

EASTER EGGS

MAIN LESSON

BOTTOM LINE: Jesus knows me!

OBJECTIVE: In this lesson kids will learn that we don't have to hide when we're scared because Jesus knows us.

KEY PASSAGE: Mark 14:66-72, Peter Denies Jesus

WORSHIP TIME:

Prior to the lesson, sing one or two songs with the kids. Use CDs or live lyrics of songs that the kids are familiar with.

LESSON:

Today's story comes to us from the Bible. (Hold up a Bible.) The Bible is God's word to us, so we know that everything it says is true. (Open the Bible and set it down in front of you as you give the lesson.)

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son – Jesus. Jesus knows me!

Jesus came to die for us, so that we could have eternal life. Jesus told his friends, "I am going to die for your sins. Soon they will come to arrest me." Peter said, "We won't let them take you away." Jesus said, "Peter you will run away. And before the rooster crows, you will tell people you don't know me – 3 times." Peter said, "Never!"

When the soldiers came to arrest Jesus, all of his friends ran away. Peter was in the courtyard. A girl came up to him and said, "You are a friend of Jesus." Peter was scared. He said, "No, I'm not."

Later, she said again, "You are a friend of Jesus." Peter was scared. He said, "No, I'm not."

Later, someone else said, "You are a friend of Jesus." Peter was scared. He said, "No, I'm not."

Then the rooster crowed. Peter remembered what Jesus said. Peter was sad. Jesus knew what Peter would do. Jesus knew Peter.

Jesus knows us. Jesus knows when we're happy. Jesus knows when we're scared.

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We don't want to turn away from Jesus like Peter did. We can remember "Jesus knows me and Jesus loves me."

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear Jesus,

You know when we're happy and when we're scared. You know everything about us!

Amen

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SPECIAL 1 PAGE LESSON FOR 1 & 2 YEAR OLDS

PLAY TIME: Spend the first 15 minutes on the floor playing with the kids. Cars, dolls, blocks, and simple puzzles are great for this time.

BIBLE TIME: Seat the kids in the place they will be having snack. Hold up a Bible or Illustrated Kids' Bible and say, "This is the Bible. God wrote the Bible. Everything in the Bible is true." Then allow each child to pat the Bible with his hand.

LESSON: Jesus knows me. Jesus knows when I'm happy; Jesus know when I'm mad. Jesus knows when I'm scared; Jesus knows when I'm sad. I can always turn to Jesus because Jesus knows me.

MAKE IT REAL: After the lesson say, "God loves you, and he wants you to love him too." Then point to each child and say, "God loves you (child's name)."

PRAYER TIME: Ask the children to fold their hands and bow their heads. Say, "Let's pray before our snack. Thank you God for our mommies and our daddies. Thank you for loving me. Thank you for this snack we get to eat. Amen."

SNACK TIME: Wash each child's hand with a wet wipe and then serve the snack. At this age crackers or goldfish with water are generally best, but you always want to be mindful of any food allergies.

POTTY BREAK: After snack is a great time to ask those who are potty trained if they need to use the bathroom, or change diapers of those who are not yet potty trained.

PLAY TIME: Finish the day with more playtime until it's time for dismissal.

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CRAFT

ITEMS NEEDED: Finger paint, paper plates, heavy paper, markers, crayons, wet wipes

ADVANCED PREPARATION: Create a paint station: cover the tables with tarp or craft paper, place finger paints in paper plates.

DIRECTIONS: Have kids place their open hands into the plate of finger paint. Remove their hands and guide them as they press their hands onto a sheet of heavy paper. (This will be the body of the rooster.) Have kids lift their hands off the paper and give them a wet wipe to clean up. Once the paint is dried, use markers to add feet, a beak, eyes, and wattle to complete the rooster. Give kids crayons and allow them to fill the rest of the space on the paper as they wish.



MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

Easter Eggs Lesson 2

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: HIDE AND SEEK



DRIVING:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

Play some worship music in the car. Sing together songs that emphasize Jesus' knowledge, wisdom, and love.



PLAYING:

Make this week's lesson real:

Play a game of Memory. Afterward, play the game again, but with all the cards turned upright. How much easier is it to know what to do when we know all of the cards. Remind your kids that Jesus knows everything about us and he always knows what is best for us.



EATING:

Before mealtime, take time to pray for people you and your kids know. In your prayer, thank Jesus that he knows everything about us and he knows what each of the people you are praying for need.



SNUGGLING:

Snuggle up together and read the memory verse together: "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life." John 3:16 (NIV) Talk about how we can always turn to Jesus because he loves us and knows us.