



CREATED NEW

SERIES OVERVIEW

A rugged cross: the old is gone. An empty grave: the new has come. Because of Jesus, we are made new! During this series, you will lead kids through the story of redemption—a story that began at creation and the fall, climaxed at the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, and continues through all who walk in new identities as God’s children! Easter isn’t merely an ancient story disconnected from our modern reality. The story of Easter reaches into our lives and changes the very core of who we are!

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EARLY CHILDHOOD SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

	Lesson Title	Scripture	Wonder Truth	Word of Wonder
Mar 15	Creation: Made in God’s Image	Genesis 1–2	God Made Us in His Image	Jesus makes us new.—from 2 Corinthians 5:17
Mar 22	The Fall	Genesis 3	God Never Gives Up on Us	
Mar 29	The Crucifixion	Matthew 27	Jesus Showed His Love by Dying for Us	
Apr 5	The Resurrection	Luke 24	Jesus Is Alive!	
Apr 12	New Creation	Romans 5	Jesus Makes Us New	

SERIES INVITATION

With the arrival of Easter, I am provoked to two extremes of feeling. I feel excitement and hope as I picture the children coming to celebrate Christ's resurrection. But, as I start to prepare and think about everything that needs to get done, I also feel anxious and overwhelmed. I fall into the trap of getting so busy "doing God's work" that I miss the real work that God wants to do within me.

I wonder about the root of my anxiety. Why do I believe the lie that only I can do the task at hand? Let's spend a few minutes slowing down and talking with God in silence. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17.

This verse reminds us that, through Jesus, we are made new. Our former fallbacks—pride, reliance on works, self-promotion, self-justification—are part of the old. They are gone! Through Jesus, we are free to live surrendered to the will of God, in the safety of His perfect love, no longer having to prove ourselves to anyone. So, reminded of that truth, how do you feel going into Easter?

Let's celebrate the wonder of being created new! It's not something we deserve by our own merits but something we are given by God's grace, through His Son, Jesus Christ. Let's lead, love, and launch the next generation to live wonder-filled lives that show God's power to conquer sin and create them (and us!) anew!

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