



LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

Jesus died to free us from sin!

OBJECTIVE:

Kids will learn that because Jesus lives, we can be forgiven and live with him forever.

KEY PASSAGE:

Matthew 27:57-61, Jesus' Burial (Egg 10: Cloth)

Matthew 27:62-66, The Tomb (Egg 11: Rock)

Matthew 28:1-10, He is Risen! (Egg 12: Empty)

MEMORY VERSE:

"Anyone who believes in Christ is a new creation. The old is gone! The new has come!"
-2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIRV)

SUMMARY:

In Week 4, kids will learn that Jesus' death is not the end of the story. Despite being dead, buried and secured in a tomb, Jesus was raised in power to life again on Easter Sunday! Because of what Jesus did at Easter, we can experience forgiveness of our sins and new life too.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for the resurrection of Jesus.

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*



MEMORY VERSE

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

*"Anyone who believes in Christ is a new creation. The old is gone! The new has come!"
-2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIRV)*

LARGE GROUP:

Pick out some kids at random from the crowd and see who can recite the memory verse. Then repeat it all together.

SMALL GROUP:

Without putting the verse on display or looking it up, see how many kids can recite the memory verse.



OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

ITEMS NEEDED:

An empty plastic Easter egg

Ordinarily, if you opened a plastic Easter egg and found nothing inside, you would be disappointed. Easter eggs are designed to hold candy. They are a candy-deploying device designed to be filled with jelly beans, M&Ms, Skittles, Sweetarts, Reese's Pieces, and all sorts of other goodies. If an egg somehow made its way into your basket on Easter Sunday with nothing inside, you would be a little disappointed.

We've opened twelve eggs during this series, and eleven of them had something inside. The twelfth egg was empty, and that makes it the best egg of all. It's a reminder that the tomb where they laid Jesus is still empty. He is not dead. He is risen!

Jesus endured all sorts of terrible things in the days before Easter. The betrayal of one friend; the denial of another; a crown of thorns; a whip; the cross. He did it all because He loves us and wanted to give us new life!

Jesus stands ready and waiting to welcome you into His family. He wants to forgive your sins and give you new life. This is why we celebrate the empty tomb. This is why we celebrate Easter!



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

ICEBREAKER:

What did you receive for Easter this morning?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NirV)

Without putting the verse on display or looking it up, see how many kids can recite the memory verse.

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Have the kids create a skit to act out what happened when the empty tomb was discovered on Easter Sunday.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Matthew 27:57-61

Where was Jesus buried?

Read Matthew 27:62-66

How was the tomb protected against anyone trying to steal the body?

Read Matthew 28:1-10

Why was the tomb empty?

Why did Jesus die on the cross?

How can we accept Jesus as our Savior?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for the empty tomb and our risen Savior!

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (3-5TH)

ICEBREAKER:

What did you receive for Easter this morning?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NirV)

Without putting the verse on display or looking it up, see how many kids can recite the memory verse.

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Have the kids create a skit to act out what happened when the empty tomb was discovered on Easter Sunday.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Matthew 27:57-61

Who buried Jesus, and why did he ask for Jesus' body?

Read Matthew 27:62-66

Why was the tomb guarded and covered by a large stone?

Read Matthew 28:1-10

What did Jesus do for us when he died and rose from the grave?

How can we accept Jesus as our Savior?

Is anyone ready to accept Jesus as their Savior this morning?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for the empty tomb and our risen Savior!

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*



POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

EGG QUIZ

Which egg reminds us of...

How Jesus was betrayed by Judas?

THE COIN

Peter's denial?

THE ROOSTER

How Jesus died?

THE CROSS

How Jesus entered Jerusalem?

THE DONKEY

Jesus praying in the Garden?

PRAYING HANDS

Jesus is alive?

THE EMPTY EGG



CRAFT ACTIVITY

Each week the kids will make Resurrection Eggs to take home.

If funds allow, you can have the kids use actual plastic eggs and make the items to go inside, out of craft materials.

For a simpler alternative you can have kids color the included 3 resurrection eggs coloring pages to go along with this week's lesson. Have the kids draw a picture of Jesus or write "He is Alive" in the last egg as a reminder of Jesus' resurrection.

