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<td>April</td>
<td>Easter (and eggs)</td>
<td>W1, D1</td>
<td>Theme Story: ‘Humpty Dumpty’ – Read the nursery rhyme as found in any nursery rhyme book. Next, repeat the rhyme using a plastic egg (with a face drawn on it), a shoe box for the wall, and a Band-Aid to fix him after he falls!</td>
<td>Math: Follow picture directions to help make scrambled eggs (crack eggs, add milk, add salt and pepper, use whisk to mix). Art: Put ‘Humpty Dumpty’ together by gluing shapes (oval egg, circle eyes, rectangle arms and legs, square hands and feet, rectangle bricks for the wall)</td>
<td>Songs/Movement: ‘If You’re Happy and You Know It’</td>
<td>Use the spring and crosses sticker Foamies to create spring hats, Easter photo frames, Doorknob holders, etc.</td>
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<td>Theme Related Activity: Eggs-tra Ordinary Sounds Fill plastic eggs with 6 different materials (rice, penny, seeds, flour, etc -making two for each.) Seal and place in an Easter basket with grass. Use to match the eggs by sound. Count them as returning them to the basket and talk about the color of each egg.</td>
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<td>W1, D2</td>
<td>Theme Story: The Best Thing About Easter by Christine Tangvald</td>
<td>Math: Sort Easter Erasers: Use Easter Erasers as markers when playing Shape Bingo</td>
<td>Songs/Movement: ‘Ho, Ho, Ho, Hosanna!’</td>
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<td>Theme Related Activity: Read The Easter Story by Patricia Pingry. Introduce the new Bible memory verse chart/song. Talk about how Jesus is the real reason for celebrating Easter.</td>
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<td>W2, D1</td>
<td>Theme Story: Focus – Palm Sunday The Story of the Resurrection Eggs in Rhyme and Song by Jean Thomas (Read p. 4-14 and open the corresponding Resurrection Eggs) Read Mark 11:1-11 or Luke 19:28-44 from the Bible or the corresponding story in a children’s Bible</td>
<td>Math: Put together plastic eggs with the same color or pattern. Sort same colored eggs into baskets. Art: Tear paper and attach to a contact paper donkey cut out. When the donkey is finished, place on construction paper or color a picture of a donkey and learn facts about donkeys.</td>
<td>Songs/Movement: ‘Praise Ye the Lord’, ‘Hosanna’ - Fill plastic eggs with Cheerios, rice, etc. Let children shake and sing to the Lord!</td>
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<td>W2, D2</td>
<td>Theme Story: Focus – Last Supper / Passover Meal The Story of the Resurrection Eggs in Rhyme and Song by Jean Thomas (Read p. 4-17 and open the corresponding Resurrection Eggs) Read Mark 14:12-42 or Luke 22:7-46 from the Bible or the corresponding story in a children’s Bible</td>
<td>Math: Eggs-act Match - Precut ovals from a variety of papers, creating many from the same type and pattern of papers. Attach one oval shape to each of three or four baskets. Allow the child to sort by pattern. Repeat using different patterned ovals. Or use to play Memory. Art: Sticker Holes Lamb Craft – John 1:29 Passover Lamb – Use black paint to make your child’s handprint. Dry. Then attach white reinforcer stickers</td>
<td>Songs/Movement: ‘Praise Him, Praise Him’</td>
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<td>Theme Related Activity: Play Easter Sticker Memory (with crosses, lilies, lambs, etc.) Stress that Jesus said, ‘Remember me.’ And that He is the lamb of God who takes away the</td>
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| Week 3, Day 1 | Theme: Easter (and eggs), continued  
Theme Story: Focus – Crucifixion and Burial / Good Friday  
The Story of the Resurrection Eggs in Rhyme and Song by Jean Thomas (Read p. 4-20 and open the corresponding Resurrection Eggs)  
Read Mark 14:43-65 and chapter 15 or Luke 22:47-71 and chapter 23 from the Bible or the corresponding story in a children’s Bible  
Theme Related Activity: Shape playdough to form various parts of the story - crown, cross, tomb, stone.  
Math: Use tongs to move and count eggs (pom poms and cotton balls) into an egg carton.  
Art: Fingerpaint and Tape Cross – Use masking tape to form a cross on white paper. Paint over. Remove tape.  
Songs/Movement: ‘Jesus Loves Me’ ‘Praise the Lord Together’ |
| Week 3, Day 2 | Theme Story: Focus – Resurrection / Easter Sunday  
The Story of the Resurrection Eggs in Rhyme and Song by Jean Thomas (Read p. 4-29 and open the corresponding Resurrection Eggs)  
Read Mark 16 or Luke 24 from the Bible or the corresponding story in a children’s Bible  
Theme Related Activity: Make Resurrection Rolls  
Math: Use Easter stamps, stickers, or erasers to form AB patterns  
Art: Paint a paper plate brown on one side and black on the other. Cut in half. Staple the rounded edge together and stand up as the tomb. Cut a hole for the opening. Glue an angel print out next to the door. Roll up a small brown paper bag to make a stone. Place in front of the tomb.  
Songs/Movement: ‘Christ the Lord is Risen Today’ |
| Week 4, Day 1 | Theme Story: A Child’s Story of Easter by Etta Wilson  
Theme Related Activity: Use pictures to sequence the Easter Story and read corresponding Bible passages from Matthew 21:1-11 and chapters 26-28 to review.  
Math: Using Scissors– Cut different lengths and colors of yarn (Yarn should be used that matches the color of your plastic eggs.)  
Art: Oval Pattern Collage- Precut ovals from a variety of papers. Glue to paper.  
Songs/Movement: ‘1,2 Jesus Loves You’ |
| Week 4, Day 2 | Theme Story: My Easter Basket and the True Story of Easter by Mary Manz Simon  
Theme Related Activity: Place objects in an Easter basket, similar to the above story, and place on a table in order to remind us of the story of Easter and of God’s love for us.  
Math: Sort yarn from yesterday by color and place in the same color of eggs. Then sort the pieces of yarn that are in each egg by size.  
Art: Easel paint on an egg shape  
Songs/Movement: All songs! |

**Additional Theme Related Stories:**  

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