

He Is Risen

PRESCHOOL LESSON PLAN

Theme: Easter

Scripture: Luke 24:1-6

Memory Verse: He is not here; he has risen! - Luke 24:6

The Children's Sermon

The fact is Easter is not about candy. It's not about colored eggs or bunny rabbits. It's not even about new clothes, although the Bible tells us that the angels who appeared to Mary and the others were wearing "bright shining clothes." These things have become part of our celebration of Easter, and there is nothing wrong with them being a part of our celebration as long as we know what Easter is really all about. Can someone tell me what Easter is all about? That's right. Easter is really about Jesus, and the wonderful good news that He is alive!

When Mary and her friends finally realized that Jesus was alive, do you know what they did? They hurried and told their other friends! And that's what I would like for you to do too. As soon as you get back home from church today, with every chance you get, I would like for you to start telling people you see these 3 simple words, "Jesus is alive! Jesus is alive!"

Dear Lord, today we celebrate the empty grave. We thank You that Jesus is not in the grave. He is risen and alive, and because of that, we can have new life in Him. Amen.

Now, let's dive a little deeper into our Easter Sunday Sermon. You see, Easter is a very special day. It's the day we remember something incredible that Jesus did for all of us. After Jesus died, He didn't stay in the tomb. God made Him alive again! This is what we call resurrection. It means coming back to life. And because Jesus is alive, we can be close to God.

Imagine if you had a superhero friend who could defeat anything, even death. That's who Jesus is! He showed us that love is stronger than anything, even stronger than death itself. This is the heart of our Easter Sunday Sermon - that love wins!

Easter is also a time of new beginnings. Just like spring brings new flowers and new life, Easter gives us a chance to start fresh. It's a reminder that no matter what mistakes we've made, we can always begin again. Jesus's resurrection is a promise that we are loved and forgiven.

During Easter, we also learn about hope. Hope is believing that good things can happen, even when things seem really tough. Jesus coming back to life is the biggest hope of all. It tells us that with God, anything is possible. Even when things seem really sad or hard, Easter reminds us to keep hoping and trusting in God.

Now, let's talk about how we can share this amazing news, just like Mary and her friends did. You don't have to be a grown-up to tell others that "Jesus is alive!" You can share this good news with your friends, your family, and even people you meet. You can tell them by using words, but you can also show them by being kind, helping others, and being a good friend. That's how you live out the Easter Sunday Sermon every day.

And remember, Easter is not just one day. The joy and hope of Easter are with us all the time. Every time you see a beautiful flower, remember the new life Jesus gives us. Every time you feel the warm sun, remember Jesus's love warming our hearts. Easter is all around us, reminding us of Jesus's love and the amazing things He did for us.

Let's pray together one more time. Dear God, thank You for Jesus and the love You showed us through Him. Help us to remember the true meaning of Easter and to share the good news that Jesus is alive with everyone we meet. Help us to live with hope, love, and joy in our hearts every day. Amen.

So, kids, as we finish our Easter Sunday Sermon, let's remember to celebrate Jesus, not just today, but every day. Let's spread the good news, "Jesus is alive!" and let's live out that message with hope and love in everything we do. Happy Easter, everyone!

Bible Memory Verse

He is not here; he has risen! - Luke 24:6

You Will Need:

- Colored construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Stickers or markers

Get Ready:

- Cut the construction paper into large oval shapes to represent stones.
- Prepare a small area in your classroom to be the 'tomb' by using a box or a corner.

Do This:

1. Tell the children the story of Easter morning, focusing on how Jesus' friends found the tomb empty because He had risen.
2. Give each child a paper 'stone' and ask them to decorate it with stickers or markers as they like. While they work, remind them that the stone was rolled away from Jesus' tomb.
3. Have the children place their decorated stones around the 'tomb' area to reenact the scene of the empty tomb. Finish by reciting the memory verse together, emphasizing the joy of Easter.

Bible Interactive Experience

You'll Need:

- A large cardboard box
- Stone-shaped paper cutouts
- Angel and Jesus figures (can be made from paper or use dolls/toys)
- Simple costumes or fabric pieces
- Flashlight

Get Ready:

- Cut one side of the box to create an opening, simulating the entrance to a tomb.
- Place the stone-shaped paper cutout near the entrance.
- Hide the Jesus figure inside the box (the tomb) and have the angel figure ready nearby.

Do this:

1. Dress up a few children as the women who visited the tomb (using simple costumes or fabric pieces). Give them the flashlight to "find their way" to the tomb.

2. When they reach the tomb, have them move the "stone" (paper cutout) away from the entrance.
3. Shine the flashlight inside the tomb to discover it's empty (remove Jesus figure beforehand). Then, reveal the angel figure, explaining that Jesus has risen, just as He said.

Snack Activity: Empty Tomb Rolls

You'll Need:

- 1 can of crescent roll dough
- 8 large marshmallows
- 1/4 cup of melted butter
- 2 tablespoons of cinnamon sugar

Get Ready: Preheat your oven to the temperature specified on the crescent roll dough package. Spray a baking sheet with non-stick cooking spray.

Do this:

1. Explain to the children that the marshmallow represents Jesus, pure and white. The crescent roll represents the tomb.
2. Dip a marshmallow in melted butter, then roll it in cinnamon sugar. This represents the spices used to prepare Jesus' body for burial.
3. Place the marshmallow in the center of a crescent roll piece, then carefully wrap the dough around the marshmallow, sealing the edges. This represents the sealed tomb. Place on the baking sheet.
4. Bake according to the crescent roll package instructions, until golden brown. The marshmallow will melt inside, which represents the empty tomb on Easter morning.

5. Let the rolls cool slightly, then share with the children as you discuss the story of Easter, focusing on Luke 24:1-6, explaining how Jesus was not in the tomb, He has risen.

Game Activity: Easter Stone Roll

You'll Need:

- A large cardboard box
- Stones or heavy paperweights (safe for children)
- Pictures of angels or Easter-themed stickers

Get Ready: Cut the cardboard box open to lay flat on the ground, drawing a large circle on it to represent the tomb. Place the stones or paperweights at one end of the circle.

Do this:

1. Explain to the children that when Jesus rose from the dead, the stone was rolled away from the tomb. Show them Luke 24:1-6, simplifying the story to their level.
 2. Let the children take turns trying to roll or push the 'stone' away from the 'tomb' (the circle on the cardboard) using only their hands.
 3. After the stone is rolled away, reveal pictures of angels or place Easter-themed stickers inside the circle to show that the tomb is empty and Jesus has risen.
- Celebrate with a simple Easter song or cheer.

Craft Activity: Empty Tomb Easter Craft

You'll Need:

- A small paper plate
- A large paper plate

- Brown and green construction paper
- Glue
- Scissors
- A small rock
- Crayons or markers

Get Ready: Cut the large paper plate in half to represent the tomb. Cut a door shape out of one half. Cut the brown construction paper into strips for the tomb and the green paper into leaf shapes.

Do this:

1. Color the small paper plate with crayons or markers to create a background. Think about adding flowers, grass, or a sun.
2. Glue the half paper plate (the tomb) onto the bottom of the colored small plate. Make sure the door you cut can open and close.
3. Decorate the tomb with the brown paper strips to look like stones. Use the green paper leaves to add some scenery around the tomb.
4. Place the small rock near the door of the tomb to represent the stone that was rolled away, just like in Luke 24:1-6, showing that Jesus is not there, for He has risen.