


Child's Name: _____

Lesson Passage—Matthew 28:1-7

28 Now after the Sabbath, as the first *day* of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone  from the door, and sat on it. ³His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. ⁴And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead *men*.

⁵But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. ⁷And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, 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

¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁴{And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching *is* empty and your faith *is* also empty.}

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, *And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*

The important truth I learned this week is:

I can apply that truth by:

My prayer to God is:

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?

Luke 23:33–33 And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the 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?

John 20:29–29 Jesus said to him, "Thomas, 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?

1 John 4:13-14—¹³ By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as 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?

Luke 23:34-35—⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots. ³⁵ And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God."

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?

John 19:41-42—⁴¹ Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴² So there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews' Preparation *Day*, for the tomb was nearby.

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?

John 20:1-2—Now the first *day* of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw *that* the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."