



Happy Easter

It is officially Spring! Life is blooming all around us and that means Easter is coming soon.

As a Christian School, Little Bridges steers away from celebrations of the Easter Bunny, but instead focuses on Jesus' life and resurrection during this season.

How Do We Teach the Easter Story at Little Bridges:

1. Keep it Age-appropriate and Simple
2. Focus on the following:
 - Sin and Forgiveness (Adam and Eve)
 - Sacrifice and Love (Learning About Jesus' Life)
 - Hope and Life (Jesus Rose from the Dead)
3. Cultivate Curiosity
 - Validate questions and acknowledge what we don't know.

Our focus is on explaining sin and forgiveness, understanding sacrifice and love, and then discovering hope and life in Jesus.

With age-appropriate and simple language, we begin understanding the Easter story through Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve sinned when they did not obey God and chose to eat fruit from the forbidden tree. Sin is explained as things we do that are wrong. God understood we would not be perfect, but with patience and love has a plan for us even when we choose not to listen. God forgave Adam and Eve, he never left them or forgot about them, but there are consequences for our behavior.

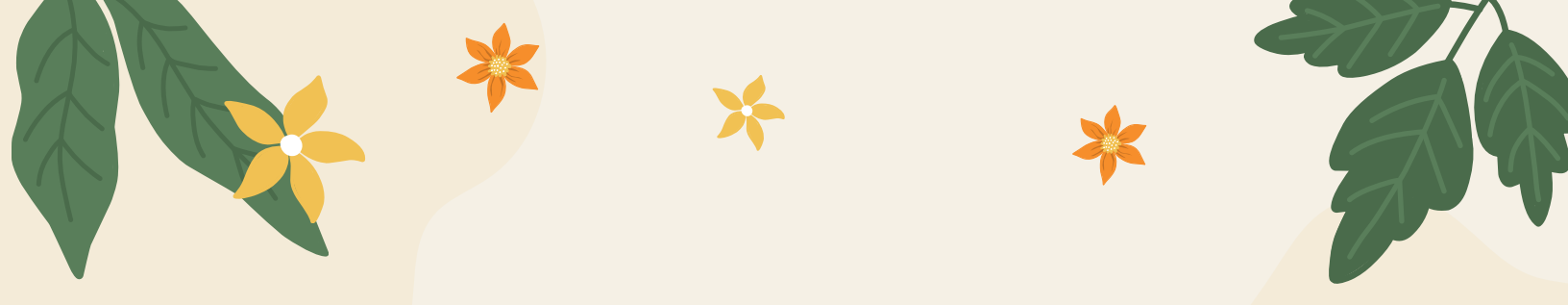
John 3:16 For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish
but have eternal life.

EASTER PLAYLIST

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/6y6Km7tSZgJEv1I78cMHhQ?si=90a043d4c0a14c01>



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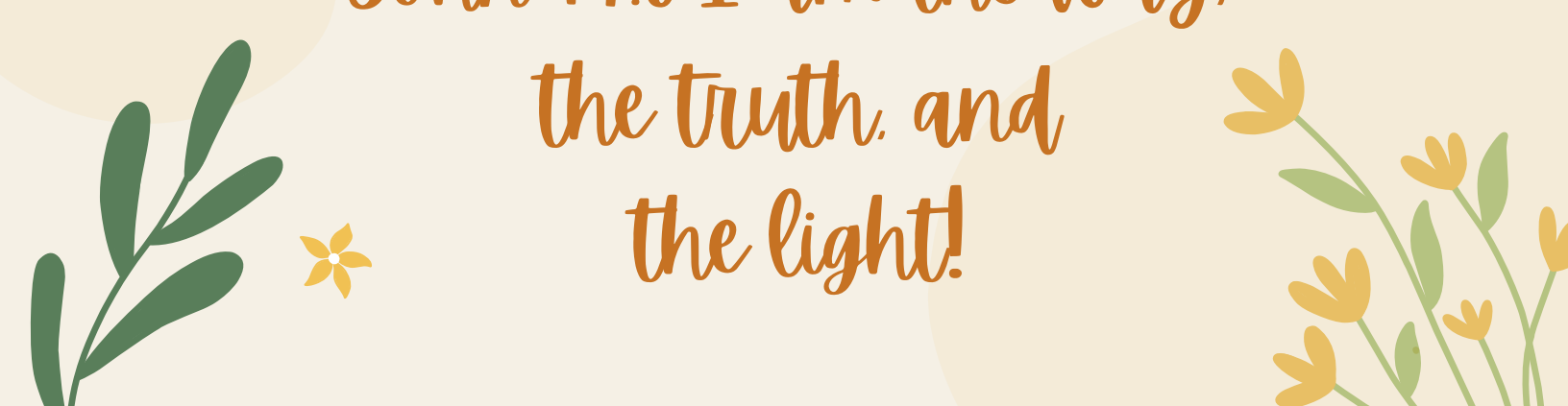
God sent Jesus to show his love, mercy, and power; a sacrifice we may never fully understand. We learn about Jesus' life, from being a bright and curious child; to growing into a faithful loving friend who shares God's power through miracles. Jesus' life is a lesson in sacrifice and love. Our children enjoy learning about Jesus' miracles and studying his life, an example of how to treat others in our homes and communities.

When talking about Jesus' death on the cross, we keep the focus on his sacrifice. Kids may not understand death, but they know what it feels like to give up something that they don't want to give up. For kids, giving up a favorite toy is as hard as anything they've ever done. Sharing or stopping or slowing down can be a complete act of will and self-control. Avoiding graphic details, it's OK to mention that Jesus suffered and died, that his death separated Him from God the Father, but children can understand the sacrifice without the gory specifics.

What can we sacrifice for others? How can we live a life of sacrifice? By sharing, caring, obeying our parents, putting others first and looking to Jesus as the perfect example. We want children to appreciate what Jesus has done for us, and learn to love like Jesus.

There is great sadness and pain in the story of Easter, but joy in the miracle of his resurrection. The best part about the story of Jesus' death is not that He died. The best part is that He came back to life! We see this death-to-life all around us so it's easy to make comparisons like seeds which are buried in the ground to bring new fruit, dead trees that sprout beautiful blooms, winter's cold which leads to fresh spring!

Jesus' death was a pre-planned act of love and sacrifice, one that would end in life so surprising and amazing that it overshadows the gruesomeness of death—and even defeats death itself. Let's point our kids to Jesus' loving sacrifice and His amazing resurrection life this Easter. Through Jesus we have hope and life!



*John 14:6 I am the way,
the truth, and
the light!*