



Special Needs
MINISTRY
Children's Lesson – April 8, 2020

JESUS IS ALIVE!

Background for Caregivers

[Bible Passages](#) – John 19 – 20 (Easter Sunday)

This week, spend some time reading John Chapters 19 and 20. As you read, ask God to help you understand anew His amazing love.

Ask him to fill you with thankfulness for the perfect sacrifice that Jesus gave in His death on the cross. Ask the Lord to give you a sense of awe for His power and His grace.

In the beginning, there was no need for a Redeemer. The world was perfect and man was in perfect union with God (Genesis 1—2). In the end, the world will again be free from the ravages of sin and the influence of evil (Revelation 21—22). The journey between those two points is told in The Big God Story and centers upon the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. He is the Messiah, the Christ. Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of everything hoped for and the basis of any future hope.

Jesus is the satisfaction of the law, the establishment of the new covenant, the fulfillment of prophecy, of history, the sacrificial Lamb, the Great High Priest, the son of David, the suffering servant. He is the Redeemer promised at the beginning of The Big God Story in Genesis 3:15. He is Jesus, *Jehoshua* (JHWH saves), the One promised to “save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21). He is alive—yesterday, today, and forever!

As the basis of future hope, Jesus is the One in whom God's kingdom has come and is yet to come. He is the One exalted and seated at

the right hand of God who has promised to return and gather all believers to Himself. He is the true hope of Israel who will vanquish evil and restore everything to how it's supposed to be. He is and will be the victorious Lord of all.

Happy Easter! Jesus is Alive!

Memory Verse

I (point up)

Am always (point one finger up and trace a circle around and around)

With you (point both thumbs towards yourself)

Matthew 28:20

Bible Story

Useful Props: A set of 6 plastic colored Easter eggs and items as listed.

Egg #1: picture of a sad face, Egg #2: a piece of gauze or cloth; Egg#3: a small rock, Egg #4: empty, Egg#5: Kleenex, Egg#6: picture of a happy face

This Sunday will be Easter Sunday!

On Easter Sunday we celebrate that **Jesus Is Alive!**

Can you say that with me? **Jesus Is Alive!**

Jesus died for our sins and then rose from the dead after three days. There is no one like our God. Only He is stronger than death.

Today I have some special Easter eggs to show you...

What is inside the eggs is going to help us remember the Easter story.

Let's open the first egg and see what's inside...

(Open the egg and take out the sad face)

Can you make a sad face like this? That's right.

The people were very sad when Jesus dies on the cross for our sins.

Let's open our next egg...

(Open the egg and take out the gauze/cloth)

Do you know what this is? Yes – you are so smart, it's a piece of cloth!

Jesus' friends wrapped His body in a cloth and laid him in a cave.

Let's see what's inside this next egg...

(Open the egg and take out the small rock)

I think you know what this is... Yes! It's a rock.

The soldiers put a rock – a BIG rock in front of the cave where Jesus' body was placed. It blocked off the cave so no one could get in.

Let's open our next egg... (Open the empty egg)

What's inside? That's right – nothing – it's empty!

After three days, Mary came to see Jesus. But something was different.

If you think the cave was open – give me a thumbs up.

If you think the cave was still closed – give me a thumbs down.

The cave was open!!! The heavy rock had been rolled away!

Was Jesus inside the cave anymore? No! The cave was empty!

Jesus wasn't in there anymore.

Let see what we find in this egg...

(Open the egg and take out the kleenex)

Oh, this is a special one... We use Kleenex for wiping our nose and drying our tears.

Mary was sad that Jesus was gone. The cave was empty and she didn't know what happened to him. So she cried.

What might be in this next egg?

(Open the egg and take out the happy face)

This egg has a happy face! Can you show me a happy face?

Mary was sad until she heard someone calling her name?

Who do you think that was?

It was Jesus! **Jesus Is Alive!** Can you say that? **Jesus Is Alive!**

That's happy and exciting news!

Jesus had a special job for Mary. He told her to go and tell everyone

that **Jesus Is Alive!** He wants us to do that too. We can tell everyone that **Jesus Is Alive!** Say that with me again – **Jesus Is Alive!**

There is no one like our God. He is the only One that is bigger and stronger than death. **Jesus Is Alive!**

PRAYER

Let's thank God for the gift of his son, Jesus, by praying:

Dear God,

That you that **Jesus Is Alive** today!

Thank you that you love me and you love everyone!

Help us share this good news with others.

We love you God,

AMEN!

