







# Jesus is alive!

John 19:38 – 20:20

## Prayer

**D**ear Jesus, Alleluia! Thank You for Your power which conquered death. Thank You for victory over sin. Thank You that You rose again from the dead, giving the hope of eternal life. Thank You, most Holy Jesus. Amen.

## Family devotions

### SUNDAY

John 11:25-26

### MONDAY

Job 19:25-27

### TUESDAY

1 Peter 1:3-5

### WEDNESDAY

John 20:1-8, 19-20

### THURSDAY

1 Corinthians 15:51-58

### FRIDAY

John 20:26-31

### SATURDAY

Acts 1:8, 2:1-6

## What's it all about?

**T**he resurrection of Jesus is a key doctrine of the Christian faith that sets it apart from every other religion. Only in Christianity did our God come down to earth as a man, choose to die as a sacrifice, and overcome sin and death by rising from the dead.

In all other religions, you must strive to achieve high standards of behavior in hopes of making it to heaven someday. Christianity is different. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, you can come as you are, confess your sin; and God forgives you, accepts you, and loves you as His child. "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name" (John 1:12).

## Did you know?

- \* Joseph of Arimathea, a wealthy man, offered to bury Jesus. This was a fulfillment of the prophecy in Isaiah 53:9: "His grave was assigned with wicked men, yet He was with a rich man in His death."
- \* The Bible records at least 11 times that Jesus appeared before various groups of people before He ascended into heaven 40 days later.
- \* The disciples knew this was the real risen Jesus Christ because they saw the scars in His hands and feet, they touched Him, and He ate food with them (Luke 24:43).

## Family activity

- \* Plant flowers together, either in pots or gardens. Talk about how flowers represent the resurrection and new life in Christ. The flowers grow up out of the dirt from a "dead" seed and begin a new life.
- \* Find a large rock at a park and see if anyone in your family can move it. Imagine how surprised the women were when they came to the tomb and the stone had been rolled away!
- \* Is there a friend of yours who doesn't know this wonderful story about Jesus? Invite the friend to your home, read the resurrection story, and tell about the true meaning of Easter.

## Songs to sing

"He Is Lord"  
"Do You Know Who Died for Me"  
"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

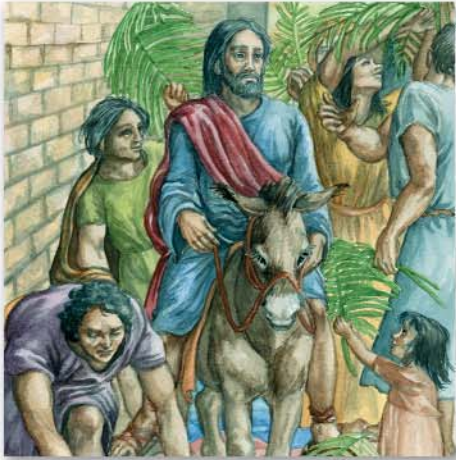
## Memory verse

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." *John 3:16*

# Jesus the Savior

Draw a line from the picture to the matching symbol.

Can you retell each story?



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"Hosanna to the King!"



Jesus died for my sins





## Lesson 3

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**A**fter Jesus died, His friends took Him from the cross and wrapped His body in clean cloths. They put Him in a tomb, which was a cave in a hillside. A big heavy stone was rolled in front of the tomb to close it. Soldiers guarded the tomb so no one would take Jesus' body away.

Very early in the morning, Jesus' friend, Mary Magdalene, came to the tomb. The stone had been rolled away. Jesus was not there. Mary ran to tell her friends. She said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb. We don't know where they have put Him!" Peter and John, Jesus' friends, ran to the tomb to

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look. The cloths that had been wrapped around Jesus were lying there, but Jesus was gone! Peter and John did not understand what happened to Jesus and went back home.

Mary Magdalene stayed near the tomb. She was crying. When she looked into the tomb, she was surprised! There were two angels inside. They were dressed all in white.

The angels asked Mary, "Why are you crying?"

"They have taken away my Lord," she said.

Then Mary turned around and saw a man. At first she thought He was the gardener, but it was really Jesus. Can you imagine how excited she was? Jesus was alive! Jesus asked her to go tell His friends that He was alive. Mary went and told them, "I have seen the Lord!"

That evening, Jesus' disciples were all together in one room. Jesus came to join them. When they saw Him, they knew He was alive!