



Week 2 – Preschool
Additional Resources for Parents

THE BIG IDEA: Jesus beat death!

INSTRUCTIONS: Let the kids decorate this week’s printable and then show them how to roll it up and tie a string around it like a scroll. Let’s cheer, as loud as we can, “Jesus beat death!” Pretend we 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!”

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.”

INSTRUCTIONS: If you have empty plastic Easter eggs, fill them with cutouts from the Story Eggs printable and other small items to use as props as you read the story from Matthew 28:1-10. Open each egg and show the kids the contents at the appropriate times in the story. If you don't have eggs, you can just hold up the cutouts as appropriate.

Verse 1: the two women (cutout)

Verses 2: a small stone

Verse 3: a bright white piece of cloth

Verse 4: guards (cutout)

Verses 5-6: an angel (cutout)

Verses 7-8: disciples (cutout)

Verses 9-10: Jesus (cutout)

Who went to the tomb where Jesus had been buried?

What did they find when they got there?

What was the good news they ran to tell the disciples?

Jesus beat death! Jesus is alive! This is why we celebrate Easter. We celebrate Easter because Jesus is alive!

Memory Verse: Hebrews 12:2

Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.