

Hang on Loop for the Loop

We Love Jesus

Week 1 / We Love to See It



Emcee Leads

Small Group Leaders Lead

Small Group Icebreaker (5 min.)

- **Introduce** yourself. **Welcome** students by name. **Check in** with them to see how they're doing.
- Icebreaker: **If you could only eat one Easter candy for the rest of your life, which would you pick?**

Welcome (30 sec.)

- Welcome everyone and say our three simple Loop rules: **Respect your leaders. Respect each other. Respect the room.**
- Invite everyone to stand for worship.

Transition to Episode (30 sec.)

- Get students excited for this week's episode of *The Loop Show!*
Today's Loop Show tackles tons of real questions from real Loopsters about Jesus. Who was He? What did He teach? And so many more. Plus "Easter Egg Bubble Soccer"? Could get hilarious. Let's watch now!

Offering and Announcements (2 min.)

- **Recap** teaching in one sentence.
- **Celebrate** hands raised during the salvation video.
- **Show** the spot where students can give their tithes and offerings.
- **Pray** for tithes and offerings.
- **Say:** Did you know there are super fun **YouVersion Bible Plans** just for Loop students? There are! Two that I'd strongly recommend for this month are:
 - **What Is Easter All About?**
 - **Why Follow Jesus?**Start them today by yourself or ask someone to read with you using the Plans With Friends feature!
- **Transition** to Activity.

Activity (10 min.)

Game Objective

Be the first team to spell out "we love Jesus" using foam letters, relay style.

You'll Need

Easter buckets (2 per room)
Sets of alphabet letters (2 per room)

Set Up

1. **Fill** each bucket as full as possible with alphabet letter sets. Save any extra letters for reuse throughout the weekend.
2. **Choose** two teams to go first and line them up at one end of your room.

Note: If your group is large, choose 11 students per team as there are 11 letters in the "We love Jesus" sentence teams will try to spell out one letter at a time. If your group is small, you can choose teams that are much smaller or even play student vs. student.

3. **Place** letter buckets at opposite end of room, across from teams.

How to Play

Say: We love Jesus a whole lot here in Loop. So for fun this Easter, we're going to do a "We love Jesus" relay challenge!

1. On your word, the first student from each team **races** to the bucket to find a letter "W" to start spelling the sentence "We love Jesus."
2. When they find it, they race back to their team and **tag** the next person in line.
3. Once tagged, the next person in line repeats the race, each time searching for the next letter needed to spell out the sentence.
4. First team with a complete sentence spelled out correctly wins!
5. As time allows, reset, mix letters, and play again with different teams. Feel free to choose a new phrase for students to collect. If time's running short, you could just choose "Jesus."

Small Group Discussion (10 min.)

Today's Main Idea

Jesus came to earth with good news. Through His resurrection, He revived our friendship with God.

Review Today's Big Question

Who is Jesus to you?

Review Today's Bible Verse

- **Locate Bibles** in the room, **look up** the verse together, and **talk about** what's the same and what's different if it's in a different translation.

Romans 8:37-39 NIRV ... *We owe it all to Christ, who has loved us. I am absolutely sure that not even death or life can separate us from God's love. Not even angels or demons, the present or the future, or any powers can separate us. Not even the highest places or the lowest, or anything else in all creation can separate us. Nothing at all can ever separate us from God's love. That's because of what Christ Jesus our Lord has done.*

- What do you think God could be saying to you through this verse?

More Questions to Keep Your Group Talking

- What stood out to you the most from today's *Loop Show*? What's one thing you learned?
- If a friend asked you what you think is good about Jesus, what would you tell them?
- What do you think is an important question to ask about Jesus?
- Who can you talk with if you want to discuss who Jesus is to you?

Pray Together

Check in with your group. How are they doing? Anything they want to ask or thank God for? Pray together!

Leader Tip

Easter services mean lots of new faces, so do your best to make sure each student feels safe and connected. **Help newer Loopsters find a friend** and something they can do during check-in time. Make sure they know which small group leader is theirs. And **let them know how much you hope you'll see them again** next week!