




Jesus Is Alive!

Mark 16:1-8

The Resurrection is a difficult concept for young children to comprehend. While the children in your group don't understand what death is, they do understand what it means to celebrate and be happy. Each time you show your children a picture of Jesus, help them do a finger play, or sing a song to them, you can make the abstract truth of the Resurrection concrete by expressing your joy and excitement about the fact that Jesus is alive. God is spreading his message through you.

INFANT

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Listen to praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	Jesus Smiles! Learn that Jesus is alive and he smiles like they do.	scissors Teacher Pack: "Jesus Is Alive" teaching picture 	Cut out the Jesus figure.
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	Alive and Well Play a movement game.	blanket	
	Celebrate, Celebrate Play a Patty-Cake-type game.		
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 6 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

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► Bible Point

Jesus is alive.

Key Verse


"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies' " (John 11:25).

Weaving Faith Into Life

Children will celebrate that Jesus is alive.



TODDLER


LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Listen to or sing praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	Alive! Learn about Jesus' resurrection, and find out that Jesus is alive.	Bible, tape, scissors Teacher Pack: "Jesus Is Alive" teaching picture 	Cut out the Jesus and angel figures. Carefully cut the rock from the center of the picture. Then tape the rock over the hole so it lifts like a flap.
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	I'm Alive Do an action poem, and learn that Jesus is alive and can do many of the things they do.		
	Jesus Is Alive Participate in a finger play about Jesus.		
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2-YEAR-OLD

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Listen to or sing praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	The Happy Women Hear about Jesus' resurrection, and learn that the women were glad Jesus was alive.	Bible, tape, scissors Teacher Pack: "Jesus Is Alive" teaching picture 	Cut out the Jesus and angel figures. Carefully cut the rock from the center of the picture. Then tape the rock over the hole so it can be lifted like a flap.
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	Thank-You Prayer Listen to a rhyming prayer.		
	Yarn Pictures Create a smiling Jesus face.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Image of Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson), red and pink yarn, scissors	Remove the Lesson 6 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	

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**INFANT****1****GETTING
STARTED**

Sing and Celebrate

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sing “God Sent His Son” (track 8 on the CD) to the tune of “Long, Long Ago” anytime during the lesson. Sing as you rock, feed, or play with the infants. As you sing, smile a big smile, and use animated facial expressions to help babies understand the joy and happiness of this song and the next. The song is a gentle song that’s perfect for quieting a fussy baby.

🎵 God sent his Son to the world long ago,
The Bible says so, the Bible says so.
He came to help us, to love everyone.
Then one sad day, Jesus died.
But now he lives.
Let’s celebrate.
But now he lives.
Let’s celebrate.
Jesus arose on the first Easter morn.
He is alive! Praise his name.

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS IS ALIVE.**

Sing “I Believe” (not on the CD) to the tune of “It’s Raining, It’s Pouring” anytime during the lesson. Gently pat babies on the back as you sing.

🎵 Believe, believe,
I do believe in Jesus.
He rose again on Easter day.
He’s my forever friend.

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS IS ALIVE.**



Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player

Teacher Pack

CD: “God Sent His Son”
(track 8)



Jesus Smiles! Supplies

scissors
Teacher Pack
 “Jesus Is Alive”
 teaching picture

Jesus Smiles! Easy Prep

Cut out the Jesus figure.

Alive and Well Supplies

blanket

2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

Jesus Smiles!

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

As crawlers are playing on the floor or as you hold an infant, show the Jesus figure from the “Jesus Is Alive” teaching picture.

Say: **Look, this is Jesus. Jesus is smiling. Let me see you smile.** Smile at the baby, and coax him or her to smile back at you. ► **JESUS IS ALIVE. Jesus has a nose. Where's your nose?** Touch the baby's nose. **Jesus is alive. Jesus has a mouth. Where's your mouth?** Touch the baby's mouth. **Jesus is happy. Jesus is alive!**

3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Alive and Well

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Lay a baby on his or her back on a blanket on the floor. Sing “You're Alive!” (not on the CD) to the tune of “If You're Happy and You Know It” as you do the actions in the parentheses.

🎵 **You're alive and I know it 'cause you clap!** (*clap the baby's hands together*)
You're alive and I know it 'cause you kick! (*make baby's legs kick*)
You are growing every day as you eat and sleep and play. (*raise baby to a supported standing position*)
You're alive and I know it 'cause you laugh! (*nuzzle baby until he or she giggles*)

Say: **God made us, and we're alive! We can celebrate because we're alive and because ► JESUS IS ALIVE!**

Celebrate, Celebrate

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

You can play this Patty-Cake-type game with babies in their cribs, on the changing table, or as they sit on your knees. Hold the baby's hands, and clap them in time to the rhythm.

