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SERIES: JESUS AND THE JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

## Easter

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*Props: Put up a big paper cross and place the phrase, "Easter" above it. Cut out Easter eggs and decorate your large group space with Easter decorations.*

**Slide: Welcome**

*(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)*

**Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.**

**Slide: Series Intro**

**Does anyone know what we're celebrating today? (allow kids to answer) Right, it's Easter! What do you like about Easter? (allow kids to answer) Those are some great answers. I like all those things too! But did you know that Easter isn't just about Easter eggs and candy? Does anyone know why we celebrate Easter? (allow kids to answer) Great job, Easter is the day we celebrate when Jesus rose to give us new life!**

**We'll talk about that more in a few minutes. But first, let's stand and sing.**

**Song**

*Happy Day*

**Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.**

**Slide: Big Idea**

*All together:*

**Easter means we can have new life. (Repeat)**

**Video**

*Play lesson video.*

**Slide: Recap**

**So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...**

- **Easter is all about \_\_\_\_\_.** (Jesus)
- **Easter is the day we celebrate when Jesus rose from what? (the dead)**

- True or False: Easter means we can have new life. (True)

How amazing is that?? Have you ever seen a person or a pet die and come back to life? (allow kids to raise hands) No, of course not! But that's exactly what happened to Jesus. He died on the cross for our sins and was buried. All of his friends and family thought he was gone. But on the third day something miraculous happened! Jesus came back to life! And that's what we celebrate today. Easter is all about new life. Jesus not only paid for our sins but he rose to give each and every one of us new life. Just like he makes the flowers and trees blossom in the spring, he'll give you a fresh new life by helping you to live a life that honors him.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and read it together.

### **Slide: Memory Verse**

"And just as Christ (arms in cross) was raised (start slowly raising hands) from the dead by the glorious power (flex arms) of the Father (point up), now we (point at self) also may live new lives (burst arms out)." Romans 6:4b (Repeat)

Great job! This verse is telling us that we can start living our new lives right NOW! When we invite Jesus into our hearts, he will give us the power to say "Yes" to the things that honor him and "No" to the things that make him sad. If you haven't asked Jesus into your heart yet, you can do it today! Just talk to your teachers or parents about it. It's the best decision you could ever make.

So don't forget what Easter is really about. It's all about Jesus and what he did for us. Jesus died to pay for our sins and rose again to give us new life.

### **Song**

*Imagine the Impossible*

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

### **Slide: Big Idea**

Easter means we can have new life. (Repeat)

### **Slide: Let's Pray**

*Pray and dismiss.*