

## ALL AGES WORSHIP LESSON - APRIL 4, 2021

# ALLELUIA, CHRIST IS RISEN

**Focus Scripture:** John 20:1:18

**Purpose:** This is the day celebrating that Jesus has risen! The day we shout “Alleluia”!

### Preparation

Pictures and materials for story and activity are at the end of the lesson

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light the Christ candle to remind us that God is always with us.

### Opening Prayer

Thank you, God, for the good news of Easter.

Thank you for Jesus’ resurrection which shows us that death is not the end, that we can live with you forever.

Amen.

### Easter Scavenger Hunt



**In advance:** Bring a set of twelve Easter egg shapes cut out from card or paper (**clipart is a good source of templates**); felt-tip pens if you wish to colour the eggs; a marker pen; some clever ideas of where to hide the eggs around the house. On the back of each egg shape, write one letter from the sentence: ‘Jesus is alive.’ You might like to make enough sets

for everyone involved so they can find a sentence each, or if there are non-readers in your household draw differently coloured dots on the back of each egg and say there are twelve colours to find. A further possibility that avoids reading letters would be to draw twelve differently coloured stick people representing some of Jesus’ friends who were hiding in the room upstairs on that first Easter evening.

## Song

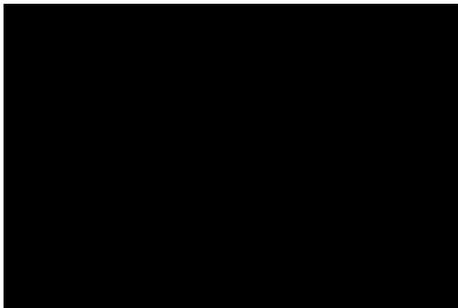
The image shows a musical score for the song "Ho, Ho, Hosanna". It consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in 4/4 time and has a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics for the top staff are: "Ho-Ho-Ho-Ho-sa-a-na Ha-Ha-Ha-le lu-u-jah". The bottom staff is also in 4/4 time and has a key signature of one flat. The melody is written on a bass clef. The lyrics for the bottom staff are: "He-He-He is ri-i-sen Praise his holy name".

## Introducing the Theme

During Easter, we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. It is a joyous time! Let's decorate to show that we are celebrating.

Have the children draw pictures to show Jesus' resurrection and Easter.

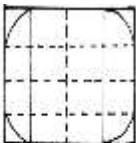
## Exploring the Theme



Video of the Easter Story

## Integrating the Theme

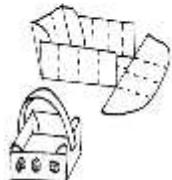
### Younger Children: Easter Baskets



**Materials:** Construction paper (your choice of colour), Easter stickers, precut handles for the basket and stapler

#### **How to Make:**

1. Fold 22.5cmx30cm/9inx12in construction paper in four each way.
2. Cut as shown by dark lines on the illustration.
3. Fold up ends, staple, and add sticker decorations.
4. Staple on handle from additional strip of construction paper.



## **Older Children – Salt Painting of Cross**



**Materials:** Black construction paper, white glue, salt, watercolour paints, paint brush

**How to Make:**

1. Start by “drawing” your picture on your black paper with the white glue. (Keep this to simple outlines. It doesn’t work well when you fill big chunks of the paper in with glue.)
2. Sprinkle salt all over the glue.
3. Then pour off the excess salt.
4. Start painting with the watercolor paints. Because the salt is so absorbent, you just touch your paintbrush to the salt and the color spreads like magic! (You do not have to wait for the glue to dry)

### **Closing Prayer**

**Leader:** Christ is risen!

**Children:** Christ is risen, indeed!

**All:** Alleluia!

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