

A Happy Sunday:

The Empty Tomb

April 2025

Prop Talk

A // Happy or Sad // March 29-31 // **Week 1**
B // Erase Sins // April 5-7 // **Week 2**
C // Happy Heart // April 12-14 // **Week 3**
D // Empty Egg // April 18-21 (All Easter) // **Week 4**

Worship

My BFF
Jesus I Love You

Under the Sea Quick Look

Bible Verse

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Order of Experience

Play 20 minutes

- Make sure *Pre-Experience Music* is playing
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 - Play with the kids

Clean Up 2 minutes

- Put *Toys With A Purpose* on curriculum cart
- Play *Current Week* video; pause when *Prop Talk* shows on screen
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Prop Talk 5 minutes

- Keep video paused on *Prop Talk* picture
 - Use *Prop Talk Leader Guide*
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Movie & Music ≈23 minutes

- Unpause video to play the *Bible Adventure*
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Picture Passes 5 minutes

- Use *Picture Passes* and *Adventure Bag*
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Story Time until check out

- Use *Small Group Leader Guide* and *Story Cards*
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PROP TALK A

Whole Group Leader Guide



HAPPY OR SAD

directions

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1ST HAPPY OR SAD

directions on back

YOU'LL NEED

- Happy/Sad cross (1 per room)

Note: *Happy/Sad cross has a happy face on front and a sad face on back.*

2ND SAY WITH ME

all ages

Say Together: Jesus makes me God's friend because I believe He lives again!

3RD QUESTIONS

age 4

- **Why did Jesus choose to die on the cross?**
Because He loves everyone; because He wanted to make us right with God
- **We can believe in our heart that God raised someone from the dead. Who is it?** *Jesus*

Say: Look at this. This cross is happy on one side ...

1. **Show** the happy side.

Say: ... and it's sad on the other.

2. **Show** the sad side.

Say: Some things about Jesus' cross are happy, and some are sad. I'll tell you something special about Jesus' cross, and you tell me if it's happy or sad.

3. **Read** one item from the **Happy or Sad List**.
4. Kids **choose** if the item you read is happy or sad.
5. After kids choose, **show** the happy side of the cross if it's happy or the sad side of the cross if it's sad.

Happy or Sad List

- Dying on the cross hurt Jesus. *Sad*
 - Jesus took away EVERYONE'S sins. *Happy*
 - Jesus was punished for EVERYONE'S sins. *Sad*
 - Jesus made me friends with God. *Happy*
 - Jesus died. *Sad*
 - Jesus came to life again. *Happy*
 - Jesus died on the cross because He loves EVERYONE. *Happy*
6. **Say** "Say with Me" listed on the front.
 7. For age 4, **ask** "Questions" listed on the front.

PROP TALK B

Whole Group Leader Guide



A HAPPY SUNDAY: THE EMPTY TOMB

1ST ERASE SINS

directions on back

YOU'LL NEED

- Giant pencil (1 per room)

2ND SAY WITH ME

all ages

Say Together: Jesus makes me God's friend because I believe He lives again!

3RD QUESTIONS

age 4

- **How do sins make us feel inside?** *Yucky, sad, bad, mad, etc.*
- **Who can erase our sins and take them away?** *Jesus*

ERASE SINS

directions

1. **Hold up** pencil for kids to see.
Say: Look at this big pencil! I can write big with it!
2. **Pretend to write** with the pencil.
Say: And, I can take the writing away with the big eraser.
3. **Pretend to erase** what you wrote.
Say: Yep. Now what I wrote is all gone! That makes me think of Jesus! He erases sins out of our hearts. Tell me some bad sins we might choose to do.
4. Let kids **respond**. *Examples: not sharing, yelling, hitting, disobeying, throwing a fit, etc.*
Say: Yuck. Those are sins! How does that sin make our hearts feel?
5. Kids **respond**. *Sad, sinful, grumpy, etc.*
Say: Oh no! That sin has made our hearts sad.
6. **Lead** kids to **place** hands on their hearts and **make** sad faces.
Say: Let's ask Jesus to forgive us!
7. **Say** together, "Jesus, please forgive my sins!"
8. **Wave** eraser over kids while they speak.
Say: Friends, when you ask Jesus to forgive you, He erases those sins right out of our hearts!
9. **Make** happy faces and **say** together, "Thank you, Jesus!"
10. **Say** "Say With Me" listed on the front.
11. For age 4, **ask** "Questions" listed on the front.

PROP TALK C

Whole Group Leader Guide



HAPPY HEART

directions

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1ST HAPPY HEART

directions on back

YOU'LL NEED

- Giant heart bandage (1 per room)

2ND SAY WITH ME

all ages

Say Together: Jesus makes me God's friend because I believe He lives again!

3RD QUESTIONS

age 4

- **What do sins and wrong choices do to our hearts?** *Make them yucky, sad, broken, etc.*
- **Who can make our hearts all better when we ask Him to?** *Jesus*

Say: Friends, I've been thinking about bad choices I made. It makes me sad and breaks my heart! Who can forgive me and make my heart all better again?

1. Kid **answer.** *Jesus!*
2. **Show** giant heart bandage to kids.

Say: Yes! Jesus can heal my heart! His grace is like a bandage that makes my heart all better.

3. **Celebrate** together.

Say: Let's play a game. When I hide this bandage, freeze and make a sad face. If I show the bandage, jump up and say, "Jesus makes me God's friend!"

4. **Show** the bandage and **help** kids **jump up** and **say**, "Jesus makes me God's friend!"
5. **Hide** the bandage behind your back and **help** kids **fall down** and **freeze**.
6. **Repeat** steps 4-5 as time allows.
7. **Say** "Say with Me" listed on the front
8. For age 4, **ask** "Questions" listed on the front.

PROP TALK D

Whole Group Leader Guide



A HAPPY SUNDAY: THE EMPTY TOMB

1ST EMPTY EGG

directions on back

YOU'LL NEED

- Plastic eggs (5 per room)
- Cross (1 per room)
- Nail (1 per room)
- Crown (1 per room)
- Pebble (1 per room)

2ND SAY WITH ME

all ages

Say Together: Jesus makes me God's friend because I believe He lives again!

3RD QUESTIONS

age 4

- **Is Jesus dead or alive?** *Alive*
- **What is special about Easter?** *It's the day Jesus came back to life!*

EMPTY EGG

directions

Before Prop Talk

1. Fill eggs with items.
2. Leave one egg empty. **Save** it to open last.

Prop Talk

1. **Hold up** the first egg and **shake** it.

Say: Do you hear that? What's inside this egg?

2. **Open** egg, **show** what's inside, and **use** the **Resurrection Egg List** below to **talk about** it.
3. **Continue** shaking, opening, and talking about eggs until only the empty one is left.
4. **Shake** the empty egg.

Say: Oh, my! This egg isn't making any noise!

5. **Open** empty egg, **act** surprised, and **show** it.
6. **Say:** This egg shows Jesus isn't in the tomb anymore! Jesus isn't dead! Jesus is alive!
7. **Say** "Say with Me" listed on the front.
8. For age 4, **ask** "Questions" listed on the front.

Resurrection Eggs List

- **Cross:** Jesus died on this to take the punishment for our sins and make us friends with God.
- **Nail:** They put nails in Jesus' hands when they put Him on the cross. It hurt Him, and it was sad.
- **Crown of Thorns:** They put this on Jesus' head when they nailed Him to the cross. It hurt a lot.
- **Pebble:** They put Jesus' body in a cave called a tomb and closed it with a big rock for a door