




Saturday Mornings April – Easter

Activity	Equipment	Instructions	Discussion	Picture
1. Easter eggs	Felt Buttons Rhinestones Ribbon Glue String scissors	Draw an Easter egg on felt. Cut it out. Decorate your egg. Add string to the top to hang.	Talk about how the egg was a symbol of rebirth, adopted by early Christians as a symbol of the resurrection of Jesus at Easter. What does it take for someone to give their life to Christ?	
2. Edible Easter garden	Circular biscuit green icing jam and cream biscuit mini egg Sprinkles	Cover the circular biscuit with the green icing Cut off a slice of the jam and cream biscuit Position jam & cream biscuit onto the circular biscuit Stick a mini egg to the side of the jammy part Cover remaining icing with the sprinkles	Talk about the fact that Jesus died – but death was not the end. Death was defeated through the resurrection of Christ. Read in the Bible about how Jesus showed himself to the disciples after his resurrection.	
3. Easter finger puzzle	Template below Colouring pens	Colour the sheet Fold to make up the puzzle Play with others and read the questions	Talk about the different texts on the puzzle and how they impact your life. Use this puzzle occasionally to remind you of God's great love for you.	



## Bible Stories


### Part 1 Matthew 28:1–10, 16–20 (NIV)













After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. 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. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 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.' So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. 'Greetings,' he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me'... Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

### Part 2 the road to Emmaus Luke 24:13-35

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognising him. 17 He asked them, 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?' They stood still, their faces downcast. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, 'Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' 19 'What things?' he asked. 'About Jesus of Nazareth,' they replied. 'He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.' 25 He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. 28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going further. 29 But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?' 33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together 34 and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.

<p>1. Edible Road to Emmaus</p>	<p>Crackers Icing (green or white) Gummy bears</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Spread icing on the edges of cracker so it looks like grass on each side, and a road down the middle.</li> <li>2. Set up three gummy bears on the cracker (road) portion of the cracker.</li> </ol>	<p>Talk about someone you'd like to share the Easter story of Jesus' resurrection with.</p>	
<p>2. Road to Emmaus</p>	<p>Template below Colouring pens Scissors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COLOUR the craft in.</li> <li>• CUT along the dotted lines to cut the optical illusion out!</li> <li>• FOLD the page like a fan along all the rectangle shapes.</li> <li>• LAY the page flat. If you look at it from one side at the right height and angle you will see Jesus. On the other side you will read a piece of scripture!</li> </ul>	<p>Talk about how Easter reminds us of Jesus' love for us. How do we celebrate Easter at home?</p>	

<p>3. Risen Jesus</p>	<p>craft sticks chopstick pipe cleaners clothes pegs</p>	<p>Centre the pipe cleaner near one end of the craft stick wrap it tightly around the craft stick twice on each side. Then clip a peg on both ends of the pipe cleaner. Carefully balance the end of the craft stick on the chopstick. Adjust the pipe cleaner's position on both sides to achieve balance. The craft stick will 'stand'!</p>	<p>Talk about how not even death could hold Jesus down. He rose on the third day and stood in front of the women by the tomb and the disciples. He is alive!</p>	
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 <p><b>Life</b></p>	 <p>4 What is the only way that we can get to God the Father? 3 2 1</p>	 <p>2 How did God show His love for the world? 1</p>	 <p><b>Easter</b></p>
 <p>6 What does Jesus promise to those who believe in Him? 3 2 1</p>	<p>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do not let anyone take away the words I have said to you. Amen." John 11:25-26</p> <p>4 Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do not let anyone take away the words I have said to you. Amen." John 11:25-26</p>	<p>1 "For God the only Son, that should not perish in him, gave the life to the world, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16</p> <p>3 And being found in human form, he humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Philippians 2:8</p>	 <p>8 When Jesus became a man, He humbled Himself to the point of what? 2 1</p>
 <p>1 What happened three days after Jesus died? 4 3 2 1</p>	<p>1 Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures. He was buried, and on the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come and get you, and you will be with me, and you will remain with me forever. John 14:1-3</p>	<p>4 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of the Father and to the glory of the Son forever and ever. Philippians 2:9-10</p> <p>1 He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Matthew 28:6</p>	 <p>3 Whose name has God highly exalted above every name? 1 1</p>
 <p><b>He's Here!</b></p>	 <p>5 If we believe in Jesus, what will happen to us after we die? 4 3 2 1</p>	 <p>1 What did the women who were looking for Jesus say to the angels? 4 3 2 1</p>	 <p><b>Joy</b></p>



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- LUKE 24:34