



No Matter What / Week 2

BEFORE GROUP

BOTTOM LINE

Easter reminds us we're important no matter what.

SCRIPTURE

John 20:11-18 NLT

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To show students that they are important to Jesus no matter what and to point them back to the resurrection of Jesus as an important part of their faith.

THINK ABOUT THIS

You may have many students in your group this week who are new to church or who only attend around the holiday season. Do your best to keep them in mind as

you lead this week. You'll be guiding the conversation for students who are coming in with all kinds of viewpoints and understandings of Jesus, the resurrection, and what it means to them. While any kind of decision made to follow Jesus is important and worth celebrating as a win for your group, sometimes the win is simply that the students showed up. If they don't walk away fully sure of what they believe or think about Easter this week, that's okay. The goal is to simply make them feel seen and important so that they walk away wanting to come back and keep the conversation going!

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here.

DURING GROUP

ICE BREAKER

In your opinion, who's the most important person in the world?

DO THIS (EXPERIENCE) #1

Have each student write their name on a sticky note and put it on the floor or wall. For every person in the group, students will write down a reason they're each important. They'll then stick the notes next to the corresponding students' names. Be prepared to write down some notes for those students who are new to the group or who don't have many notes beside their name. You could write things like...

- "You are important to Jesus no matter what."
- "You are valued in this group."
- "You make our group better."

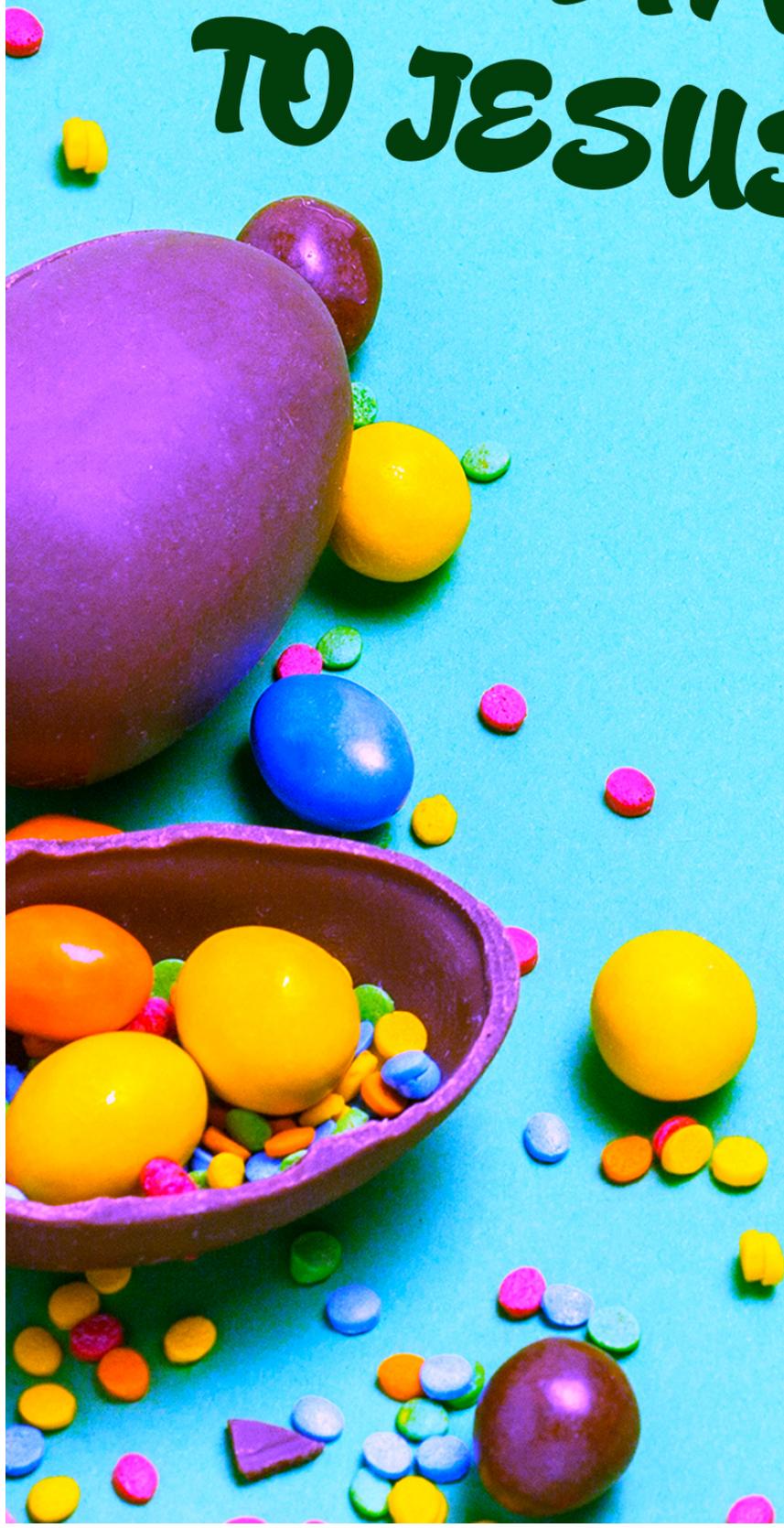
DISCUSS THIS

1. How does knowing that others think you're important make you feel?
2. What's one way the Easter story shows us that we're important to Jesus?
3. Does the resurrection feel important to your life today? Why or why not?
4. What's something about the Easter story you want to know more about?