Celebrate, celebrate Easter day.



► **JESUS IS ALIVE**, and we can play!

Clap your little hands,

Lift them with glee.

Thank him for his love for baby and me. *(roll baby's hands over and over)*

Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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TODDLER

1

GETTING STARTED

Sing and Celebrate

What You'll Do

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God sent his Son to the world long ago,
The Bible says so, the Bible says so.
He came to help us, to love everyone.
Then one sad day, Jesus died.
But now he lives.
Let's celebrate.
But now he lives.
Let's celebrate.
Jesus arose on the first Easter morn.
He is alive! Praise his name.

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS IS ALIVE**.

Sing “I Believe” (not on the CD) to the tune of “It's Raining, It's Pouring” anytime during the lesson. Have toddlers stand in a circle and hold hands. Walk around in the circle as if playing Ring Around a Rosy. At the end of the song, have the children fall to the ground.



Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1
copy per child of the
“Growing With Jesus”
page (at the end of the
lesson)

Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 6
pages from each My
Bible Snuggles student
book.

Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player

Teacher Pack

CD: “God Sent His Son”
(track 8)



Alive! Supplies

Bible
tape
scissors
Teacher Pack
“Jesus Is Alive”
teaching picture

Alive! Easy Prep

Cut out the Jesus and angel figures. Carefully cut the rock from the center of the picture. Then tape the rock over the hole so it lifts like a flap.

Believe, believe,
I do believe in Jesus.
He rose again on Easter day.
He’s my forever friend.

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS IS ALIVE.**

2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

Alive!

What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Gather one or two toddlers together. Open your Bible to Mark 16:1-8. Show children the words and tell them the Bible is God’s special book. Put the Bible next to you, and hold up the teaching picture “Jesus Is Alive.” Hide the Jesus figure in your Bible, your pocket, or your lap.

Say: **Our Bible tells us about some women who wanted to find Jesus. Find the women in the picture.** Point to them. Wait for toddlers to respond. **The women were sad because Jesus had died. The women thought Jesus was in the cave behind this rock. Let’s see if Jesus is there.**

Invite the children to lift the rock and put their hands through the hole you cut in the cave. Some children may want to peek through the hole.

Say: **The women didn’t find Jesus there, either. Where could Jesus be?** Bring the Jesus figure out of the hiding place.

Say: **Here’s Jesus. The women couldn’t find him because he wasn’t in the cave. Jesus wasn’t in the cave because ► JESUS IS ALIVE. Jesus was walking. You can walk. Show me. Jesus was talking. You can talk. Show me. Jesus is alive, and the women were happy. Let’s celebrate. Let’s say, “Hooray!”** Lead the toddlers in saying “Hooray!” and clapping their hands.



3

WEAVING FAITH
INTO LIFE



I'm Alive

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Say this poem aloud as you and the toddlers in your group do the actions mentioned:

I can walk, walk, walk.
I can stomp, stomp, stomp.
I can clap, clap, clap.
I'm alive.

I can jump, jump, jump.
I can stretch, stretch, stretch.
I can clap, clap, clap.
I'm alive.

I can hug, hug, hug.
I can tiptoe, tiptoe, tiptoe.
I can clap, clap, clap.
I'm alive.

Say: **You are alive. God made you alive with a body that can move and breathe and laugh and eat. ► JESUS IS ALIVE, too. We celebrate Easter because Jesus is alive.**

Jesus Is Alive

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Have fun doing this finger play with toddlers:

I can walk. (*make your fingers walk*)
I can talk. (*make talking motions with your hands*)
I can eat. (*pretend to eat*)
I can sleep. (*lay your head on your hands*)
I can laugh. (*say "hee, hee"*)
I can love. (*hug self*)
I am alive. (*point to your chest with your thumbs*)

Jesus walked. (*make your fingers walk*)
Jesus talked. (*make talking motions with your hands*)
Jesus ate. (*pretend to eat*)
Jesus slept. (*lay your head on your hands*)
Jesus laughed. (*say "hee, hee"*)





Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

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Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player

Teacher Pack

CD: “God Sent His Son” (track 8)

Jesus loved. (*hug self*)
Jesus is alive. (*point up to heaven*)

Praise toddlers for doing the actions with you. Say: **I’m so glad you can use your fingers to tell how ► JESUS IS ALIVE.**

Weaving Faith at Home

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2-YEAR-OLD

1 GETTING STARTED

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But now he lives.
Let’s celebrate.
But now he lives.
Let’s celebrate.
Jesus arose on the first Easter morn.
He is alive! Praise his name.**

Afterward, say: **► JESUS IS ALIVE.**

Sing “I Believe” (not on the CD) to the tune of “It’s Raining, It’s Pouring” anytime during the lesson. When you sing, have children follow the motions.

