

Jesus' Death and Resurrection

Opening Questions

1. What is your favorite thing about Easter?
2. Do you know why we celebrate Easter?

Introduction: Say, "When we say, "Easter", most people think of the Easter bunny and hunting for eggs. These are all fun traditions but that is not the real reason we celebrate Easter! The real reason we celebrate Easter is because Jesus died for us and rose again! Let's look at the story together!"

Lesson Adapted from Bible Studies for Life for Kids
<https://biblestudiesforlife.com/kids/>

Read the scripture together: MATTHEW 21:1-11

Say, "Jesus and the disciples were heading to Jerusalem. Jesus sent two of the disciples into the village. He told the disciples they would see a donkey tied up with her colt. Jesus said to bring them to him. Jesus told them that if anyone said anything to the disciples, they were to say the Lord needs them. The prophet Zechariah had written that Jesus would come to Jerusalem as a King, gentle and riding a donkey colt. The disciples did just as Jesus had instructed them to do. They brought the donkey and its colt to Jesus. The disciples laid their clothes on the donkey and its colt. Jesus sat on them. As Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the whole city was excited. A very large crowd spread their clothes on the road, and others cut branches from trees to spread on the road. Some of the crowd went ahead of Jesus and others followed behind Him. The people cried out: 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'"

Read the scripture together: MATTHEW 26:36–28:10

Say, "Jesus was with His disciples in Gethsemane. He asked the disciples to sit while He prayed. Suddenly, a large crowd with swords and clubs came. Judas, one of the disciples, had betrayed Jesus and led these people to Jesus. Jesus was arrested. Jesus knew this was part of God's plan. All of the disciples ran away. Jesus was put on trial. He was mocked, beaten, and they placed a crown of thorns on His head. The soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross and He died. A rich man named Joseph took Jesus and placed Him in a tomb. Joseph rolled a large stone over the entrance. On the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary visited the tomb. An angel of the Lord was there. The angel said, Don't be afraid. Go tell the disciples that Jesus has risen from the dead, just like He said He would do. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary ran to tell the

disciples the good news. Just then, they ran into Jesus. They began worshiping Him. Jesus was alive!

Videos:

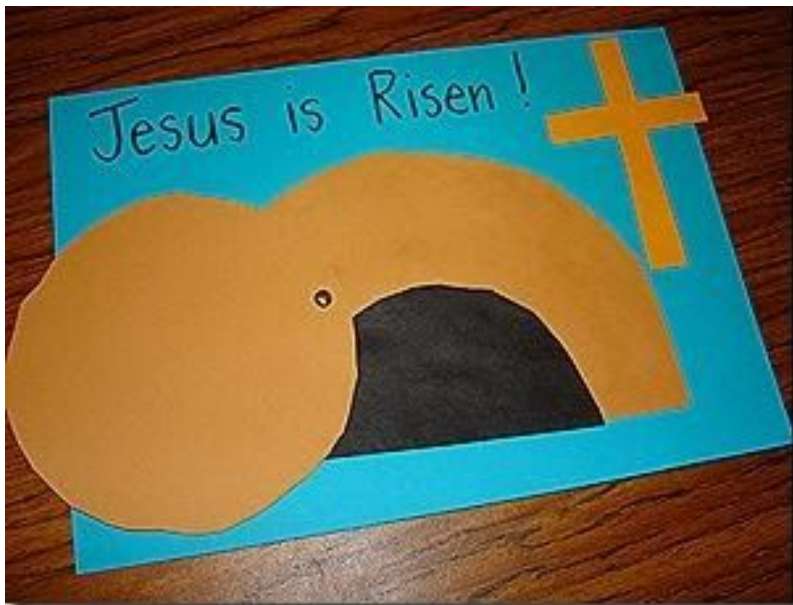
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL8R158Ujp4>

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Craft:

Make a picture showing Jesus' empty tomb!

1. Draw and cut two half circles: One large half circle that is brown and a small half circle that is black. Glue the small half circle to the big half circle.
2. Draw and cut a circle for the stone that was rolled away.
3. Draw and cut out a cross.
4. Glue the cut out pieces onto the paper. Attach the large circle to the half circle using a brad. If you do not have a brad, glue the large stone to the side to show the empty tomb.
5. Write or have your child write, "He is Risen!" on the paper.



Coloring Page for the Empty Tomb: <https://whatsinthebible.com/activity-library/empty-tomb/>

<https://whatsinthebible.com/activity-library/jesus-risen-coloring-page/>

Coloring Page for the Cross:

<https://www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/print/easter-cross-coloring-page/>

<https://whatsinthebible.com/activity-library/jesus-on-the-cross/>