

## PARENT GUIDE - November 7<sup>th</sup>

Elementary Bible Story: The Resurrection (John 20, Luke 24:13-35, Matthew 28:20)

Preschool Bible Story: Jesus is Alive (John 19:16-18, 19:30, Matthew 27:57-66, 28:1-10)

Materials Needed: Bible or Bible App, Craft supplies



## LET'S PLAY

Use this time to gather together those in the family that want to participate and get everyone relaxed and talking. THE GOAL is to simply connect and have fun as a family!

**SAY:** This week we'll be learning about how Jesus died on the cross for our sins and how He came alive again! Let's make some art to celebrate this!

Use any craft supplies you have to help your kids make some art. You could use popsicle sticks to make a cross or crayons to draw the empty tomb. Allow your kids to be creative in how they represent Jesus' death and resurrection with their artwork.

## LET'S WATCH

Watch today's Elementary and/or Preschool video on our website or on our YouTube channel. Then, print the Coloring Pages and download the Activities to complete as you discuss the message as a family.

*PARENT TIP: As you discuss the message, keep your kids engaged by coloring, passing a basketball, etc. as you have a conversation. Moving their body while talking might help them focus.*

### Preschool Discussion:

- How many days was Jesus in the tomb? (*Three days*)
- Did Jesus stay dead or did he come alive again? (*Come alive again*)

**SAY:** So how do we know that God loves you and me? We know that God loves us because He sent His Son, Jesus, to take our punishment on the cross. Then He brought Jesus back to life, so we can live forever in heaven with Him!

### Elementary Discussion:

- Why do you think Jesus appeared to so many people before He went back to Heaven? (*So that people and us would know that He really is alive*)
- How can we have faith in Jesus when we can't see Him?
- How does knowing that Jesus is alive help you every day?
- Have you ever felt like Jesus was with you?

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## LET'S READ

Together, look up this verse in a Bible or on a Bible App.

*PARENT TIP: Take this time to teach your child how to look up a book, chapter and verse in the Bible. Show them the Table of Contents to help learn the order of the books in the Bible.*

SAY: Let's look up and learn this verse together!

**Preschool:** Hebrews 11:6

"...believe that God is real and that He rewards everyone who searches for Him."

**Elementary:** Hebrews 11:6

"But without faith no one can please God. We must believe that God is real and that He rewards everyone who searches for Him."

Take turns repeating the Bible verse, using a fun voice or silly movement as you say it.

SAY: As we search through the Bible, we can solve mysteries that help us know God is real! Our reward is that we get to know more about God and who He is.

## LET'S PRAY

As a family, take time to share what you would like prayer for. Talk about what or who you are each thankful for and thank God for them. THE GOAL is for your family to freely share in struggles and thankfulness. Then, together, you can humbly take it all to God in prayer.

*PARENT TIP: Keep it short and sweet for your Preschoolers. If your child is not ready to share or pray, take this time to model prayer to them.*

### Preschool Prayer:

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to take the punishment for my sin. Thank you for loving me so much! I love you! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### Elementary Prayer:

At this age, encourage your child to tell God whatever is on their heart. Encourage them to speak to God in all circumstances and know that God will always love and listen to them.