

Joyful Heart Learning in April
2 Year Olds

Month	Theme	Weeks & Days	Theme Time	Math and Art Time	Listening Time	Other
<p>April</p> <p>Bible Concept: Jesus loves me and died for my sins.</p> <p>Playdough: Orange</p> <p>Sensory Tub: Oatmeal, plastic eggs, confetti</p>	<p>Theme: Easter (and eggs)</p> <p>Bible Memory: John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.</p>	W1, D1	<p>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!</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Math: Follow picture directions to help make scrambled eggs (crack eggs, add milk, add salt and pepper, use whisk to mix).</p> <p>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)</p>	<p>Songs/Movement: 'If You're Happy and You Know It'</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the spring and crosses sticker Foamies to create spring hats, Easter photo frames, Doorknob holders, etc. • Color/Dye Easter Eggs! • Make Easter Story Cookies (Saturday Night before Easter Sunday).
		W1, D2	<p>Theme Story: <u>The Best Thing About Easter</u> by Christine Tangvald</p> <p>Theme Related Activity: Read <u>The Easter Story</u> by Patricia Pingry. Introduce the new Bible memory verse chart/song. Talk about how Jesus is the real reason for celebrating Easter.</p>	<p>Math: Sort Easter Erasers: Use Easter Erasers as markers when playing Shape Bingo</p> <p>Art: Tissue Paper Cross - Glue colored tissue paper on a pre cut cross. Paint over it with liquid starch.</p>	<p>Songs/Movement: 'Ho, Ho, Ho, Hosanna!'</p>	
		W2, D1	<p>Theme Story: Focus – Palm Sunday <u>The Story of the Resurrection Eggs in Rhyme and Song</u> 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</p> <p>Theme Related Activity: Make Palm Branches, snipping the slits and attaching to a pipe cleaner. Use to reenact Jesus' Triumphal Entry.</p>	<p>Math: Put together plastic eggs with the same color or pattern. Sort same colored eggs into baskets.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Songs/Movement: 'Praise Ye the Lord', 'Hosanna' - Fill plastic eggs with Cheerios, rice, etc. Let children shake and sing to the Lord!</p>	
		W2, D2	<p>Theme Story: Focus – Last Supper / Passover Meal <u>The Story of the Resurrection Eggs in Rhyme and Song</u> 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</p> <p>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</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Songs/Movement: 'Praise Him, Praise Him'</p>	

			sins of the world. (John 1:29)	to make the wooly part of the lamb.	
<p>Theme: Easter (and eggs), <i>continued</i></p> <p>Bible Memory: John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.</p>	W3, D1	<p>Theme Story: Focus – Crucifixion and Burial / Good Friday <u>The Story of the Resurrection Eggs in Rhyme and Song</u> 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</p> <p>Theme Related Activity: Shape playdough to form various parts of the story - crown, cross, tomb, stone.</p>	<p>Math: Use tongs to move and count eggs (pom poms and cotton balls) into an egg carton.</p> <p>Art: Fingerpaint and Tape Cross – Use masking tape to form a cross on white paper. Paint over. Remove tape.</p>	<p>Songs/Movement: ‘Jesus Loves Me’ ‘Praise the Lord Together’</p>	
	W3, D2	<p>Theme Story: Focus – Resurrection / Easter Sunday <u>The Story of the Resurrection Eggs in Rhyme and Song</u> 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</p> <p>Theme Related Activity: Make Resurrection Rolls</p>	<p>Math: Use Easter stamps, stickers, or erasers to form AB patterns</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Songs/Movement: ‘Christ the Lord is Risen Today’</p>	
	W4, D1	<p>Theme Story: <u>A Child’s Story of Easter</u> by Etta Wilson</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Math: Using Scissors– Cut different lengths and colors of yarn (<i>Yarn should be used that matches the color of your plastic eggs.</i>)</p> <p>Art: Oval Pattern Collage- Precut ovals from a variety of papers. Glue to paper.</p>	<p>Songs/Movement: ‘1,2 Jesus Loves You’</p>	
	W4, D2	<p>Theme Story: <u>My Easter Basket and the True Story of Easter</u> by Mary Manz Simon</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Art: Easel paint on an egg shape</p>	<p>Songs/Movement: All songs!</p>	
<p>Additional Theme Related Stories: <u>The Parable of the Lily</u> by Liz Curtis Higgs, <u>The Easter Story</u> by Carol Heyer, <u>The Easter Story</u> by Brian Wildsmith, <u>Humpty Dumpty</u> by Daniel Kirk, <u>Mommy, Why Did Jesus Have to Die?</u> by Dian Layton, <u>The Story of Passover</u> by Barry Silberg</p>					