

United with Families

April 17, 2022

Easter

Luke 24:1-12

Bible Verse "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He isn't here but has been raised". Luke 24:5b-6a

The Story: At dawn on Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James and other women followers of Jesus went to the tomb with burial spices. They found the entrance stone rolled away from the tomb, so they went in, but the body of Jesus was not there. They were puzzled about this when suddenly there were two men in bright shining clothes standing beside them. The women were terrified and lowered their eyes. The men said 'Why are you looking for the living among the dead? He isn't here but has risen from the dead. He told you while in Galilee that he had to be handed over to sinners, die on a cross, and rise again on the third day'. And the women remembered Jesus' words. The women went back and told the Eleven and the others. They kept telling everyone, but the men did not believe them. Peter went running to the tomb. He only found some grave clothes, nothing else. Then he left amazed at what had happened.

Story Video: <https://youtu.be/HtIXFeU-vWM> Luke 24: 1-12 Apr 10, 2016

Talk about: Easter is the most important day in the Christian year. It is the conclusion of the story that started at Christmas. It was the women followers of Jesus that discovered the empty tomb. Peter also went to look for Jesus and could not find him. We don't need to go and look for Jesus. He has risen! He is as much alive and in our midst and our hearts today as He was on that first Easter morning. Hallelujah means God be Praised! Easter shows us how much God loves us. Each day this week, think of something that shows God's love for you, (for example someone helping you, listening to you, encouraging you) How can you show God's love to others?

Music Videos: <https://youtu.be/EHn4XIFgXps> Jesus is Alive - Orange Kids Music Nov 9, 2017
<https://youtu.be/E2BZV7m4BUY> GOD'S NOT DEAD: Song for Kids (EASTER) Jan 5, 2018
<https://youtu.be/fsCnuFCEgD4> Because (Children's Easter song by Shawna Edwards) Feb 24, 2018

God Sightings: Think of all the wonderful things you can see; things created by God- our families you, me, stars, sun, moon, animals, birds, and everything! We are looking at ways we see what God is doing or has done all around you. A God Sighting might be a hug or a beautiful sunrise or sunset. **You can be a God Sighting by being kind to others. My God Sighting:** _____

Faith and Prayer: Magnificent God, thank you for sending Jesus. This week may we show the joy of being an "Easter people", praising the work of Christ, and having the faith to share God's great love and gospel message with other people. Amen

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For Youth (grade 6 and up)

Talk about: The disciples didn't believe the women when they came back from the tomb, and most of them weren't willing to go and check it out for themselves. They were still living in the Good Friday experience. Mary, Joanna, and Mary finally put the pieces together, and to an extent realized what was going on. The possibility of resurrection was revealed. The risen Christ opened up their future and ours to an eternal life with God. What are ways that you see God is with you in these moments? On Easter we proclaim "Hallelujah" which means "God be praised". What are the special ways that our churches celebrate Easter? How can we live the good news of our new and eternal life with Jesus every day?

Music Video <https://youtu.be/-j3NZEedHQal> An Easter Hallelujah - Cassandra Star & her sister Callahan Mar 21, 2021

<https://youtu.be/Oibli1rz7mw> Christ Our Hope in Life and Death (Official Lyric Video) - Keith & Kristyn Getty, Matt Papa Mar 11, 2020

<https://youtu.be/xNrV2fx5Qb4> NCC Worship - Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (He Is Not Dead) Jul 2, 2015