



WEEK 2

PRESCHOOL LESSON OUTLINE



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SOLVING THE MYSTERY OF EASTER

BIG IDEA

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THE BIBLE

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WELCOME TIME

ACTIVITY | Mystery Puzzle Scavenger Hunt

- **Welcome to church today! We're continuing our series called Clue, where we will unlock the mystery of Easter!** We have a mystery to solve and we need your help! We need you to help us solve the mystery of what our Bible story is today.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print the Mystery Scavenger Hunt Pieces from your Week 2 folder and cut them apart. Hide the pieces all around the room. Have the children find all the pieces and assist them in putting the puzzle together.*
- Wow! Look at this scene from our Bible story today, it's about when Jesus had a special meal with His friends. This month we're digging into the Bible and looking for clues to find out what happened to Jesus at Easter.

ACTIVITY | Pipe Cleaner Disguises

- When trying to solve a mystery, detectives might need to go undercover so no one recognizes them. Today, you're going to create your very own disguise!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give the kids pipe cleaners to create their own unique disguise. Let them think of funny or creative ideas about how to use the pipe cleaners. You can also give them some other disguise items, like sunglasses, hats, and masks.*
- Wow, I didn't almost didn't recognize you! You made a great disguise!
- I think you're ready for our undercover work of solving the mystery of Easter!

TEACHING TIME

MUSIC | Worship Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Spend some time singing with your preschoolers. You can sing any songs you'd like, but for this lesson we like, "Life With Jesus" by Hillsong Kids Jr. and "Your Love Is" by Elevation Church Kids.

BIBLE STORY | Mark 14:12-26

- We've learned some clues about the true meaning of Easter. Last Sunday we talked about when Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem. That was the start of what we call Holy Week, which was the week before the first Easter. In today's story, we're going to learn about what Jesus did on Thursday of that week. It will give us a clue about why Easter is so important to us today!
- In today's story, we'll hear about the last meal Jesus shared with His disciples. It was the Passover meal, and that's important. Listen for clues about what this story had to do with the real meaning of Easter.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Look up the story in your Bible and read it to your preschoolers.
- **What were Jesus and the disciples doing in our Bible story?** They were eating a special meal together. The meal was called Passover and it was to remind them that Jesus was going to die to take the punishment for the sins of all people, even though He was perfect.
- **What did Jesus tell the disciples during their meal?** Jesus told them that He was going to die to make a way for people to be forgiven and to go to heaven.
- **What two things did Jesus use to tell the disciples that He would die?** Bread and a cup. The bread and cup reminded them that Jesus would die for their sins.
- This special meal was a clue about what was going to happen to Jesus! So this story tells us . . .

THE BIG IDEA | Every Easter, we remember Jesus' sacrifice.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Each week, do a big reveal (and make it fun) when you announce the Big Idea, like:
 - Ask the kids to give you a drum-roll by stomping their feet or patting their laps.
 - Shout the Big Idea, then point to the kids and have them shout it back. (Change it up by using funny voices, different volumes, or inflections.)
 - Have a character (either recurring or rotating) come out every week to reveal the Big Idea.
 - Write it on a piece of paper and hide it somewhere in the room. Have the kids go on a "hunt" for it. When it's found, read it out loud.
- This week's Big Idea: **Every Easter, we remember Jesus' sacrifice.**

ACTIVITY | Pass the Cup

- In our story today, Jesus used two items to give us clues to help solve the mystery of Easter. **What were those two things?** A cup and some bread. We're going to play a game where one person is a detective and the rest of us are sneaky and try to hide a cup.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Have the kids sit in a circle and choose one to be the detective; they will stand in the middle. Tell the detective to close their eyes (or use a blindfold), then the rest of the group will quietly pass the plastic cup around the circle. When you tell them to stop, the person holding the cup will put it behind their back, and all the other kids will put their hands behind their backs. Then tell the detective to open their eyes. Give the detective a few guesses to see who really has the cup behind their back. You can play multiple rounds with different detectives.*
- **What clues did we learn from the cup and the bread in our Bible story?** The bread and cup remind us of Jesus dying on the cross, even though He was perfect.

PRAYER

- Let's spend time with God in prayer.
- Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to die for our sins. Thank you that Jesus loved us so much that He was willing to give His life for us! We love you so much, amen.

DISCUSSION TIME

DISCUSSION | Snack and Discussion

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Pass out a snack to all of your preschoolers and ask them to sit and listen while they eat. Your discussion will be more effective when they're busy sitting and snacking!*
- **Who did Jesus have dinner with?** *(The disciples.)*
- **What was the meal called?** *(Passover.)*
- **What did Jesus tell them was going to happen?** *(He was going to die.)*
- **Why did Jesus have to die?** *(To take the punishment for our sins.)*
- **What is sin?** *(Any time we do something God doesn't want us to do.)*
- **How does it make you feel, knowing Jesus loves you so much that He died on the cross for you?**

ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Have the kids join you in a circle on the floor. Give one child a cup and tell the kids to pass it around the circle as you play some music. When the music stops, whoever is holding the cup will answer a question.*
 - **Where is your favorite place to eat?**
 - **What meal do you not like to eat?**
 - **What is your favorite holiday meal tradition?**
 - **Who do you enjoy having a meal with?**
 - **How do you think the disciples felt at the meal with Jesus?**
 - **How can you praise Jesus today?**
 - **What does your family do to celebrate Easter?**

ACTIVITY | File Folder Supper

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print the Bread and Cup Activity printable from your Week 2 folder and cut them out. Give one file folder to each kid. Write "Top Secret" on the front (or use the Top Secret sticker labels). Let the kids color the bread and cup pictures and put them in their folder.*
- Today we discovered more clues to help us solve the mystery of the meaning of Easter.
- Take your folder home to remind you of our Bible story today.

MEMORY VERSE | Joshua 1:9

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Check out the Memory Verse Guide in your Programming Folder for ideas on how to help your preschoolers memorize Bible verses. Here are the hand motions for this month's memory verse . . .*

BE STRONG (*flex one arm*)
AND COURAGEOUS (*flex the other arm*).
DO NOT BE AFRAID (*put arms in front of your face*);
GOD WILL BE WITH YOU (*point up, and then put hands on hips*)
WHEREVER YOU GO (*march in place*).

PLAY TIME

While you're waiting for parents to pick up their kids . . .

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page of the Week

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give every kid a Coloring Page, plus markers or crayons. As they color, remind them about Jesus celebrating the Passover meal with His disciples.*

ACTIVITY | Hide and Seek

- Sometimes solving a mystery might mean doing a little searching. Let's see how good you guys are at finding something that is hiding.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print the Bread and Cup printable from your Week 2 folder. Have the kids all cover their eyes as you hide them somewhere in your room.*
- Let's see who has the best detective skills! You're looking for a picture of the cup and loaf of bread from our story today.

ACTIVITY | The Perfect Dinner

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give your kids all the play kitchen items they need to set the table for the perfect dinner party. As they play, talk with them about what they would eat, who would be there, would they play games, what music they would listen to, and what the decorations would be.*

Encourage your preschoolers to help clean up the room while they wait for their parents.