

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Lesson Passage—Matthew 28:1-7

**28** After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

<sup>2</sup>There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. <sup>4</sup>The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

<sup>5</sup>The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

Through God's word we discover what is right and true.  
Then we live it out in all we say and do.



### EASTER LESSON 2



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

### THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

**How important is the resurrection to our faith?**

### MEMORY VERSE

#### 1 Corinthians 15:13-14

*13If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14And (if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith).*

# Thinking It Through

## Level 3—Parent Notes:

- **Daily Reading:** Depending on the age and ability of the child, or parent preference, the child may do the work in this journal independently or read with and dictate an answer to the parent. After reading the day’s rhyme and the Bible verse, the child should draw a picture that relates to that day’s reading and answer the question at the bottom of the page. Have the child answer questions about the day’s reading from the **Daily Reading Questions** at the back of the booklet. Personal ideas and additional questions from the parent can also be included.
- **Lesson Verse:** The lesson verse which answers the week’s big question should be practiced daily. One way to do this is to black out words in the verse each day and say the verse inserting the correct word. By the end of the week the whole verse would be blacked out and recited by memory. Depending on the age and/or ability of the child, either the whole verse or the part of the verse between brackets on the cover can be memorized.
- **Concluding Lesson:** The parent should discuss with the child the **Thinking it Through** questions: What important truth did you learn this week? How can you apply that truth in your life? After discussing the questions the child should write down (or dictate to the parent) the answers and a prayer at the end of the booklet. The child can then complete the other activities.
- **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day’s work completed and the lesson verse memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- **Way to go, parents!** Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deed and statutes of the Lord isn’t always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

The important truth I learned this week is:

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I can apply that truth by:

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My prayer to God is:

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## Daily Reading Questions

Day 1: What does it mean to be crucified? Why was Jesus crucified? Why didn't he deserve to be crucified?

Day 2: What did they do with Jesus' body when he died? What had Jesus told the disciples would happen to him?

Day 3: What was rolled across the opening of the tomb? What were Jesus' followers thinking?

Day 4: What did the women find when they went back to the tomb? Why was that a good thing?

Day 5: What did Jesus prove by rising from the dead? How did the disciples feel about that? What do we receive by believing in Jesus? What does that mean?

Day 6: What does it mean to be blessed? When are we blessed? What does that mean? Why should we trust Jesus? What happens when we trust in Jesus?

## Concluding Lesson

Review: What does it mean to be crucified? Why was Jesus crucified? What is the resurrection? How do we know Jesus rose from the dead? What does the resurrection show about Jesus? What does the resurrection mean for us?

Prayer: Thank Jesus for dying on the cross for your sin. Thank God that Jesus overcame death by rising from the grave. Thank him that through Jesus he forgives your sin. Pray that you would honor what he has done by wanting to please him in the things you do.

Application: Pray for opportunities to share about what Jesus has done for us with your friends.

Thinking It Through: Have the child write or dictate what important truth was learned from the lesson, how he/she can apply that truth, and a prayer to God.

# Easter 1

## How important is the resurrection of Jesus to our faith?



Our faith depends on the resurrection of Jesus.

## Day 1

Draw a picture of Jesus on the cross.

When they crucified our Lord  
it was a sad and dreadful day,  
But the punishment for all our sins  
someone had to pay.  
Into his hands and feet with a hammer  
nails were driven.  
It is through Christ's pain and suffering  
that we have been forgiven.

What does the verse mean?

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Luke 23:33–33 When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left.

## Day 6

Draw a picture of Jesus.

We are blessed when we believe  
what we have not seen,  
Thanking God through Jesus  
from our sin we are made clean.  
We are to trust in Jesus  
as God's one and only Son.  
Knowing through his resurrection,  
death was overcome.

What does the verse mean?

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John 20:29–29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

## Day 5

Draw a picture of the risen Christ.

Jesus rose up from the dead;  
they were no longer sad.  
He proved that he is God  
which made them really glad.  
Through his resurrection,  
death he overcame.  
Now forgiveness and salvation  
are found in Jesus' name.

What does the verse mean?

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1 John 4:13-14<sup>13</sup> This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

## Day 2

Draw a picture of Jesus being taken down.

When Jesus died they took him down  
and laid him in a grave.  
Mockers still were saying,  
"His own life he couldn't save."  
The disciples were confused  
as they knew what he had said.  
In three days, he had claimed,  
he would rise up from the dead.

What does the verse mean?

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Luke 23:34-35<sup>34</sup> Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. <sup>35</sup> The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

### Day 3

Draw a picture of the tomb and rock.

A rock was rolled across  
the opening of the tomb.  
His followers were sad  
and their hearts were filled with gloom.  
But as they went back to their homes  
and on their beds did lay,  
They put their trust in God  
to work things out his way.

What does the verse mean?

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John 19:41-42—<sup>41</sup> At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. <sup>42</sup> Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

### Day 4

Draw a picture of the women at the tomb.

Some women went back to the tomb  
his body to prepare.  
Imagine their surprise  
when they couldn't find it there.  
The stone that covered up the tomb  
had been rolled away.  
The body of our Savior  
in the grave no longer lay.

What does the verse mean?

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John 20:1-2—Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"