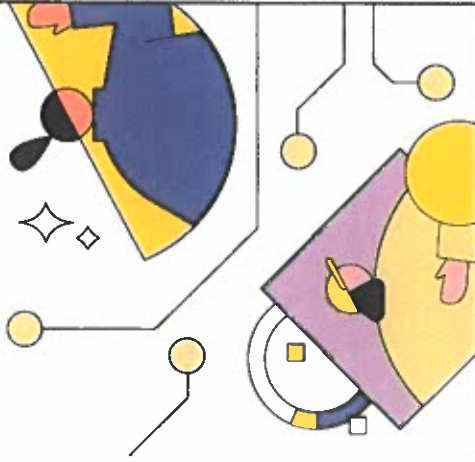


Connected: Switch on the power of peace

Easter is celebrating that Jesus is alive.



Talk About the Bible Story

Open the Bible together and read Luke 24:1-12, 36-49 or watch the video together on the Parent Cue app.

Engagement Questions

- How can you celebrate that Jesus is alive?
- How can Jesus help you through hard things?
- What are some ways you can work on making peace with other people?

Faith and Character Activity

Scan the QR code below for activities to guide kids at every phase to trust Jesus in a way that changes how they see God, themselves, and the rest of the world.



Scan the QR code to get started

Prayer

“God, thank You for Easter because Easter means that Jesus is alive. Help us to believe and put our trust in Jesus and follow Him each day. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

MEMORY VERSE

“God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life.”

John 3:16, NIV

Weekly Parent Cues



Elementary

ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER



Morning Time

As your kid starts their day, celebrate that Jesus is alive with a special breakfast. (For some, this may be as simple as actually having time for breakfast.)



Meal Time

At a meal this week, have everyone at the table answer this question: “Why does Easter matter?”



Drive Time

While on the go, ask your kid: “Tell me something you know today that you didn’t know last week.”



Bed Time

Pray for each other: “Jesus, thank You for not only dying for our sins but also rising from the dead. You showed us that You can do anything. May we trust in You for both big things and small things because nothing is impossible for You.”

More Ways to Engage with Your Kid

Faith & Character Activities



Worship Song of the Month

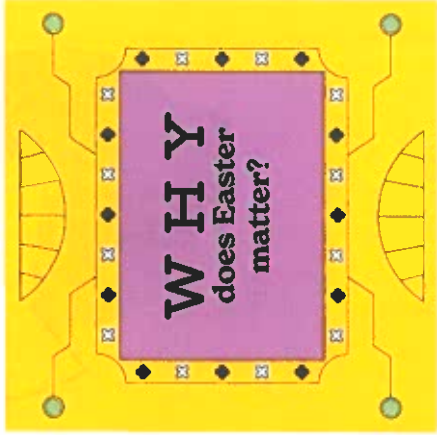


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Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.



Multiple horizontal dashed lines for journaling.



Day 1

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked:

Visit the Parent Cue app (available for iOS and Android) to watch this week's Bible story.

2. You learned:

Download it for free at parentcue.org/app.

3. You'd like to know:

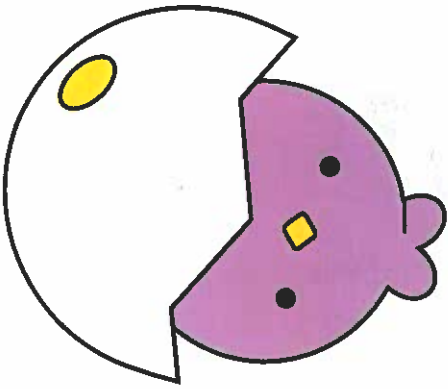
Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

Day 2

Read Luke 24:1-12

Grab a sheet of paper and some crayons, colored pencils, or markers. As you read Luke 24:1-12, create art to represent what you read. You can do something realistic based on the details of the story, or you can simply fill the page with color based on how the story makes you feel.

When you are done with your artwork, hang it somewhere you will see it to remember the truth that Jesus is alive, long after the Easter candy is gone.



Day 4

Jesus is alive.

If possible, meet up with a friend or small group leader to talk about how your Easter went. (If you can't meet up, try for a text or video chat.) Enjoy a treat— leftover Easter candy, anyone?—and share your favorite part of the holiday. Then talk about what it means to you that **Jesus is alive**. How does that fact change how you live your life? How does it bring you comfort or ease your fears?

Day 5



Why does Easter matter?

Have you ever thought about that question? Easter is much more than just one day. In fact, Easter affects every day that we live on Earth, and it affects us for all of eternity! Because of what Easter represents, we can have a relationship with God that is now and forever.

When you think about it, Easter is every day, because Easter means that **Jesus is alive!**

Figure out a way to remind yourself every day that Jesus is alive. Here are some ideas:

- If you have a device, set a reminder that goes off at a certain time every day with the message, “**Jesus is alive!**”
- If you have a calendar or schedule, write “**Jesus is alive!**” at the top of each page.
- Make a poster or a banner that says, “Every day is Easter!” Hang it on the back of your bedroom door so you see it every day.
- Write reminders (“**Jesus is alive!**” “Every day is Easter!”) on sticky notes, index cards, or any other small piece of paper that you can place in various spots around your room, backpack, car, and anywhere else you will see it often throughout the year.
- Come up with your own idea for reminding yourself of the good news of Easter!

