

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

The Empty Tomb

from Matthew 28: 1-10.



Easter Day

The earth moves, an angel appears, the stone is rolled away—Jesus is risen!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Stone
- Angel
- Raised
- Message

In Bible times, it was common for the stones used to close tombs to weigh two tons. That's like having two large elephants sit in front of the tomb and refuse to move!

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 482-487

Spark Bible page 1097

Family Prayer

Father, thank you for sending your Son,
For raising him up

Against death he won.

Father, thank you for sending your Word,

For raising us up,

Good news we have heard.

Amen.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 How did Jesus' followers know he was risen?
- 2 Who is someone in your life who really needs to hear the good news about Jesus? How can you help them to hear?
- 3 Some of the best known hymns are about Jesus' resurrection. What is your favorite song about the resurrection, and why?
- 4 Find a few favorite verses about Jesus. Tape the reference for each Bible verse to the bottom of clear dinner glasses, with the words facing toward the top rim of the glass. After dinner, once everyone has finished their drink, they can look through the bottom to see the verse. Have everyone read their Bible verse and then talk about how each verse teaches us about Jesus.



Eye Spark

Look closely at mail and mailboxes this week. When you see a mail delivered to your neighborhood, remember that you can carry Jesus' message to all people!



Ear Spark

Listen closely each morning for signs of a new day. When you hear birds waking up, roosters crowing, or someone making breakfast, remember that Jesus is alive today.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Throw a "Jesus Is Alive" party. Invite friends and family who love Jesus. Make banners with Bible verses about Jesus for decorations, and play a special game of Hide and Seek. Have everyone hide except one person who will play the part of 'Jesus.' Invite 'Jesus' to carry a basket of wrapped surprises (candy, small toys) as he or she hunts. When 'Jesus' finds each person, he or she can shout, "Surprise! I'm alive and I love you!" and give that person a surprise from the basket.

For younger kids

Make a card for someone you've never met. Ask your parents or pastor to help you find the name of someone you don't know, then send that person a card that tells them all about the good news of Jesus.

For older kids

Use a digital camera to take pictures throughout the week of things that remind you that Jesus is alive. Use the pictures to create a slide show titled "Jesus Alive in My World." Share the slide show with your family and friends!