WORSHIP SONGS

- Easter Kids Worship Music – Freedom Church KY – 12 songs
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2gRqdvzFpP4>
- We Believe – song with sign language
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKS2sYOzODA>
- Jesus Is Alive (Cross Culture Thailand Music Video)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JpZJ-39IT1k>
- Resurrecting – Elevation Worship – Live (for parents)

CRAFT

Jesus is Alive Megaphone

Supplies Needed: print the megaphone template on card stock paper, stickers, markers, tape/stapler

In the story today, you heard that Jesus died for us and then came alive again! He rose from the dead. **Jesus Is Alive!**

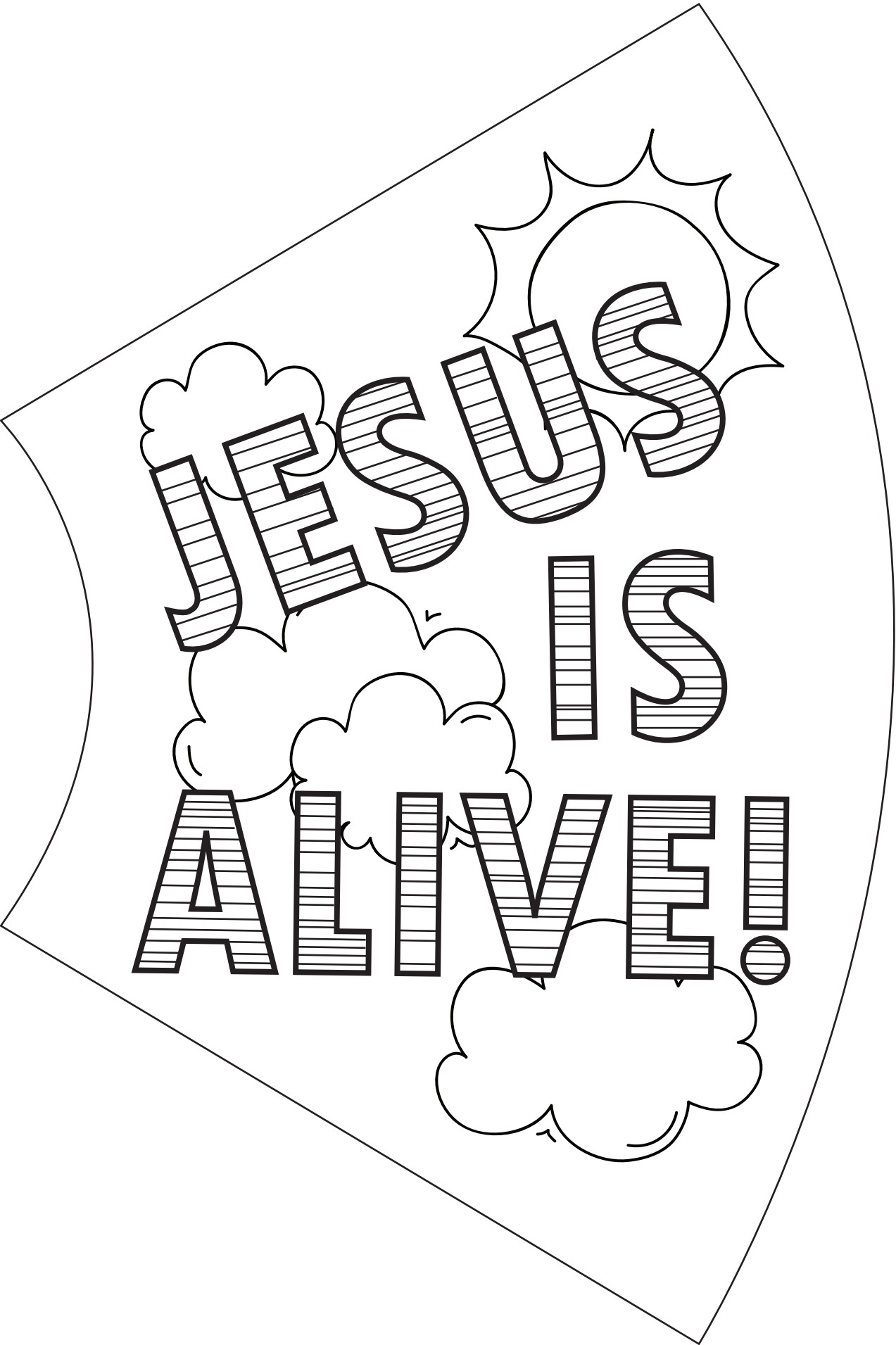
Jesus told Mary to tell everyone that He was alive. We're going to make a megaphone to help us tell others that **Jesus Is Alive!**

Parent/Caregiver – cut out the megaphone pattern.

Decorate the with crayons/markers and stickers.

Roll it up and either tape or staple it closed.

Practice saying, “**Jesus Is Alive**” through the megaphone!



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