

**GOD IS:**

Love.

**BIBLE STORY:**

Easter Story Matthew 27 + 28

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**BIG IDEA:**

Your child will learn how much God loves them, that He will love us forever, even when we are unlovable and that He would do anything for us., including sending Jesus to us. The kids retold the story using felt. We sang songs while playing with musical instruments. Our egg hunt reminded the kids of Jesus’ friends looking for Him. We played with our parachute, covering the kids with it, just as Jesus’ love covers us.

**THEME SONG:**

God loves me and I know it, clap my hands.

 God lovesme and I know it, clap my hands.

 God loves me and I know it, then my face will surely show it.

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**FAMILY** **REMINDERS:**

Our mission in Ridge Kids is to, help children find and follow Jesus in a safe and fun environment. While we’re learning about Jesus, here’s how you can partner with us to create a safe and fun environment:

* Stash your stuff:

 Please keep toys, coats and bags in the cubbies outside the boys’ bathrooms. We have labels you can use to help keep track of your items.

* Food and Drink:

 Your children will be given Cheerios during our time together. You may send a labeled water cup, but please help us respect food allergy and cleanliness concerns by keeping all other items outside the classroom. If your child has a snack or drinks on the way into the room, have them finish it before they enter the room.

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