

Children's Worship 4/5/2020

<p>Welcome 1 min</p>	<p>Display Power Point Slide 1 – The ArC Logo</p> <p>Welcome children to Children's Worship. Explain that we are here to worship God by singing, reading the Bible, learning about God, praying and giving offering. Introduce yourself by name every week.</p>
<p>Reinforce Series – Lent 5 min</p>	<p>Over the last few months, we've learned a lot about Jesus' life. But Jesus didn't live on Earth forever. He actually only lived to be 33 years old. At the age of 33, Jesus died, but three days later He came back to life! We have a holiday that celebrates Jesus coming back to life. Does anyone know what it is called? (<i>Easter</i>)</p> <p>That's right, Easter. At Christmas time, which is Jesus' birth, we learned that the church has a time to prepare for Christmas. What was it called? (<i>Advent</i>) During Advent, we prepared to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day.</p> <p>The church also has a time to prepare for Easter. It is called Lent.</p> <p>Display PowerPoint Slide 2 – Lent Series Logo</p> <p>During Lent, we prepare to celebrate Jesus coming back to life on Easter. One way to prepare is to learn about Easter and the events that led to Easter. If you remember, during Advent we learned about Jesus' birth. During Lent we are learning about the events leading up to Jesus' death, how Jesus died and how He came back to life.</p> <p>All of the events we are learning about happened within one week – Sunday to Sunday – and they all happened in the city of Jerusalem. We learned how Jesus arrived in Jerusalem on that first Sunday – called Palm Sunday – which we are celebrating today. We learned about a very special meal that Jesus had with His disciples during this week called the Last Supper. We learned how Judas betrayed Jesus and Jesus was arrested. While Jesus was in jail, Peter, Jesus' friend, was scared to admit</p>

	<p>he knew Jesus and denied Jesus three times. Today we will learn Jesus' punishment and the events that happened next.</p>
<p>Read & Discuss Today's Scripture Lesson – Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection 15 min</p>	<p>Have volunteers come to the front. Have one child sit on your left and hold a blank sign. Have the other volunteers line up on your other side and give each a sign. Volunteers show their sign one at a time.</p> <p>Let's see what you did – oh wow, you cheated on a test – are you sorry? Okay, you are forgiven and free to go.</p> <p>Turn to other child. Since "Sara" cheated on her test, you are grounded for one week (write on sign).</p> <p>Next, let's see what you did – oh my, you lied to your mom – are you sorry? Okay, you are forgiven and free to go.</p> <p>Turn to other child. Since "Bart" lied to his mom, you are grounded for another week (change 1 to 2 on sign).</p> <p>Repeat this for each volunteer/sign, adding an additional week each time.</p> <p>To "grounded" child: Well, that went well, don't you think? 😊</p> <p>No?! Why not? <i>(Because I'm grounded for all the things they did wrong!)</i></p> <p>Aren't you willing to sacrifice for your friends?? <i>(May say yes)</i> They were all REALLY sorry. I forgave them! But someone needs to take the consequences, the punishment. So I thought you could take sacrifice and take the punishment for all of them.</p> <p>Let child express their frustration.</p> <p>You know what, I think there's someone else who is willing to take this punishment – Jesus. Jesus was willing to sacrifice for EVERYONE! <i>(Even if this child is willing to be grounded for their friends, might not be willing to be grounded for everyone in the world!)</i></p>

God wants us to make good choices, but we are all human and we all sin. When we sin and we are sorry, God forgives us. We are all forgiven because Jesus took the punishment for all of us! It's true that there may still be consequences here on earth (we may still get in trouble for lying to our parent or cheating on a test), but in God's eyes we will always be forgiven because of Jesus' sacrifice.

Remember, Jesus had been arrested and was in jail. The people and the authorities decided Jesus' punishment would be death. Jesus didn't want to die, but He was willing to sacrifice and take this punishment because it would mean all of us would be forgiven forever! Jesus sacrificed for us!

Jesus died on Good Friday. (**Show on timeline**) But Jesus' death was not the end of the story. Let's watch a video to learn more about Jesus' death and what came next.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL8R158Ujp4>

Jesus had died. He had sacrificed for us. Our sins would be forgiven. But three days later something wonderful and amazing happened! What was it? (*Jesus came back to life*)

On Easter Sunday, Jesus came back to life! (**Show on timeline**)

God is so powerful that not even death can defeat Him! Jesus rose from the dead – we call this the Resurrection. Jesus' disciples and friends were so excited and we should be excited too! Jesus was willing to sacrifice for us and die, but Jesus is so amazing that He was able to come back to life!

Closing Song
4 min

This song is called He Arose. It talks about Jesus' resurrection. Not even death could defeat Jesus – He arose!

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He Arose

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F4iYYoZVJZw>

<p>Joys and Concerns and Closing Prayer 2 min</p>	<p>Joys and Concerns were written on cards in the classrooms. Classroom teachers will have provided the cards to you when they arrived at Children's Worship.</p> <p>Share some of the Joys and Concerns with the group. Incorporate them into the beginning of the closing prayer before reading the responsive portion below.</p> <p>Read the prayer responsively. You read one line at a time and the kids repeat after you.</p> <p>Dear God, Thank you For Jesus' sacrifice So we are all forgiven. God, you are powerful And amazing! Amen</p>