

Jr Church/Kids Club Lesson for 4/12 Week #7 Easter

The Best Thing About Easter

Key Point: Jesus rose from the grave. We get to live forever with Him!

Bible Verse: This is what Love is: God loved us and sent His Son.

1 John 4:10

Read this story with your family. What do you think is the best thing about Easter?



The Best Thing About Easter Book

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Do you like Easter? I do! I think Easter is fun!

I like to dye Easter Eggs all different colors- Pink ones, and green ones, and blue ones, and orange ones, and yellow ones. Which one is your favorite?

Then.....After we dye eggs..... we hide them! I love to hunt for Easter Eggs, don't you? Here's one, right here! How many can you find?

Yes, I think Easter Eggs are fun!

But Easter eggs aren't the BEST thing about Easter!



Sometimes we have CANDY Easter eggs with soft, squishy marshmallow inside. Sometimes we have gooey, chewy jelly beans that taste like lemon or cherry or peppermint! Um, yum,yum.

And Sometimes we have dark chocolate Easter bunnies that melt in your mouth. Yum, Yum, Yum!

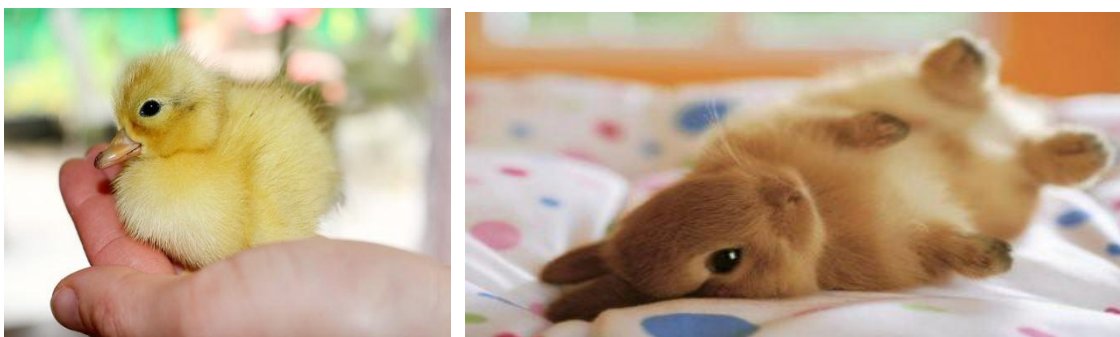
I like Easter candy.... A LOT!

But candy isn't the BEST thing about Easter.



Did you ever pet a soft, furry bunny at Eastertime? I did- at my uncle's farm. Pet, pet, pet, pat, pat, pat. I like soft, furry bunnies. Once my cousin got a fuzzy yellow duck that said, Quack! Quack! Quack! My other cousin got a cute baby chick that said Peep! Peep! Peep! I like furry bunnies and fuzzy ducks and cute baby chicks, don't you?

But bunnies and ducks and chicks aren't the BEST thing about Easter.



Easter is in springtime, and guess what happens THEN!

I run, run, run up on the green grass, UP the hill Down the hill in the bright, warm sunshine. WHEE!! Just WATCH me! Everything is bursting with new life in springtime.

But springtime isn't the BEST thing about Easter, either.



I like to get ALL DRESSED UP on Easter Sunday, don't you? First, I scrub, scrub, scrub in the tub to get clean. Then I brush, brush, brush my hair. And then I put on my VERY BEST CLOTHES! Wow! Just look at me! I look terrific!

Then, at church on Easter Sunday, we talk and laugh together, and we sit and sing together, and we listen and pray together. We have a treat together too.

Oh YES! I like getting all dressed up and being together on Easter Sunday.

But even that isn't the BEST THING about Easter.



The very BEST THING about Easter is.....



...JESUS... God's own Son!

Oh yes, JESUS is the BEST THING about Easter.

You see, we have Easter because of Jesus. Easter is about something wonderful that was part of God's AMAZING plan.

First, a very sad thing happened. Jesus died on a cross. But guess what! Jesus did not stay dead! No, He Did Not! On the very first Easter morning, God made Jesus ALIVE again! The tomb was EMPTY!

Jesus' friends were so surprised and so happy to see him again. "Jesus is Alive" they said. "He is really alive!"

And then, a little later, do you know what God did? He took Jesus up, up, up right through a cloud into HEAVEN! It was all part of GOD'S amazing plan!

But the MOST amazing part of God's plan is that Jesus died and Lives Again... for ME! It's TRUE! Because Jesus loves Me, you see, He loves You too!

This is what Love is: God loved us and sent His Son. 1 John 4:10.

Oh, yes! I like Easter eggs, and
I like Easter candy, and
I like soft furry bunnies and
Fuzzy baby ducks, and
I like getting all dressed up
And being together on Easter Sunday.
But...

...the BEST thing about Easter is Jesus.

I'm glad Jesus loves me! I'm really, REALLY glad, aren't you?

Happy Easter, Everyone!

Watch the YouTube video to see The Story of Easter (Jesus' Sacrifice) by Saddleback Kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL8R158Ujp4>

Play with these ideas:

Materials needed: Empty Easter Egg

Look inside an empty plastic Easter egg. Remember, the tomb was empty, just like this egg! Jesus did not stay dead in the tomb. God made him alive again!

Let's sing and move:

Watch the YouTube video: Jesus Is Alive by Kids Ablaze Inc. (Keep listening after this song for some great Easter worship music!)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FzxNOD3voo0&list=PLh_ZCcaNyX7f4BwV4-n7pWv-5r73jOM5M&index=1

Let's Pray

God, thank you for loving us so much that you sent your son to die for us. Help us to remember on this Easter Sunday what this celebration is all about- your amazing sacrifice for us. Jesus, we love you and can never repay your what you have done for us. Let us worship you with our thoughts and actions this week and every week, Lord. Amen.