



Holy – Lesson 5

Order of Service (Skit)

1) Introduction

2) Welcome & Memory Verse

Welcome back to the Tree House! It's always fun to see you come into the Tree House. Have you been practicing your memory verse at home? Let's all stand up and do it together.

"For the wages of sin is death (left hand palm up and right hand palm down, then flip them to where left hand palm down and right hand palm up)

but the gift (both hands palm up level with face then push out like you're giving someone a gift)

of God is eternal life (both hands "L" shaped side by side with thumbs pointed up, then move both hands up near face)

through Christ Jesus our Lord" (right hand "L" shaped start at left shoulder then move to right hip).

Romans 6:23

Let's try that one more time. (Repeat using motions above.)

That was awesome! Everyone sit back down.

For the last four weeks, we have been learning about Easter and what it is and means. Let's hear what our friends are talking about today.

3) Skit

Roles:

Zip

Willow

Willow: **Oh, I am so excited!**

Zip: **What? What is so exciting?**

Willow: **It's the most incredible day ever—it's EASTER!**

Zip: **Even more incredible than Christmas? Christmas is Jesus' birthday, and we get presents on Christmas. I just love presents!**

Willow: **Christmas is great, and it is when we celebrate Jesus being born, but Easter is when we celebrate what he did.**

Zip: **What did he do? Did Jesus create chocolate covered bunnies? Ooh, ooh, or those little marshmallow chicks? They are so, so yummy!**

Willow: **No! Chocolate bunnies and marshmallow chicks are not the reason Jesus came or what he did for us. He is way more amazing than that!**

Zip: **Then what? What did he do? Why are you so excited?**

Willow: **Jesus came to rescue us, and we celebrate Easter because he did just that! God is perfectly Holy and has no sin, but we all sin. This means we could not have a relationship with God. You see, for God to have a relationship with us and live with us forever, he sent his Son Jesus to make things right again.**

Zip: **How did he make things right?**

Willow: **Well, Jesus died on the cross. He died to take the punishment for OUR sin away from us. When he died, they took his body from the cross and placed him in a tomb.**

Zip: **What's a tomb?**

Willow: **A tomb is a small cave that can be sealed shut. Jesus' body was placed in a tomb and closed up with a giant rock that could not be easily moved. Guards were placed outside his tomb to make sure nobody took his body.**

Zip: **Wow! This doesn't sound very exciting.**

Willow: **But that's not the end—he didn't stay there. GUESS WHAT!? On the third day after Jesus died, he came back to life. The stone had been rolled away and the tomb was empty!**

Zip: **So just like that, Jesus was alive?**

Willow: **Yep, just like that! Death couldn't hold him. Jesus had the power over sin and death. God did all of this to rescue us because he loves us this much (Willow stretches arms way out wide)!**

Zip: **Jesus paid the price for our sins. That's amazing because I do some mean things sometimes. I need God to forgive me a lot. Forgiveness is something I need more than all the chocolate bunnies and marshmallow chicks in the whole world!**

Willow: **Jesus said it was "Good News!"**

Zip: **It is GREAT NEWS!**

4) Songs

Wow! Easter really is a lot more than egg hunts, bunnies, and candy! Isn't it exciting that God loved us so much that he sent us his Son Jesus! Let's thank him by singing praises to him. Jump up and let's worship!

5) Prayer & Closing

Thanks for praising God with me today. Let's sit and pray before we go back to our rooms. Dear God, we thank you again for loving us so much. Thank you for giving us Jesus so that we could be forgiven. Thank you for teaching us that you are holy and what celebrating Easter is all about! We love you. Amen.

