



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus
Unit 3, Lesson 14

The Miracle of Easter

Lesson Aim: To see the reasons for the Easter miracles—forgiveness and eternal life.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is your favorite Easter miracle?

GAME: Roll the Stone Away

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS LORD

Read Worship Scripture: John 3:16

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Bonzai Brothers script or read storybook.

THE WORD JESUS DIED; GOD RAISED HIM TO LIFE

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey's colt.

Point to Jerusalem. **In Jerusalem, Jesus died on the cross for our sins, and was raised from the dead so we might have life forever close to God. Those are the two miracles we celebrate each Easter. As I read, listen closely to see how many eyewitnesses were present.**

Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Matthew 27:50-51, 59-61; 28:1-9.

Pray. Read Matthew 27:50-51, 59-61. **God raised His Son, Jesus, from the dead. That is called the resurrection.** Read Matthew 28:1-9.

THE WAY UNDERSTANDING THE EASTER MIRACLES

What were the two main miracles of Easter that changed our lives forever? (Jesus gave His life for us, God raised Jesus from the dead.) **Do you know why Jesus died on the cross for us?** (To pay for our sins so we could be forgiven.) **Jesus rose from the dead, conquering death forever, so that believers will have life forever close with God.**

Display an Easter Miracles Egg. **This egg contains symbols of miracles at the cross and the empty tomb. A miracle is an amazing surprise from God.** Show cross. **What miracles in nature did God perform at the cross to show Jesus was God's Son?** (Midday darkness, earth shook, rocks split.) **This cross reminds us of those miracles.**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

What happened in the temple at the moment Jesus died? (Temple curtain tore in two.) **No human tore the curtain; God tore it. 1,400 years earlier, God told Moses how the curtain should be used. Let's read God's directions for Moses.** Reveal Exodus 26:31-34. Read.

Show purple-red cloth. **This cloth stands for the temple curtain. This curtain was not for decoration; it separated the Most Holy Place from the rest of the temple. God's presence was inside the Most Holy Place. Because of our sin, no one could go through the curtain into God's presence. Only the High Priest could enter once a year to ask forgiveness for the sins of the people.**

When Jesus died, our sins were forgiven. Anyone who believes in Jesus can go directly into God's presence through prayer. The curtain tearing from top to bottom was a sign that Jesus' death opened a way for God in heaven (top) to be present forever with believers (bottom). It is a picture of the miracle of forgiveness!

Show scented white cloth. **This white cloth stands for burial cloth. To understand the Easter miracles we must remember that Jesus did truly die and was buried. A friend named Joseph wrapped Jesus' body in good-smelling, white burial cloth.**

Show pebble. **This pebble stands for the big stone that closed the entrance to the tomb. What miracles did God perform there three days after Jesus' body was placed there?** (Earthquake, angel rolled away the stone, Jesus had risen.) **This egg stands for a miracle, too. Close and display the egg. It is the miracle of the new life God gives to all who believe in His Son Jesus; life forever close with God!**

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Stone
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Angel sitting by the empty tomb saying, "He is risen!"
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Stone Rolls

GAME: Easter Egg Relay: He Is Risen Indeed!

CRAFT: Easter Card

DISCUSSION: Easter Miracles Egg

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: "Sit on the Throne" Musical Chairs, Bible Memory Verse Bop

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW