

Turning Points 2020 VBS

Overview: Jesus Changes Everything

Theme: Jesus came to Earth to mend a broken world, first through healing, then through the mystery of the cross, then through partnership with His people through the Holy Spirit.¹

Bible reference: Portions from Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

- ❖ Chill: Jesus Changes Everything
- ❖ Create: Roll Away the Stone
- ❖ aCt: Float a boat
- ❖ Celebrate: Puppets, Pray, Sing
- ❖ Chew: Nest and Bird
- ❖ Take-home Menu

Chill: Story ([adapt MC2 p,179-181](#)) [link](#))

Create: Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins. He was buried in a cave-like tomb and a huge stone was rolled over the opening. Three days later, when his followers came to visit the tomb, the stone had been rolled away and Jesus was not there. He lives!

- ❖ **Messy:** Roll Away the Stone: You will need: An empty pizza box (can be one gently used); Five or six marbles or marble-sized stones; rubber band or string to wrap around the box; paper; several colors of water-based paint- tempera, poster, acrylic; a spoon for each color; painter's tape; water to clean the marbles. To do: Lay a sheet of paper inside the pizza box and use painter's tape to tape it securely to the box. You can add a few strips of tape to block out a design if you like. Carefully spoon a few small blobs of different colors of paint onto the paper. Place three or four clean marbles into a corner. Close the box and band or tie the lid closed. Hold by the sides and gently tilt the box from side to side for a minute or more. You can hear the marbles roll from side to side. Don't shake or pound the box. Open the box. Remove and clean the marbles. Carefully untape your creation.
- ❖ **Not-so-messy:** Make a Garden of Gethsemane: You will need: a clear container: like a clear plastic cup, mason jar, or drinking glass; soil; moss; pebbles; small stick; green paper, tape, scissors and pen. To do: Place an inch or two of soil in the bottom of a clear container. Gather bits of moss and pebbles to arrange inside. Use the stick and paper to design a tree for you garden. Insert into the moss. Water as needed.
- ❖ **Print out a coloring sheet.**



¹ Moore, Lucy. *Messy Church 2*. (Abingdon, UK/Bible Reading Fellowship, 2008), 174.

aCt: Mark 4: 35-41 tells about a time when Jesus and his disciples were together in a boat. When a violent storm hit, the boat was tossed and turned and the disciples were sure they were going to be drowned. Jesus, said “Quiet! Be still!” and the wind stopped and it became completely calm.

- ❖ Float a boat: Use a rectangle of aluminum foil to form a boat. Try it out in the sink or bath-tub, to see if it will float. Add pennies as cargo and see how many pennies it will hold before it sinks.

Celebrate: Puppets, Pray, Sing

- ❖ Mrs. Doubt-it-all and Miss Know-it-all have an Easter argument.
- ❖ Sing a Song: Lord I Lift Your Name on High. (copyright???) Jesus Loves Me? ([Link video](#))

Chew: Jesus told us that God loves us more than He loves the birds of the air, (and He loves them very much.) Eggs are a symbol of new life and remind us of Jesus Christ’s rebirth.

- ❖ Create a Krispy Treat Nest²:

Ingredients:

3 Tablespoons butter

1 10-oz. bag of marshmallows (about 40) or 4 cups miniature marshmallows

6 cups krispy rice cereal

Muffin tin—buttered or coated with spray cooking oil

1. In a large sauce-pan melt butter over low heat.
2. Add marshmallows and stir until completely melted. Remove from heat.
3. Stir in krispy rice cereal until well-coated.
4. Cool slightly, until easy-to-handle. Using buttered hands or spatula, press a ball into a greased muffin tin, creating a nest.
5. Make a few smaller balls to represent eggs. Or add a few chocolate eggs, jelly beans or other candy.

Take-home Menu: Do try this at home.

- ❖ Find something around the house that is broken and fix it so it is useful again. When you use it or see it, thank Jesus for coming to mend our broken world³.
- ❖ Make a “Worry Stone.” Find a smooth stone that will fit in your pocket. Wash it and dry it. With a Sharpie pen write the word LOVE on the stone. When you are worried or upset about something, rub the stone and think about how much Jesus loves you, and how He said, “Quiet! Be still!” to calm the storm.

² Moore, 174.

³ Moore, 182.