



At-A-Glance: Ages 2-3  
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus  
Unit 4, Lesson 18

## Jesus Is Risen

Lesson Aim: To know the true meaning of Easter.

### THE WELCOME

#### TREASURE CHEST

#### CENTERS

- COLORING CENTER: Jesus Is Risen
- PLAY-DOUGH CENTER: Sad Day, Happy Day
- GAME CENTER: Easter Story Matching Game
- MUSIC CENTER: "Do You Love Me?" March

### THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE KING WHO ROSE

It's Praise Time—our time to praise King Jesus. Today, we celebrate that Jesus is alive! Let's pray. Have children bow their heads and close their eyes. Dear Jesus, we are so happy You rose to life on that first Easter day. We praise You as our King. Amen.

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

**OFFERING:** Collect the offering.

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

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE:** Practice Bible Memory Verse with motions.

### THE WORD JESUS IS RISEN

#### CLASSROOM PROMISE

Show children the plastic Easter egg. **I have a plastic egg with me today. What baby animals are hatched from real eggs?** (Chickens, ducks, fish, turtles, etc.) **Each egg holds a brand new life. At Easter, we celebrate new life with Easter eggs like this one** (hold up egg), **and with baby bunnies, lambs, and baby chicks. All of Easter is a celebration of new life. It's especially a celebration of the day when Jesus came back to life. Let's listen to the story of that first Easter day.** Hold Bible open to John 20:6.

### WATCH THE WORD: JOHN 20:1-18

Read poem. Display visual.

- King 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 closed the tomb with a heavy stone.
- His friends were sad—they felt alone.
- But Mary came back on the third day.
- She saw the stone was rolled away.
  
- Mary ran to tell Peter and John!
- They ran and saw that Jesus was gone!
- Peter wondered where He could be?
- John looked inside and he believed.
  
- Then, Mary saw Jesus with her own eyes!
- "I've seen the Lord," she said with surprise.
- Mary ran to tell all her friends,
- "The Lord has risen from the dead."

When Mary, Peter, and John went to the tomb, they found it was empty. Where had Jesus gone? (He came back to life.) Later, Mary saw Jesus with her very own eyes. What did she tell people? ("I've seen the Lord.") Remember, Lord is another name for Jesus. Mary was happy Jesus was alive. We can celebrate with Mary that Jesus came back to life!

### THE WAY CELEBRATE EASTER

**CRAFT:** Empty Tomb

**GAMES:** Race to the Tomb, Easter Symbols

**SNACK:** Easter Treats

#### FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE
- PRAY
- PLAY
- DISMISSAL (Coloring page, craft, Ponder, Pray & Play)

### GOT TIME?

**SAY & DO:** John 20:1-18

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Send Up Love, "Do You Love Me?" Dance

**STORY TIME**