Day 3

If you have any plastic Easter eggs,* grab one, along with a small sheet of paper.

Write a prayer, thanking God for sending Jesus to be your Savior. Also write down one or two prayer requests that you have. Finally, close the prayer by thanking God that **Jesus is alive**. Read your prayer out loud, and then stick it in the Easter egg. Place the Easter egg somewhere you will see it, but don't open it for at least a month. When you open it, pray the prayer again and thank God for any answered prayers.

*If you don't have any plastic Easter eggs, you can put the paper in an envelope or simply fold it in half and tape it. Decorate the outside of the envelope or paper with Easter eggs and colorful designs.

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the people cheered! Everyone say: "Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!"

But Jesus' friend, Judas, made a deal to betray Jesus. Everyone say: "Oh no, Judas!"

Jesus celebrated the Passover meal (*lead kids to mimic eating*) with His friends, sharing the bread and wine to show that He was about to give His life.

After the meal, Jesus and His friends went up the Mount of Olives. Walk with me, friends. (*Lead kids to walk in place, then stop.*)

When they arrived, Jesus stopped to pray: "Father, if you are willing, take this cup of suffering away from me. But do what you want, not what I want." (Luke 22:42, NIV).

As Jesus finished praying, a group of religious leaders and guards arrived led by Judas. Everyone say: "Oh NO, Judas!"

They took Jesus away, had a fake trial, and sent Him before Pilate. And even though Jesus had done nothing wrong, the crowds still yelled for Him to be killed. Jesus was nailed to a cross, and He died. It was very sad. (*Lead kids to make a sad face.*)

They placed His body in a tomb and rolled a big stone over the entrance. Help roll that stone, friends. (*Lead kids to mimic rolling a big stone over the entrance.*)

Early on Sunday morning, some of Jesus' friends, a few women, came to the tomb to take care of Jesus' body. They saw that the stone had been rolled away! Two angels suddenly stood next to them and said, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" (Luke 24:4, NIV). The women ran to tell their friends what they had seen. Hold up your megaphones and say it with me: **[Bottom Line] "Jesus is alive."**

Peter ran to the tomb, found the linen strips that had been around Jesus' body, and wondered what had happened. What happened, friends? Say it with me: **[Bottom Line] "Jesus is alive."**

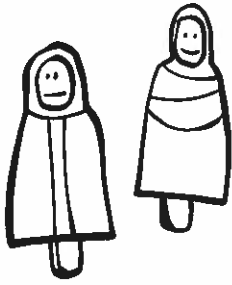
Later that day, two men said that they had met Jesus along the road to Emmaus because, say it with me: **[Bottom Line] "Jesus is alive."**

As the disciples were talking about all that had happened, Jesus appeared in the room with them. They were surprised and terrified. He showed them His wounds and proved that, say it with me: **[Bottom Line] "Jesus is alive."**



What to Do:
Print on cardstock, one for each kid.

EMPTY TOMB BUILDING INSTRUCTIONS



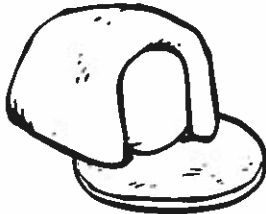
- 1** Select two or three volunteers to use the construction paper and markers to draw the two women in biblical robes and two angels any way they choose and cut them out. Once finished, instruct the kids to tape their figures to craft sticks.



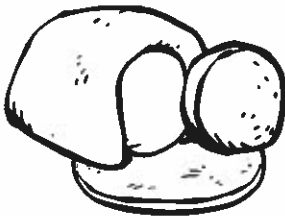
- 2** Select a volunteer to shape a lump of playdough into a flat 3-4" circle. Pat it flat and lay it onto the center of the tray. This will be the base for the tomb.



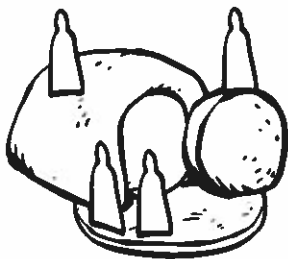
- 3** Select a volunteer to lay the cup on its side halfway onto the playdough circle.



- 4** Select two volunteers to use playdough in a different color from the base to cover the cup to create the "tomb."



- 5** Select a volunteer to roll another lump of playdough into a flat circle to fit the opening of the cup. This will be the stone that's rolled away. Once formed, have the volunteer place it to the side of the entrance.



- 6** Invite the kids who created the women and angel figures to add them to the empty tomb garden. They can stick one angel on top of the stone, one on top of the tomb or at the entrance. They can place the women facing the tomb. You may need to add additional lumps of playdough to the tray to hold up the craft stick figures.

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What to Do:
Print on paper and cut apart, one set for each Small Group.

"John 3:16 Verse Word Cards" Activity Page, NIV
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