

Have fun learning and playing with your preschooler!



First, watch this week's video!



### Bible Story

Easter  
(John 21:1-14)

### Remember This

"I am with you always."  
Matthew 28:20, NIV

### Say This

Who wants to be your friend forever?  
Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

## Activity

### Make the Story

#### What You Need

Play-Doh® in various colors

#### What You Do

*During the Activity:* Make different shapes with the Play-Doh as you retell the Bible story.

#### What You Say

*Before the Activity:* "Come sit with me. I'm going to make something from our Bible story today, and I want you to tell me what it is."

*During the Activity:* (Make a heart with the dough.) "Our Bible story, today, began with God's love. (Show the heart.) Do you know what this is? Yes, it's a heart! God loves you and me, so much, that He sent us His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. (Place the heart on the table and start making a sad face.)"

"One night after Jesus had a special dinner with His friends, the disciples, some angry men came and took Jesus away. The angry men hurt Jesus so bad that He died. Some of Jesus' friends buried Him in a tomb and rolled a big stone in front of it."

"Jesus was gone, and His friends were very, very sad. What do you see here? (Pause.) Yes, this is a sad face, because Jesus' friends were so sad. (Place the sad face on the table and start making a happy face.)"

"But then something AMAZING happened! On the third day—count to three with me, one, two, three! Jesus came back! Sad faces turned into . . . happy faces! (Point to the happy face.) When Jesus' friends saw Him, they were so happy that Jesus is alive!" (Place the happy face on the table. Repeat a quick review as you point to the figures.)"

*After the Activity:* "Easter is when we celebrate that Jesus went away and came back, just like He said He would. Jesus is alive, and He wants to be your friend forever."

**Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever. Yes! Happy Easter!"**

## Prayer

"God, You loved us so much that You sent Jesus to Earth. Jesus went away, but Jesus came back, just like He said He would. We love You! Amen."

