

Celebrate - Jesus is Alive!

Introduction and welcome

Welcome! It's great to be here again, and thank you to carers etc... for having us. In a short time it's going to be Easter time! What happens at Easter time?..... Chocolate! But Easter is the time when we think about a man called Jesus, who is God's Son

So ... We are going to talk about Easter and what happened to Jesus who is God's Son.

But before Easter, there was Good Friday when Jesus died. That was very sad. But then there was Easter Sunday when Jesus came back to life again. At Easter we celebrate that Jesus is alive, and that makes us happy!

Song

Give me Joy / oil in my heart (CCLI No: 4755580)

Give me joy in my heart keep me praising
Give me joy in my heart, I pray
Give me joy in my heart keep me praising
Keep me praising till the break of day

Chorus

*Sing Hosanna! Sing Hosanna!
Sing Hosanna to the king of kings!
Sing Hosanna! Sing Hosanna!
Sing Hosanna to the king of kings!*

Give me love in my heart keep me serving
Give me love in my heart, I pray
Give me love in my heart keep me serving
Keep me serving till the break of day

Palm Sunday

A few days before Good Friday and Easter Day, Jesus rode on a donkey into a town called Jerusalem. Lots of people cheered and waved palm branches. The people were very happy to see Jesus.

A CHANCE FOR SOME DRAMA OF YOUR CHOICE!

Song

Here he comes (Shout Hosanna) 1 verse (CCLI No: No idea nor can I remember where I got it from!)

Here He comes, riding on a donkey,
As He's entering Jerusalem.
Here He Comes, the promised King of Glory.
We wave our branches and we worship Him.

Chorus

*SHOUT! Hosanna! LOUD! Hosanna!
Shout Hosanna to the King of Kings! (Come on and)
SHOUT! Hosanna! LOUD! Hosanna!
Shout Alleluia! Let the praises ring!*

Good Friday

On Good Friday, Jesus was arrested and taken to court. People told lies about Jesus, and they killed Jesus by putting Him on a cross. When Jesus died, he was buried in a tomb in a cave. A big stone was rolled over the door. The tomb was guarded by Roman soldiers. Jesus' family and friends were very sad. But **that was not** the end!

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Song

Jesus died at Calvary (CCLI No: 3907638)

Jesus died (Echo) At Calvary (Echo)
So my sins (Echo) Can be forgiven (Echo)

Jesus rose (Echo) From the dead (Echo)
To overcome. (Echo) The evil one (Echo)

Chorus:

Rejoice, rejoice, Jesus is Lord! x4

Earthquake and guards running away

Now ... very early on Easter morning something amazing happened. There was a earthquake. The soldiers guarding the tomb were terrified, and they ran away. Then the big stone was rolled away, and Jesus came back to life!

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FUN ACTIVITY

Here is the tomb where Jesus lay *(Line up two fists)*

Here is the stone that rolled away *(Roll away one fist)*

A bright shining angel *(Wiggle fingers in an arc)*

Said, "Come look inside!" *(Beckon with one finger)*

"Jesus is not dead!" *(Wag one finger back and forth)*

"Jesus is alive!" *(Throw hands up in joy)*

Song

Great big God (CCLI No: 3373437)

Our God is a great big God

Our God is a great big God

Our God is a great big God

And He holds us in His hands

x2

He's higher than a skyscraper

He's deeper than a submarine

He's wider than the universe

And beyond my wildest dreams

And He's known me and He's loved me

Since before the world began

How wonderful to be a part of God's amazing plan.

Our God is a great big God

Our God is a great big God

Our God is a great big God

And He holds us in His hands

People go to the tomb.

Early on Easter day, some ladies went to the tomb. The ladies found that the big stone had been rolled away. ... And ... Jesus was not there! An angel told the ladies that Jesus was alive! Later, two men also went to the tomb and they also found it empty. Amazing. Jesus was alive!!

A CHANCE FOR SOME DRAMA OF YOUR CHOICE!

Song

Sing a song -Celebrate (CCLI No: 1574905)

Sing a song, sing a joyful song
Sing a joyful song to celebrate
Sing a song, sing a joyful song
Sing a joyful song to celebrate

Chorus

*Jesus is alive, you know
He's risen from the dead
He was crucified but now
He's risen like He said*

Clap your hands, clap your hands like this
Clap your hands like this to celebrate
Clap your hands, clap your hands like this
Clap your hands like this to celebrate

Chorus

*Jesus is alive, you know
He's risen from the dead
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Sing a song, sing a joyful song

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Mary meets Jesus

One of the ladies called Mary stayed at the tomb, crying. Suddenly she met Jesus, and went and told all her friends that she had seen Jesus! Over the next few weeks lots of people saw Jesus. Jesus really is alive.

A CHANCE FOR SOME DRAMA OF YOUR CHOICE!

Song

You can be sure shorter (CCLI No: 3712737)

You can be sure that Jesus is alive,
You can be sure that Jesus is alive,
The power of death was not enough to keep Him down.
(Repeat)

Chorus:

*He is alive, He is alive,
He is alive, He is alive,
You can be certain Jesus is alive.*

You can be sure that Jesus is alive,
You can be sure that Jesus is alive,
The power of death was not enough to keep Him down.
(Repeat)

Chorus:

*He is alive, He is alive,
He is alive, He is alive,
You can be certain Jesus is alive.*

Jesus is alive!

Leader: What's that you say?
All : Jesus is alive!
Leader: But I thought Jesus was dead for three days?
All : Jesus is alive!
Leader: So Jesus was dead and is now alive?
All : Jesus is alive!
Leader: So, ... are you saying Jesus is alive?
All : Jesus is alive!
Leader: Let's all say it together...
All : Jesus is alive!

Final talk

Jesus died on the cross and come back to life again because He loves each and every one of us very much. If we believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and if we believe that Jesus died and came back to life again, Jesus will forgive all the bad sad and bad things in our life, and we can be friends with God! That is amazing. But we do need to ask Jesus to forgive use, and help us live His way, not ours. That's why Jesus died and came back to life. That is what we celebrate at Easter time.

Let's pray - talk to Jesus

Lord Jesus. Thank you so very much for loving us. Thank you that you died for us, and came back to life, so that we can be forgiven and be friends with God. May we, too, be friends with God. Amen.

Blessing

And we bless each one of you in the name of Jesus. We bless your families and your friends and those you work with. We bless the places where you work, and the places where you live. May they be places of peace and calm, without fear or worry. In Jesus name. Amen.