

Hang on Loop for the Loop

With You Always
Week 1 / Jesus Is Alive



Emcee Leads

Small Group Leaders Lead

Small Group Icebreaker (8 min.)

- **Introduce** yourself. **Welcome** students by name. **Check in** with them to see how they're doing.
- **Ask** your students to rate how excited they are about Easter on a scale of 1 to 10 chocolate eggs!
- Icebreaker: **Name all the candies and/or other items that you think create the perfect Easter basket. What has to be in it and what's a waste of space?**

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!*
We're celebrating the biggest event in history on The Loop Show: the resurrection of Jesus! Oh, and who will have to deal with the "No-No Egg"?! Let's watch to find out right 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:** When you follow Jesus, you'll probably have some questions like, "Who is God? What is the Bible? Is all of this real?" Those are great questions, and we have a great book for you! It's called: **The Ultimate Guide to Your Greatest Adventure.** If you want one, let us know, and we'll get it in your hands today!
- **Transition** to Activity.

Activity (10 min.)

Game Objective

Guess the word inside your partner's egg by asking no more than 20 yes/no questions.

You'll Need

Jesus Is sticker (1 per student)
Egg Words activity supplement (1 per group)
Plastic eggs (20 per group)
Drawstring bag (1 per group)
Set of scissors (1 per room)

Set Up (If Not Done Already)

1. **Gather** 20 eggs and 1 drawstring bag for each group.
2. Quickly **cut** along dotted lines of Egg Words activity supplement to create 20 word cards.
3. **Place** one word card inside each of the 20 eggs and place eggs inside drawstring bag.

How to Play

Say: Let's play a just-for-fun game where you'll have to ask a lot of questions to figure out the secret word your partner is holding. **Here's a clue:** the secret words are all things that have to do with Easter or today's *Loop Show!*

1. **Place** bag of eggs with words inside them in center of group and have students **partner up.**
2. One partner **pulls** an egg from the bag and **silently reads** the word inside it.
3. Other partner **asks up to 20 yes/no questions** to try and figure out what the word is.
4. You can only make up to **3 guesses**, so guess wisely!
5. Game ends **either** when all 20 questions are asked **or** all 3 guesses are made. If correct answer is given, they win! If not, they lost.
6. **Reset** by having students **replace word in egg** and **return it** to the bag.
7. Students **play again** as time allows, with a new partner guessing. *If they draw the same word, they may choose to draw another or keep it!*
8. **GIVE** each student a "Jesus Is" sticker as a prize for playing!

Ideas for Variation

- Play as a group! Whole group can ask the person their yes/no questions.
- Play as a contest! Have partners all start at the same time. First person to guess correctly wins!

Small Group Discussion (10 min.)

Today's Main Idea

Jesus is alive, and His victory over death means we can have forever friendship with God.

Review Today's Big Question

Which part of the story of Jesus' resurrection surprises you the most? Why?

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.

Matthew 28:5-6 NLT *Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying."*

- If you saw the empty tomb and the angel, what would you do first?

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?
- How would you explain Easter to a friend?
- Why is it important that Jesus didn't stay dead?
- How do you think people should respond to Jesus' resurrection?
- How does it make you feel to know that Jesus defeated death, not just for people long ago, but for you too?
- What's something special you could do this week to celebrate Easter and everything it means for 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

You likely have new faces in Loop this week for Easter. Be sure they know how happy you are to see them! Help them learn names, and help others learn theirs. Invite them back next week and let them know you'll be looking for them!

**No additional activity supplement needed for this week.
(Egg Words activity supplement is a separate sheet.)**