



## Parents' Corner

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The theme for the newsletter this time is “The Road to Resurrection: Drawing Nearer to Jesus.” As we prepare to celebrate the most important day in history – The Resurrection of Jesus Christ – let us be mindful of Jesus’ daily presence. We serve a risen Savior! Revelation 3:20 reminds us of these words from Jesus: *“Here I Am! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and eat with you, and you will eat with me.”* Jesus wants to be with us. What a wonderful truth!

Since we can’t see Jesus with our eyes, it may be difficult for our children to understand these words, so it’s up to us to make our homes *feel* like Jesus’ presence is there. He never leaves us! Moment by moment we have the opportunity to show Jesus’ love, mercy, grace, joy, peace, hope, beauty, kindness, patience, goodness, faithfulness and self-control.

Our actions speak louder than our words. If we tell our children Jesus loves them and it’s hard for them to see love exhibited in our homes, our children become very confused. My husband is a victim of such abuse. His family went to church every Sunday, and he heard that God loved him. But, when he got home he was beaten unmercifully, and his mother told him repeatedly, “Boy, don’t you know I’ll kill you?!”

One famous writer said, “What we are teaches the child far more than what we say, so we must be what we want our children to become.” That is a powerful statement. As parents, we must examine ourselves and determine if we are being who we want our children to be. Can they see Jesus in us?

As we prepare for Resurrection Sunday, let us ask God to help us live out the true meaning of Easter. May our prayer be that the fruit of the Spirit **be resurrected** in us and that the **beauty** of Jesus shines in our words and actions.