

D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **April 17, 2022** Family Theme | **The Risen Christ**
Study Text | **Matthew 28:1-15**

Objective: Children understand there is solid evidence for the Resurrection. They worship the risen Savior and tell others He rose from the dead.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: This lesson confirms that Christ was the Savior all the Old Testament pointed to and that He lives to intercede for us and raise us to be with Him forever.

Bible Basics: Go over the following question and answer each day this week and work with family members to do so as well. **What happened after Jesus died and was buried? Answer:** On the third day Jesus rose from the grave, never to die again (Luke 24:1-8). This is called the Resurrection.

Read the Word: Matthew 28:1-15

Disciple Your Kids

Talk with your children and grandchildren about evidence that verifies that Jesus rose from the dead. Encourage them to worship the risen Savior and tell others He is risen.



Key Truth: The Empty Tomb Verifies That Christ Has Risen (Matthew 28:1-6)

One can only imagine the fear, trepidation, and hurt that the followers of Jesus were experiencing after the Crucifixion. They felt they had lost everything. The women were broken hearted as they returned to the tomb to anoint the Lord's body for burial, a custom of their day. The women went to the tomb only to find the stone had been rolled away by an angel. Seeing the angel had caused the Roman soldiers to tremble and faint. The angel invited the women to come see that Jesus' body was no longer in the tomb. This first proof of His resurrection was significant considering how secure the chief priests had made the tomb (Matthew 27:62-66).



Key Truth: Christ's Physical Interactions With Others Verify That He Has Risen (Matthew 28:7-10)

The angel instructed the women to go and tell the disciples Jesus had risen. The women obeyed. As they hurried on their way, they encountered the Lord. Hearing His greeting, the women fell at the Lord's feet and began to worship Him. Jesus repeated the instruction to go and tell the disciples that He was alive. Jesus' interaction with the women proved that His body had not been stolen. Other accounts show that He appeared to many others as well, including the other disciples, James, Paul, and more than five hundred people at once.



Key Truth: Jewish Leaders Tried to Cover Up the Fact That Christ Has Risen (Matthew 28:11-15)

Having heard from the soldiers what had happened at the tomb, the religious leaders gave a large sum of money to the soldiers and ordered them to propagate a story that the disciples came in the night and stole the body of Jesus. This cover-up is implausible for several reasons. The religious leaders promised the guards they would convince the governor to accept their story and keep them out of trouble. In spite of everything Jesus's enemies tried — to secure the tomb, to lie about what happened, to frighten his followers — nothing kept this news from spreading globally.

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with family members this week. Questions in **bold** will be good to use with elementary age children.

- What makes the Resurrection so important to the Christian faith?
- What evidence from the Resurrection accounts confirms that Jesus rose from the dead?
- Why is it virtually impossible that the disciples stole Jesus' body from the tomb?
- How many eyewitnesses saw Jesus after He rose from the dead (see 1 Corinthians 15:3-8)? How is that significant?
- **What did the religious leaders do to try to explain away and cover up the resurrection of Christ?**
- **How should we respond to the great news that Jesus rose from the dead?**
- **What did Jesus conquer when He rose from the grave?**

Everyday Extras

Three days after Jesus was crucified, Mary Magdalene and other women went to see Jesus' body. There they found an angel who told them Jesus is alive! Bake some resurrection rolls with your child. Have your child dip a marshmallow (Jesus' body) into melted butter and then a cinnamon/sugar mixture (the oils and spices His body was anointed with when He was buried). Wrap the marshmallow in a triangle of crescent roll dough (the tomb) and seal the edges. Bake the rolls according to directions. Once they are done, your child will see that the tomb is empty (the marshmallow is gone)! The people who followed Jesus celebrated the good news of His Resurrection even though they could not explain it!

Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned Jesus was put on a cross to die. A man named Pilate had Jesus' body buried in a tomb where He stayed for three days. On the third day, Mary and Mary Magdalene, came to the tomb, and they discovered Jesus was gone. An angel told the women that Jesus was alive. **Jesus Is the Risen King!**