

Family Faith Talk

April 12, 2020

At Home Sunday School for Your Family

Family Devotion:

Read aloud Matthew 28:1-10.

Say: Christ is risen! The disciples saw Jesus die on the cross just days earlier. Now, the women went to the tomb to finish the burial work they couldn't do before the Sabbath. But instead of finding Jesus, they find an angel instead! And what's the first thing the angel says? "Don't be afraid." Don't be afraid! The way Jesus birth was announced by angels is the same way his resurrection is announced by the angel. Seeing an angel must be a frightening thing, especially when you don't expect it. Jesus' disciples were also living in fear at this point anyway - afraid for their lives and what life looks like without Jesus in it. But they didn't have to fear anymore, because Jesus rose from the dead! Even today, with all the scary things in our world and lives, we don't have to fear either, because Jesus is alive! Jesus gives us hope, life, and peace. He is alive forever, he is with us always, and we don't have to be afraid! Christ is risen!

Today's Bible Story:

Get your family thinking deeper about the story with these discussion starters:

How might the women have felt before they talked to the angel? How do you think they felt after?

What was the message the angel gave to the women?

How would the story be different if Jesus hadn't risen from the dead?

How does Jesus' resurrection give us hope and peace?

What fears can our family give over to Jesus in prayer?

How can we share the Easter story with others?

What needs does our family have that we can pray about?

Family Prayer:

Jesus, thank you for rising from the dead! Thank you for the life you give us in heaven because you're alive. Calm our fears and help us to know your peace. In your name we pray, Amen.

This Week's Memory Verse:

He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.

Matthew 28:6a

Song Suggestions:

Search for these groups on YouTube to find great Sunday school and Scripture songs to sing as a family!

Sunday School Songs Concordia Publishing House (a large collection of songs/hymns by CPH)

Seeds Family Worship (Scripture verses)

Lifetree Kids

Cedarmont Kids (more familiar Sunday school songs)

Crafts and Activities:

Search Google for "Easter Sunday" for printable coloring pages!

Craft Ideas:

Decorate a window in your home with paper crosses, hearts, Easter eggs and Easter words like Alleluia, He is risen, or Happy Easter. Let your window be one way your family witnesses to others about your faith!

Activity Ideas:

Make a blanket tomb and act out the story of Easter. Go in the tomb and discover it's empty!

All Wrapped Up. Wrap a family member head to toe in toilet paper. *Say:* Just like you're wrapped in toilet paper, we are wrapped up in our sin. Our sin makes it hard for us to move or see or do anything right. On Good Friday, when Jesus died on the cross, he took all our sins away. He forgave us completely. On Easter morning, Jesus broke free from death and the tomb by rising again! Just like Jesus rose from the dead, we have new lives now too! As a family, say a joyful, "Christ is risen, he is risen indeed!" as your wrapped up family member breaks free.