



MUST KNOW BIBLE STORIES

stories worth exploring

The Easter Story

Early Level - Story Script

In Advance

Allow time for each child to make a happy/sad paper plate face. Attach a lollipop stick to the plate to allow the children to use it as a puppet.

Practice showing a happy face and turning the plate around to show a sad face.

If you are using the props from inside the plastic eggs (see Teacher-led activity: 'Easter Story Egg Hunt') then the sections below in blue will help you know how to introduce each 'prop'. Otherwise, stick with the happy and sad faces!

The Easter Story

Jesus was amazing! He did amazing things like change water into wine. He made people better. He even made a storm stop by just speaking. People thought he was wonderful! **(happy face)**. They cheered and waved branches as Jesus rode into a big city called Jerusalem on a donkey. (Here's one of the leaves that they waved, to remind us of that part of the story.) They thought he was going to be a special king **(happy face)**.

But some people were jealous of Jesus. They didn't like how much everyone liked Jesus. They wanted to be the popular ones. They didn't believe he was a special king and they wanted to kill him **(sad face)**.

So, they made up untrue things about him and told lies about him. Jesus was sentenced to death.

The soldiers made fun of the idea that Jesus was a special king. They put spiky thorns on his head, like a crown (Show them the small crown of thorns from inside the plastic egg. It must have been sore on his head.) ... and they nailed him to a cross **(sad face)**. How do you think all the people that loved him and saw him do wonderful things, felt now? They felt very sad **(sad face)**. Some of them were crying.

Jesus died. (He died on a cross, just the same shape as this one here) **(sad face)**. A kind man wrapped Jesus' body in a linen cloth (maybe a little like this cloth here) and put it in his own new tomb, carved out of the hillside like a big cave. A big stone blocked the entrance. (It was a lot bigger than this stone here.) Two strong guards stood outside the tomb. Jesus' friends were very sad **(sad face)**.

But, three days later, something amazing happened! **(Let the children make an amazed face)**. Some of the women who were Jesus' friends came to the tomb. They wanted to say goodbye and to put nice smelling spices onto his body. (Show the children the spices from inside the plastic egg).

But when they got to the tomb, they were shocked. **(Let the children make a shocked face.)** God had sent an angel to roll the stone away. The soldiers had fallen over and Jesus' body was gone!

Then they saw an angel. Have you ever seen an angel? The women were a little afraid, but the angel told them not to be. The angel said, Jesus isn't here. **(Show them the empty egg)**. He's alive again **(happy face)**. Go and tell his friends so they can be happy again. They ran off to tell Jesus' friends and guess what happened? They met Jesus and Jesus spoke to them. He really was alive!

What a fantastic end to the story! A very happy end. (Show me your happiest face ever!) Christians believe that Jesus really did die, but God's power brought him back to life again! And they believe that he really is a special king.