 **Believe, believe,**



I do believe in Jesus.
He rose again on Easter day. (*point up*)
He's my forever friend. (*hug self*)

Afterward, say: ► JESUS IS ALIVE.

2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

The Happy Women

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Gather your 2-year-olds together. Open your Bible to Mark 16:1-8. Show children the words and tell them the Bible is God's special book. Hold up the teaching picture.

Say: **The women in this picture are looking for Jesus. Where do you think Jesus is? These women were very sad because Jesus had died. They thought he was in the cave. And they worried because they knew they couldn't move the big rock that was in front of the cave. The rock was so heavy. But when the women got there, the heavy rock was gone. Lift the rock from in front of the tomb. The women were surprised. They went inside the cave to see if Jesus was there. Let's see if Jesus was there.**

Invite children to put their hands through the hole to see if Jesus is there. Some children may want to peek through the hole.

Say: **The women were surprised—Jesus wasn't there. But there was someone there the women weren't expecting to see.** Move the angel figure through the hole to the front of the tomb. **The women saw an angel inside the cave. The angel was dressed all in white. The women were scared when they saw the angel. But the angel told them not to be afraid. The angel said to them, "Jesus isn't here. He's alive." And it was the truth. ► JESUS IS ALIVE. And he's alive today. Let's celebrate by clapping.** Lead the children in clapping and saying, "Jesus is alive!"

3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Thank-You Prayer

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Say this prayer with the 2-year-olds in your group.



The Happy Women Supplies

Bible
tape
scissors
Teacher Pack
"Jesus Is Alive"
teaching picture

The Happy Women Easy Prep

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Yarn Pictures Supplies

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1 copy per child of
the “Image of Jesus”
page (at the end of the
lesson)
red and pink yarn
scissors

Yarn Pictures Easy Prep

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book.

Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

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lesson)

Pray: **God, thank you for fingers that wiggle,
And thank you because I can giggle.
Thanks for my feet that can walk,
And thanks for my mouth that can talk.
I can dance, I can jump, I can pray, I can play.
Thank you, God, because I am alive.**

Say: ► **JESUS IS ALIVE just like us. We celebrate Easter because Jesus is alive.**

Invite children to tell you how Easter day is special for them.

Yarn Pictures

What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Show children the bottom section of their “Image of Jesus” pages. Point out Jesus’ face, and ask children what’s missing.

Say: **Today we’re going to make pictures of Jesus.** Give each child a short length of yarn. **Jesus is alive. Let’s use our yarn pieces to make Jesus smile.** Encourage the children to arrange the yarn into a smile on Jesus’ face. **We’re alive, too. Let’s show each other our happy faces.**

► **JESUS IS ALIVE. Sometimes Jesus is sad. Let’s use our yarn pieces to make Jesus frown.** Encourage the children to arrange the yarn strands into a frown. **We’re alive, too. Sometimes we’re sad. Let’s show each other our sad faces.**

I like it better when we’re happy. Let’s make our Jesus pictures smile again. Encourage the children to arrange the yarn strands into smiles on their handouts. **Let’s show each other our happy faces once more. We can be happy because ► JESUS IS ALIVE.**

Weaving Faith at Home

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Growing With Jesus



Your child learned that Jesus is alive (from Mark 16:1-8). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

INFANT

Celebrate, Celebrate

You can play this Patty-Cake-type game with your baby in his or her crib, on the changing table, or as your child sits on your knees. Hold your baby's hands, and clap them in time to the rhythm.

**Celebrate, celebrate
Easter day.**

**Jesus is alive, and we
can play!**

**Clap your little hands,
Lift them with glee.**

**Thank him for his love
for baby and me. (roll
baby's hands over and
over)**

TODDLER

Jesus Is Alive

Have fun doing this finger play with your toddler:

I can walk. *(make your fingers walk)*

I can talk. *(make talking motions with your hands)*

I can eat. *(pretend to eat)*

I can sleep. *(lay your head on your hands)*

I can laugh. *(say "hee, hee")*

I can love. *(hug self)*

I am alive. *(point to your chest with your thumbs)*

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Jesus talked. *(make talking motions with your hands)*

Jesus ate. *(pretend to eat)*

Jesus slept. *(lay your head on your hands)*

Jesus laughed. *(say "hee, hee")*

Jesus loved. *(hug self)*

Jesus is alive. *(point up to heaven)*

2-YEAR-OLD

Thank-You Prayer

Say this prayer with your 2-year-old:

**God, thank you for
fingers that wiggle,
And thank you because I
can giggle.
Thanks for my feet that
can walk,
And thanks for my
mouth that can talk.
I can dance, I can jump, I
can pray, I can play.
Thank you, God,
because I am alive.**

**Jesus is alive just like
us. We celebrate Easter
because Jesus is alive.**

Invite your child to tell you how Easter day is special.



