others that He's not dead,
- For Jesus has risen, just as He said!"

What did the angel say about Jesus when the stone rolled away? ("He is not here. He has risen today.") Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read Matthew 28:6 from the teacher's Bible.

Will Jesus ever have to die again? (No.) Our Whisper Verse tells how we know that. Let's say it together now: "Jesus lives forever!" Include sign language or hand motions.

THE WAY TELL EVERYONE JESUS LIVES FOREVER

CRAFT: He Has Risen!

GAMES: What's Next?, "Quickly, Go and Tell!"

SNACK: New Life

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Matthew 28:1-7

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Heart Hop, Lots of Love Tango
STORY TIME