

**Big Idea:** **EASTER** – The day we celebrate the GREATEST thing that Jesus ever did for us!

**Memory Verse:** "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." John 3:16 (NIV)

**Bible Story:** God Loved the World – John 3:16 (NIV)

**Bottom Line:** God loves us.



K-1st Grade

Week 1

**BEFORE LARGE GROUP**

## Early Arriver Idea

### ✂ SUPPLIES:

- White paper - 1 per child
- Markers/Crayons

### ☰ HOW-TO:

1. Have the kids draw pictures of what their families do together to celebrate Easter.
2. Have them share their pictures with the group.
3. Take time to share what you do to celebrate Easter as well.

### 🗨 SAY THIS:

Those are great pictures and such fun celebrations. Now let's see how good you are at playing a memory game.

## Opening Activity

### ✂ SUPPLIES:

- "Match the Creature" (Activity Page) -1 page per group copied on cardstock
- Scissors

### ☰ HOW-TO:

1. Cut out all the memory cards.
2. Mix them up and then lay them out facedown.
3. Put the kids into teams (*two teams for smaller groups, three teams for larger groups*).
4. Have the teams take turns matching the creatures. If the team makes a memory match, they can immediately play again. If they do not, it is the next team's turn.
5. Play until all cards have been matched.

### 🗨 SAY THIS:

Great job! You guys have memories like elephants! Let's go to large group and talk about some more creatures!

**HEAD TO LARGE GROUP >>>**

