

Resurrection Sunday - Jesus Saves!

Bible Passage: Matthew 26-28, Mark 15-16, Luke 23-24, John 17-20

Memory Verse of the Week: "If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Romans 10:9

Storytelling Video

Click [HERE](#) to watch this week's Kids Worship video.

Discussion & Activities

Review the story with your children. Use the image below to review the story in creative and unique ways that you know your child will enjoy. Use a Bible to read this story straight from God's Word as you review it. Encourage your reading-age children to practice using their own Bibles!



Story Overview:

God had a rescue plan to save the whole world from their sins. The plan was Jesus. Jesus rode into Jerusalem with his disciples, knowing this would be the week that would lead to God's rescue plan being fulfilled. Jesus celebrated the Passover meal, prayed to his father in a garden, was betrayed by a friend, was arrested, and then sent to die on the cross. But that was not the end! Jesus didn't stay dead. After three days, Jesus came back to life. Because of what Jesus did, God could now forgive us! We celebrate Easter to remember that Jesus came back to life and is waiting for His followers in heaven!

Discussion Questions:

Adapt and ask these questions to fit your children's ages and developmental levels.

1. **What do you think about this story? How did it make you feel? What was your favorite part?**
2. **What is a sacrifice?**
3. **Why did Jesus die on the cross?** John 3:16; Romans 6:23; 1 Peter 3:18
4. **Why is it important that Jesus not only died, but also rose from the dead?** 1 Corinthians 15:14
5. **How does the whole Bible lead up to Jesus' death and resurrection?** Luke 24:44
6. **How does it make you feel to know that Jesus died for you?**

Prayer of Blessing

Bless each child individually by going around and gently placing your hand on their head or shoulder saying:

(Say child's name), may you know that Jesus has defeated sin and death so you can have a relationship with Him. May you be blessed with the joy and hope that comes from knowing Him.

Take this time to pray with and for you children. Allow them to share prayer requests, pray for each other, and pray their and others specific prayer requests.

Craft: Mosaic Cross

SUPPLIES

White paper, colored/patterned paper, marker, glue, paint/sponge brush to spread glue

CREATE

Draw the outline of a large cross (like the image below) in the middle of each child's sheet of white paper.

Jesus' body was broken for us on the cross. Jesus allowed himself to be broken, to be killed. But why? So that we could be put back together with God! We were broken because of sin. And sin broke our relationship with God. When we believe in what Jesus did for us on the cross, he makes us whole again!

Have each person take a sheet of colored paper and begin ripping it into pieces of all sizes. These represent Jesus' body, broken for us. You may organize these pieces by color in small bowls or piles to help with the next step of the craft.

Now, have your children use the glue and colored scraps of paper to create a mosaic cross. This represents God bringing us back together with Him!

Continue to talk with your children about the significance of the cross and what it means for them. And celebrate this wonderful, happy day, when Jesus rose to save us!