DO THIS (EXPERIENCE) #2

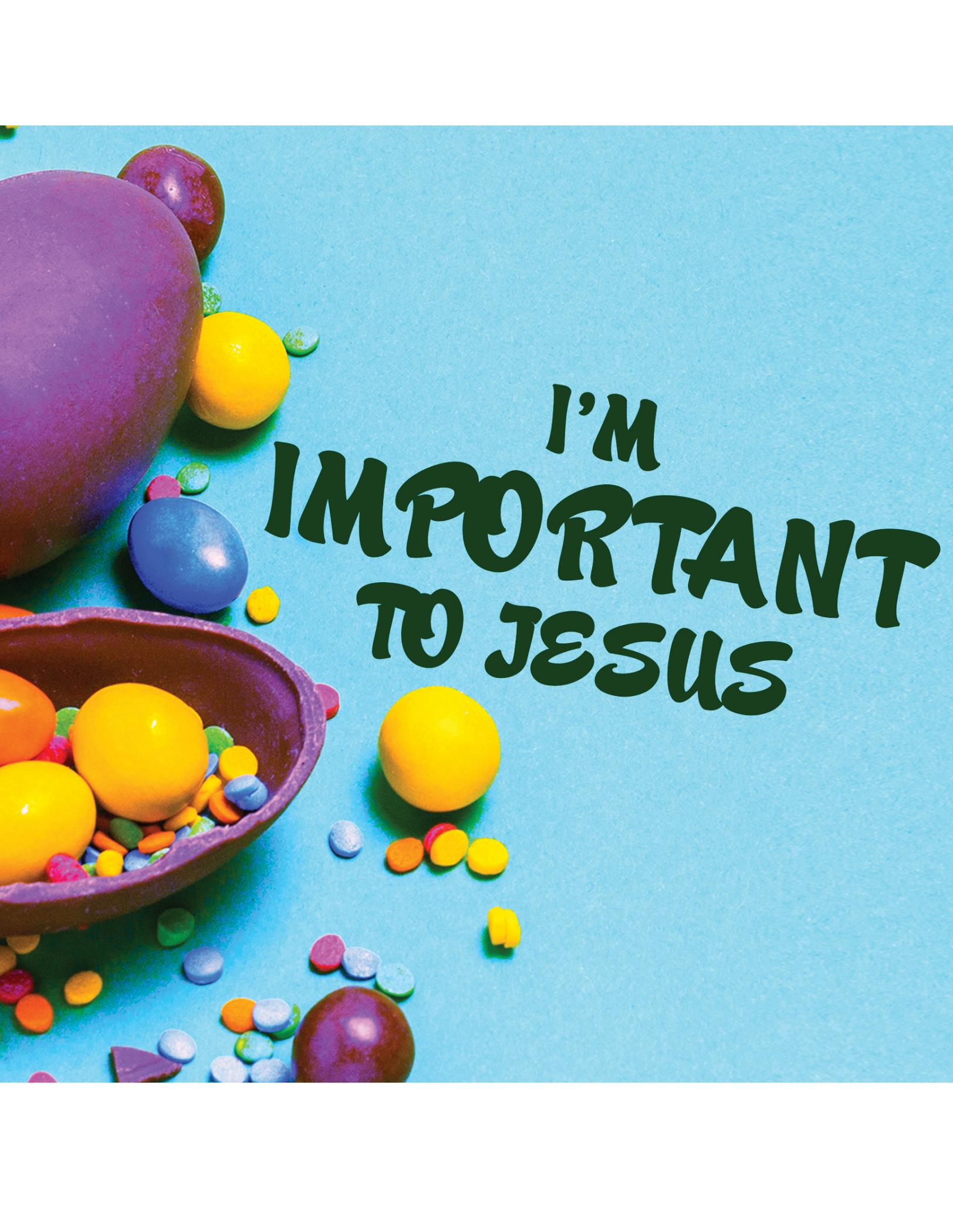
Give out the provided phone lock screen image or sticker and tell students to use it as a reminder of how they're important to Jesus no matter what. Go around the circle and have each person out loud say, "I'm important to Jesus."

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A vibrant blue background is adorned with various colorful Easter eggs and candies. On the left, a large purple egg is partially visible, along with several smaller eggs in shades of yellow, blue, and purple. A purple bowl in the lower-left corner is filled with a mix of colorful candies and smaller eggs. Scattered across the blue surface are numerous small, round candies in various colors, including yellow, blue, orange, and purple. The overall scene is festive and celebratory.

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