

Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why did Jesus have to die on the cross?
- Who raised Jesus from the dead?
- How can people be forgiven of their sins?

Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection

Matthew 26-28; John 20

STORY POINT: JESUS' RESURRECTION GIVES TRUE JOY TO BELIEVERS.

Jesus had been arrested and taken to Pilate, the governor. The governor's soldiers put a scarlet robe on Jesus and made a crown of thorns and put it on His head. They beat Jesus and led Him away to be killed.

The soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross. Darkness covered the land. Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Jesus shouted again and then He died. Jesus was buried in a tomb.

On the third day, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb. An angel of the Lord rolled back the stone and sat on it.

The angel spoke to the women, "Don't be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus. He is not here. He has risen, just like He said He would."

The women ran to tell the disciples the good news. Just then Jesus greeted them. The women worshiped Him. "Don't be afraid," Jesus told them. "Tell My followers to go to Galilee. They will see Me there."

Jesus appeared to Peter and then to the other disciples. Many people witnessed that Jesus is alive!



Christ Connection: Jesus' death and resurrection is the center of the gospel. Jesus died to pay for our sins. Jesus is alive! God gives hope and true joy to everyone who trusts in Jesus.

Crack the Code

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the code provided to figure out the good news.



Younger Kids Activity Pages Easter • Session 2 Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- The religious leaders had Jesus arrested, though He never sinned.
- They killed Jesus by nailing Him to a cross.
- Jesus died to pay for our sin.
- Jesus rose on the third day.
- Jesus' resurrection gives true joy to believers.

KEY PASSAGE: 1 Chronicles 16:31

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What is the gospel? The gospel is the good news that God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to rescue sinners.

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- Who raised Jesus from the dead?
- How does Jesus' resurrection give us joy?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- As you participate in whatever Easter traditions your family enjoys, talk to your kids about the reason we celebrate Easter. Invite them to write praises to God for His love and forgiveness.



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The Word Alive

What words can you make using the letters in **RESURRECTION**? List them below.

The Perfect Fit

Circle the word that belongs in each sentence.

The governor's soldiers made a crown of _____ and put it on His head. **(flowers / thorns)**

Then they mocked Him: "Here is the _____ of the Jews!" **(boss / King)**

The _____ nailed Jesus to a cross. **(soldiers / criminals)**

Jesus cried out, "My God, why have You _____ Me?" **(laughed at / forsaken)**

One of the men guarding Jesus' body said, "This man really was God's _____!" **(Son / enemy)**

On the third day, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the _____. **(garden / tomb)**

An angel of the Lord rolled back the stone and _____ on it. **(sat / spat)**

The angel spoke to the women, "Jesus is not here. He has _____. " **(died / risen)**

Just then Jesus greeted them. "Don't be _____," Jesus told them. **(afraid / mad)**

Jesus appeared to more than _____ people who followed Him. **(500 / 5 million)**

Jesus is _____. **(missing / alive)**

JESUS CRUCIFIXION & RESURRECTION

Matthew 26-28; 1 Corinthians 15

There are many options here for all age groups.

Pick and choose some fun activities that will work best for your family!

Bible & Science- Life Change that Comes from Jesus

Supplies: clear glass, raw egg, vinegar, water, a week's worth of time

1. Place a raw egg in a clear glass and fill the glass with vinegar.
2. Set the glass aside for one day and don't touch.
3. On day 2, pour off the vinegar completely and replace it with a fresh glass of vinegar.
4. Let it sit...don't touch it...for 5 more days.
5. After 5 days, pour off the vinegar, gently rinse the egg with water, lightly patting the foam off of the outside.

Compare what the egg looked and felt like on Day 1 vs Day 6. What changed? What was missing? Where did the shell go? How is the egg from day 6 like the raw egg we put in the glass on Day 1? How is it different?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. How does this experiment remind you of this verse?

When we confess our sins and ask Jesus to be our Savior our sins are gone. They've been stripped away like the shell dissolved from the egg. When we become believers we are a "new creation." He doesn't just fix a piece of our lives. He gives us a brand new start!

When you become a follower of Christ, what changes in you?

THE CROSS - ART CREATIONS

Tape Resist Cross

Supplies: Painters tape, water color paint

1. Make a cross shape in the middle of the paper using painters tape. (Make sure its pushed down hard to the page)
2. Let your kids go crazy painting across the whole paper, however they want.
3. Let it dry, remove the tape, and see your final creation.



Polka Dot Cross Outline

Supplies: Painters Tape, acrylic paint, q-tips

1. Make a cross shape in the middle of the paper using painters tape.
2. Using their finger or a q-tip, have kids make dots of different paint colors like seen in the picture.
3. Let it dry and peel away the tape to see your final creation.



Why did Jesus come to Earth? What did Jesus have to do to save us from our sin? Why is the cross so important?

PILLOW FORT TOMB

Use supplies from around the house to make a cave/tomb like blanket fort. Takes turns going in and out of the fort

Jesus died on the cross and was buried in a tomb. Jesus' tomb would have been kind of like a cave. We took turns going into the little tomb and coming out, and today we heard about how Jesus came out of His tomb.

***Option 2: Using your fort, act out the Bible lesson!**

SIGN FOR THE CROSS

Give each child a rectangular piece of cardboard or paper and some markers.

The Bible tells us that the soldiers made a sign to hang on the cross over Jesus' head. It was their way of making fun of him.

If you had the chance to make a sign that told other people who you think Jesus is, what would it say?

IT SHOULD BE EASY

-Place a quarter on the floor about a foot away from the wall.
-Have a child stand between the wall and the quarter. They should have their feet together with their back and heels against the wall.
-Challenge them to pick up the coin without moving their feet.

It seemed like it should be an easy task. But it wasn't. Jesus went to the garden to pray and asked his disciples to pray with him, which should've been easy, but they fell asleep!

DOWNTOWN ZOO QUESTIONS

After watching our video and reading the provided Bible passage go through these questions as a family. These are great questions to discuss as a family. Don't just have your child answer, answer them together and discuss the lesson.

1. Where did Joseph put Jesus' body?
2. Who went to the tomb to see Jesus?
3. How did the women feel when the angels told them that Jesus was alive again?
4. Who died and is alive again?

UPTOWN KIDS QUESTIONS (LIGHTHOUSE & THRIVE)

1. How did Jesus die? Why is it important that Jesus really died?
2. What did the women find on the third day?
3. Why did the angel tell the women to not be afraid?
4. Why is it important that Jesus rose to life?
5. How does Jesus' resurrection give us hope/joy?
6. What is the gospel? How can we share the gospel that Jesus is alive?