

Bible Passage: Matthew 26–28; John 20

Story Point: The good news is about Jesus.

Key Passage: "Say among the nations "The Lord reigns!" 1 Chronicles 16:31B

CIRCLE TIME

Gather children in a circle around the classroom rug for Circle Time.

- Say: "The Bible is God's words, and all of God's words are true."

Open your Bible and read the **Key Passage: "Say among the nations "The Lord reigns!" 1 Chronicles 16:31b**
Read the **Bible story** (using text below) or tell it in your own words.

BIBLE STORY

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Jesus was arrested and taken to Pilate, the governor. Pilate's soldiers put a purple robe and crown of thorns on Jesus and then led Him away. Jesus was put on a cross with a sign that said: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Two criminals were put on crosses next to Jesus. Jesus died and was buried in a tomb. A large stone was rolled in front of the tomb. On the third day, two of Jesus' friends, both named Mary, went to the tomb. An angel rolled away the stone, sat on it, and told the women not to be afraid. Jesus was not there. He had risen. The women were so happy! Jesus was alive! They left the tomb to tell Jesus' friends the good news.

Close in prayer

For 2's and older toddlers, invite kids to share prayer requests and pray for these aloud as well.

ACTIVITIES/CRAFT

Use these activities as you play and interact with toddlers while they are in your care.

Craft: See the example in your bin and help children make the craft.

LOOK FOR JESUS

Display a person figure to represent Jesus. Hide the person figure in plain sight and encourage toddlers to look for it. Play as time allows. Tell the Bible story.

Say • The women did not find Jesus at the tomb because Jesus rose from the dead and is alive. **THE GOOD NEWS IS ABOUT JESUS.**

Roll the stone.

Roll a small ball back and forth to the children. Talk about the Bible story. Encourage them to roll the ball to one another.

Say • Jesus died and was buried in a tomb with a stone in front of it. On the third day, it was rolled away! Jesus rose from the dead and is alive. The good news is about Jesus.