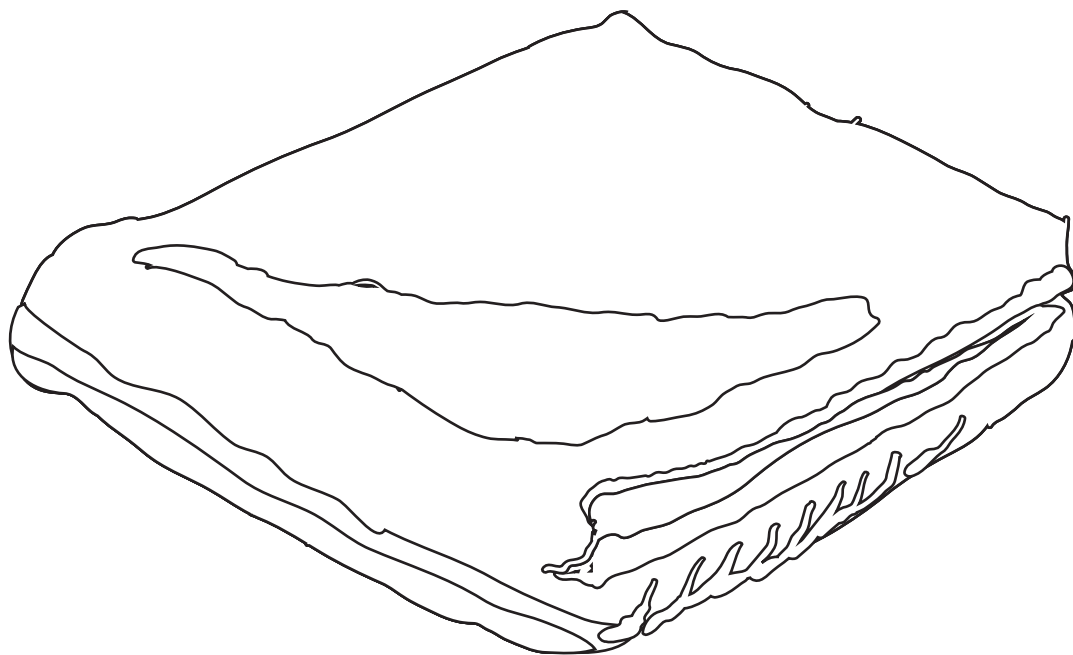
This weeks items are:

Egg 10: Cloth (Jesus' Burial)

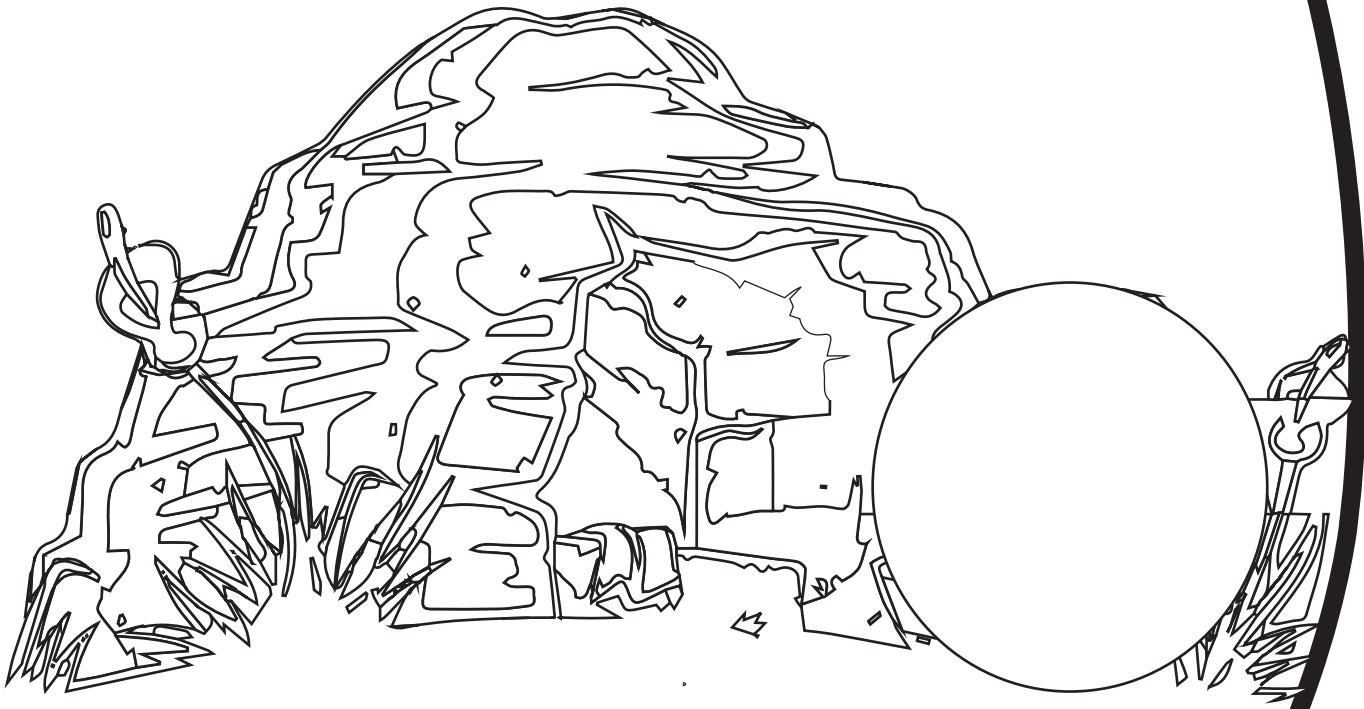
Egg 11: Rock (The Tomb)

Egg 12: Empty (He is Risen!)

MATTHEW
27:57-61



MATTHEW
27:62-66



MATTHEW
28:1-10