

Parent Guide

Elementary: April 12

BIBLE STORY: Jesus' Resurrection
Matthew 28:1-15; John 20:1-18

MAIN POINT:
Jesus was resurrected on the third day.

FAMILY CONNECT QUESTION:

When was the last time you celebrated something? Was it a good grade, a birthday, going on a vacation?

Today we're celebrating Jesus' resurrection! He died on the cross for our sins, but that was not the end of the story. He defeated death so that we can experience forgiveness and a forever friendship with Him! Now, that's a reason to celebrate!

ACTIVITY: EMPTY TOMB GAME

What you need: tape, empty plastic eggs and/or ball

Create a tape circle on the floor. Place an egg in the center of the circle. Explain that the egg is the "door" of the tomb.

Challenge kids to take turns sharing one truth about Jesus' life, death, or resurrection. After sharing a truth, kids may roll one egg or small ball to try to knock the "door" to the tomb out of the circle.

Say • Jesus died on the cross, but He didn't stay dead. **Jesus was resurrected on the third day.** God was pleased with Jesus' sacrifice and raised Jesus from the dead to reign as King over all creation. Jesus provides salvation from sin and the promise of eternal life.

ACTIVITY: EASTER MOSAIC

What you need: colored paper, glue, scissors, OR sidewalk chalk

Create a mosaic of color celebrating Jesus' resurrection by creating a cross or crown on paper using colored scrap paper, or, share the Good News on your sidewalk or driveway using sidewalk chalk. Send us a picture of your creation!

ACTIVITY: SONG AND STORY

What you need: [link to today's lesson](#)
<https://vimeo.com/405511021>

ACTIVITY: BIBLE STORY RETELL

Just when Jesus' disciples thought all hope was lost ... **Jesus was resurrected on the third day.** Peter and John saw the empty tomb. Mary saw the empty tomb, and then she saw Jesus! Mary told the disciples that she had seen Jesus—alive!

Now, what did the guards do when they saw that the tomb was empty? They hurried back and told the religious leaders what had happened. But the religious leaders did not want people to know that Jesus had risen from the dead. They made a plan to lie and say that the disciples stole Jesus' body. Some people believed their lie, but that did not stop the truth from spreading. Word got out: Jesus is alive!

Do you know why it is so important that **Jesus was resurrected on the third day**? Think about it: What if Jesus had stayed dead? Every other religious leader has died, but only Jesus came back to life. Jesus rose from the dead because God was satisfied with His sacrifice. His resurrection shows His power over death. **Jesus is alive! We believe this by faith.**

Today, Jesus is seated at the right hand of God and reigns as King over all creation. [See *Phil. 2:9-10*.]

Pray: "Lord God, we celebrate because we know that we serve a living God. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead brings new life to all those who trust in You. Thank You for the gift of salvation through Your Son. We love You. Amen."

