



BIBLE DIG – JESUS’ SACRIFICE

Directions:

- Set up your own sensory bin for your child.
 - Fill up a plastic bin or bowl with dried rice, beans, etc.
- Bury the following items in your bin that will be used to help tell the Bible story.
 - Bible
 - Bag of coins
 - Cross
 - Rock
 - Phone

Note: If you do not have these items, you may draw it on a piece of paper to use.

- Have shovels, spoons, or plastic Easter eggs to use as digging tools.
- Read the script below and have fun digging up treasures about today’s Bible story with your child.

Intro to Bible Dig

WHAT I SAY

We are going to work together to see what we can learn and remember from the Bible story about Jesus at Easter.

We are going to do this by digging up some “artifacts” that tell us about the Bible story. Are you ready? Let’s dig, dig, dig it up!

Dig Site ITEMS

WHAT I SAY

Draw attention to the Bible.

Alright it’s time to see what you found on your dig! Look at what you found. Do you see a special book?

You are right! You see, this book is a **Bible** and it is very special. It is God’s special book for us and tells us true stories about people and places from a long time ago. Our story today comes straight from the Bible and it tells us the true story about a special holiday we celebrate this week. Do you know which holiday I’m talking about?

Yes! It’s Easter! Today’s story tells us about what happened before and during the very first Easter thousands of years ago when Jesus died on the cross for you and me!

Let’s get started with this story.

While Jesus was alive on earth, He had been doing a lot of miracles and people were following him everywhere He went. Many people loved Jesus. But not everyone was happy about the things Jesus was doing. Some of the Jewish leaders were so angry that they wanted to get rid of Jesus!

So, these leaders talked to one of Jesus' disciples named Judas. Judas said he would help them with their plan to take Jesus. Judas would even get something for helping them. Do you see something that you dug up that tells us what Judas got?

Draw attention to the bag of coins.

The **bag of money!** You see, Judas agreed to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.

So, one night Jesus was praying in the Garden of Gethsemane when all of a sudden, Judas and some soldiers came. Uh-oh! Judas showed the soldiers who Jesus was, and they arrested Him and took Him away.

They took Jesus to stand in front of the some Jewish leaders. They were called the High Council. They asked Jesus questions to try and decide if He had done something wrong. So they asked Jesus if He said He was the Son of God. Jesus said, "You said that I am." That seems like a weird answer.

You see, they wanted to know if Jesus really believed that He was the Son of God. The religious leaders yelled and shouted because they were so angry at Jesus for not answering their question the way they wanted. So, they decided Jesus had done something wrong and He deserved to die, even though He had never done anything wrong.

Then they took Jesus to a Roman ruler named Pilate. Pilate even said Jesus had done nothing wrong! But when the crowd began to shout and get upset, Pilate changed his mind and sent Jesus to die.

Even though Easter is a fun day that we celebrate, it was a day with a lot of sadness because Jesus had to go through a lot of pain. The soldiers hurt Jesus and then, they made Him carry something that was big and heavy. Do you see something that they made Jesus carry?

Draw attention to the cross.

The **cross.** You've probably seen a cross before. It's a special shape that reminds us of Jesus. The soldiers put Jesus on that cross they made Him carry. Then, later that day, Jesus died, just as Jesus and God said it would have to happen.

Some people that loved Jesus put His body in a tomb and covered the entrance to keep it safe. Do you see something that they could have used?

Draw attention to the rock.

This **rock!** They covered the entrance of Jesus' tomb with a great big rock so that Jesus' body would be safe. Three days passed and some people thought that was the end of the story. But, that's *not* the end of the story. Jesus' story at Easter has a very happy ending!

On that third day, a couple of women went to visit Jesus' tomb but when they got there the tomb was empty! There was nothing inside! Jesus was gone!

An angel came and told the women, “Do not be afraid. He is not here. He is risen!” The angel told them that Jesus was alive! This was big news! What would you do if you heard some big, big news like this?

Draw attention to the phone.

Well let me tell you what they did. You see this **phone** you found on your dig? This phone tells us that the woman told people the good news! They wouldn't have had a phone to tell people, so they ran and found people to tell. They went and shared the news that Jesus was alive!

Jesus died and came back to life so that we can live with Him forever in Heaven. Jesus is alive! That's the story of Easter!

Talk About It

In this Bible story, we learned about some things happened to Jesus on Easter. He did this so that He could save us from our sins. He did so much for you and me. He died and came back to life so that we could be saved and spend forever with Him in Heaven when we believe in Him. If you believe in what Jesus did and know that He is alive, you can spend forever in Heaven with Him. Let's talk some more about our Bible story and what it means to believe Jesus is alive!

Now, I have a few questions for you:

1. Were the Jewish leaders happy or angry with Jesus?
They were very angry.
2. What did Jesus do so that we could be with Him in Heaven?
He died on the cross.
3. What happened on the third day after Jesus had died?
He came back to life! He is alive!
4. What was your favorite thing we found during our dig today?