Actively Alive

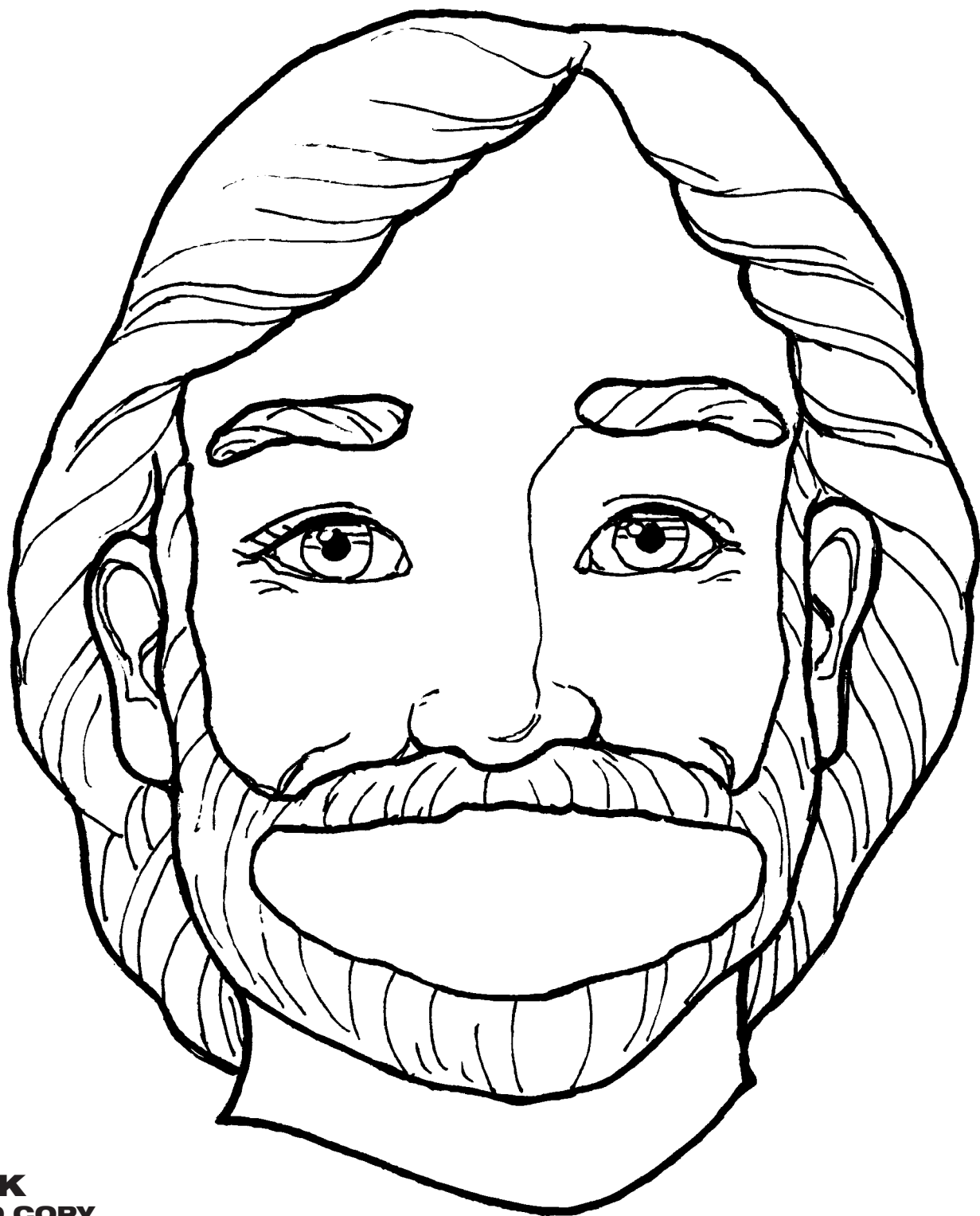
Children may not have much understanding of death, but they certainly know what it means to be alive. In fact children may have so much life flowing out of them, we can barely keep up! Take time to thank God for the life God gives us and, with your child, thank God that Jesus is alive!

Help your child become a FaithWeaver with these ideas:

- Take a walk in the yard with your child, and look for living things. Talk about how Jesus is alive.
- Share a treat from your child's Easter basket. Tell your child that you celebrate Easter because Jesus is alive.
- Check out a book about animals or visit a petting zoo. Talk about what makes an animal alive. Talk about Jesus being alive.

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