

Flower Cross & Jesus is Alive

Welcome

Welcome children and introduce or remind them of Bible story time rules.

Opening Song

Jesus Wants us to be Friends: <https://youtu.be/8V39P3QxssY>

Prayer

Bible Story (Matthew 28:1-10)

- *Start lesson with children coming in and placing their flowers on the cross.*
- *What is this? It's a cross.*
- *Can anyone tell me what happened on the cross? Jesus died on the cross*
- *Yes, Jesus died on a cross for our sins/for all the bad things we have done or will ever do.*
- *And when Jesus died he was buried in a what? A tomb!*
- *Yes, some people who loved Jesus buried him there. Soldiers rolled a huge rock over the tomb so no one could get in or out.*
- *For three days, nothing happened and then something great happened! The earth shook and an angel from heaven came and rolled the huge stone away. Mary and some friends were going to the tomb when they came upon the angel who said "Do not be afraid, Jesus is not here. He has risen". The angel told them to go and tell the other followers of Jesus that He was alive!*
- *Before we put the flowers on the cross it was wooden and plain. It was sad because we know that Jesus died on the cross. But now it's covered with flowers and reminds us that Jesus is alive!*
- *That is why we celebrate Easter, to remind us that Jesus is alive!*
- *Remember at Christmas we talked about baby Jesus? This is the same person! He lived on earth and grew up to be a man, he loved people and took care of them, and then he died on the cross for all the sins of the world. But today we celebrate because Jesus is still alive! And one day he'll come back to take us all to heaven with him. Doesn't that sound great?*
- *So when we see a cross, we know Jesus is Alive! That's the true meaning of Easter. Let's say it again. Jesus is Alive!*