



Week 2 – Elementary
Additional Resources for Parents

POLL: Winning and Losing

INSTRUCTIONS: Ask these questions and have the kids respond either by raising their hand or by doing another fun gesture.

Raise your hand if you've ever lost while playing a video game or sport.

How did it feel to lose?

This time, raise your hand if you've ever won before.

How did it feel to win and beat another team or person?

Sometimes, we win and other times we lose. Today, we are talking about the time when Jesus won big time! Can you guess what that is?

THE BIG IDEA: Jesus beat death!

INSTRUCTIONS: Ask the kids to pretend they are at the biggest, best game cheering on our team!

We won and want everyone to know! Let's cheer together: "**Jesus beat death! Jesus beat death! Jesus beat death!**"

Today, we are celebrating Easter! Easter is an incredibly exciting day. It's not about candy, or Easter baskets or bunnies, although all those things are great. Today is all about Jesus!

BIBLE STORY: Matthew 28:1-10

Jesus Has Risen

28 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.⁵ The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him.¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

RESPONSE: Who Needs to Know?

God didn't have to send Jesus, but that is how much God loves you. Jesus beat death so our sins could be forgiven. And now that we are forgiven, we can have a relationship with God and one day be with God in heaven! Now that we all know the real reason we celebrate Easter, who can you share the story of Easter with?

Remember, Jesus beat death for everyone in the whole world. We should share the story of Easter with everyone!

ACTIVITY: Eggs-cited about Easter!

Print out and distribute the Week 2 printable. Ask the kids to color in each egg as you describe what each egg represents (see below). Then, they can fold the paper in half (like an egg carton) to take home. If you don't have a printer, they can just draw their own eggs and color them!

Palm branch: Jesus enters Jerusalem

Perfume: Jesus is anointed with perfume

Bread: The Last Supper

Olives: Jesus prays at Gethsemane

Three pieces of silver: Judas betrays Jesus

Dice: Soldiers divide up Jesus' things
Crown of thorns: Jesus suffers
Three nails: Jesus is nailed to the cross
Cross: Jesus dies
Egg cracking in half: The veil is torn
Stone: A stone covers the tomb
Empty: Jesus is risen!

We shouldn't keep quiet about good news like this! Use your eggs to tell everyone you know this amazing story of how Jesus beat death! Happy Easter!

Memory Verse: Jeremiah 33:3

"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."