Easter stories for 1-3 year olds

Palm Sunday

Our story today is about when lots of people came out to wave at Jesus. Jesus was going to Jerusalem, the big city. When he was nearly there, he asked his disciples to get him a donkey to ride on. They found one (show Donkey) and Jesus got on. When Jesus arrived in Jerusalem everyone came out into the street to see him. (Run & look) They got palm branches to wave (wave palm) and they called out ‘Hosanna!’ which means Hooray! Jesus is King! That is the story of Palm Sunday.

Last Supper

What’s this? An Easter egg! Sometimes we have special food to remind us of special times. An Easter egg reminds us about Easter.

Today our story is about a special meal Jesus shared with his friends. (Break Easter egg and put in a chalice) This is the story:

Jesus’ friends made a special meal (cook) Jesus and his friends sat down at the table (mime pulling up a chair) Jesus shared the food between his friends. (Pass round the chalice) Jesus was going away. (Wave bye) Jesus said his friends should think of him every time shared a food like this

Easter day

Do you remember last time when Jesus had a special meal with his friends, and we shared an Easter egg? This is what happened after that meal

Today our story is about the first Easter.

Jesus’ friends were sad (sad face). Some people had hurt Jesus and they didn’t think they were going to see him anymore. Mary was one of the people looking for Jesus. (look) She saw an Angel. (Angel doll) Then she saw Jesus! (Hooray!) He was all better and back with them! That was the first Easter. That is why Easter is such a happy time

Emmaus Rd (1)

Do you know who this is? It’s Teddy! Do you know who this is? It’s Thomas the Tank engine! Today’s story is about two people who didn’t recognise someone

This is the story:

Two people were walking down the road. (Walk hands on lap) They were sad because they didn’t think they were going to see Jesus any more (Sad face). A man joined in walking with them (Walk hands) but they didn’t know who it was. When they got to their house they invited the stranger in. (Beckon) When they had tea together (Drink tea) they saw it was Jesus! He was back with them! What a lovely surprise!

Emmaus Rd 2

Have you ever known something really exciting, and you just can’t wait to tell someone else? Do you remember last week’s story when the disciples on the road didn’t recognise Jesus? This is what happened next….

This is the story:

After the two disciples had had tea with Jesus, Jesus left them. They looked at each other.

What should they do? Run back and tell the others! So, they ran back as fast as they could (run). While they were telling the exciting news guess what happened? Jesus came into the room with them! They were scared at first; they thought it was perhaps a ghost, but Jesus said, ‘Don’t worry, it’s me! Look’ he said, ‘touch and see. I’m not a ghost. It’s me!’

Thomas

What have I got in my box? ‘Its soft! Its furry! Whatever can it be? That's right a Teddy! Who else would like to feel? When we feel something, we know what it is like. Our story today is about Thomas who wanted to feel someone to know who it was

This is the story:

Thomas was Jesus friend. Thomas was sad he didn’t think he was going to see Jesus anymore. (Oh dear) The other friends said they had seen Jesus, but Thomas didn’t believe them. (No) Thomas wanted to touch Jesus (clasp hands) Jesus came and said, ‘Touch me Thomas’ Now Thomas believed (clap) Jesus is alive!

Jesus said, lots of people believe in me without touching me, that’s us!

Miraculous Catch

Do you remember some of Jesus’ friends were fishermen? Today’s story is about how they had a lovely surprise when they went fishing one day

This is the story:

Peter was fed up because he didn’t know where Jesus was. (Glum face) He said to his friends ‘I am going fishing’ ‘We will come too’ they said. Well, they fished and fished and didn’t catch a thing. (Fish) Then they saw someone on the beach (Look) and he said ‘Try fishing on the other side of the boat’ so they did and caught loads! Whoever was it on the beach? Peter knew! He shouted, ‘Its JESUS!’ and they raced back to share the fish with him.