

# JESUS HAS RISEN!

**Timeless Truth:** Jesus fulfilled the prophecies by rising from the dead.

**Bible Basis:** Matthew 28:2–8, 16–20; Luke 24:36–49; John 21:1–6

**Key Verse:** “He is not here! He has risen, just as he said he would.” —Matthew 28:6, NIV

**Resource:** *The Story for Little Ones*, Chapter 27: “Jesus Has Risen!”

## PARENT TIPS

Read chapter 27 in *The Story for Little Ones* several times this week and talk about the key point. Reading the story several times will help your preschooler to remember it. Use the Table Talk questions to talk about the lesson. Use the questions anytime throughout the week, not just at the table. The Living Faith activity is designed to help your child experience the joy of Jesus' resurrection through retelling the Bible story using items in plastic Easter eggs. The Extra Mile ideas give you more ways to help your child remember the lesson.

## GET THE POINT

God gave Jesus new life. He can give you a new life, too, if you ask him.

## TABLE TALK

- Tell me about something amazing that happened to you.
- What amazing thing happened to Jesus? (*He rose from the dead and is alive.*)
- Jesus' friends were surprised when they found his tomb empty. Have you ever been surprised?

## LIVING FAITH

Help your child remember the story from the last two weeks and the new life that we can have through Jesus with these Easter eggs that tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Gather plastic Easter eggs or other small containers. Put things inside each egg that remind you of a part of the Bible story. You might use the following items: a piece of bread, a rock, a strip of cloth, spices, a small cross, a nail, a plastic flower, and a piece of string or rope. Leave one of the eggs empty. Number the outside of the eggs to go in order of the story. The last egg is the empty egg. As you open each egg, retell that part of the Bible story. When you get to the empty egg, celebrate that the women found Jesus' tomb empty because he was risen!

**EXTRA MILE**

In class, your child read *The Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle to introduce the concept of a miracle. Read this book and other books about caterpillars and butterflies this week.

The news that Jesus is alive is too good to keep to ourselves. Think about ways you can share that Jesus is alive with family, friends, and neighbors. You might want to make cross-shaped cookies or cards to share this good news. Don't forget to include John 3:16, the verse your child has been learning.

Act out the part of the Bible story when the angel told Jesus' friends that he is alive. Be excited as you go to tell others that Jesus is alive!

Use these motions to continue to help your child remember the verse he has been learning in class.

**God** (*Point up.*)

**Loved the world so much** (*Hug yourself.*)

**That he gave** (*Act like you are giving someone a present.*)

**His one and only Son.** (*Hold up one finger.*)

**John 3:16** (*Open hands like a book.*)