

Family Connect:

April 12-EASTER!

John 20:1-18

Pray as you begin . . .

READ together, taking turns with each verse, trying a different translation like the NLT or Message:

This is a larger passage of scripture so please use your Bible for today. If you have a children's story-book Bible, use that too.

If your kids are in elementary school, try reading the different gospel accounts of the resurrection.

SHARE with each other what you see in the verses:

Who is mentioned in these verses?

Where is this portion of the story taking place?

What happened in this story?

SONG:

Select any of your favorite songs from Spotify or YouTube OR go on the church website on the children's tab for two songs that tie in with Easter. . .

MEMORIZE: Romans 6:9

For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.

Go over this verse and explain it to your children. Put each word on an index card and let them put the words in order.

FAMILY ACTIVITY: Pick one or do all of them! Use them to springboard to what fits for your family!

DISCUSSION STARTER: When something upsets you, who is the first one you tell?

BREAKING FREE...Take turns wrapping each other up in gauze or toilet paper. Talk about how the disciples must have felt when their friend Jesus died. The burial is not the end of the story and on Easter those burial cloths came right off Jesus. Have them break free from their "cloths". Shout "He is alive" and run around the house.

EASTER MORNING...I know your kids will be missing the donut holes at church sooooo you'll need a cupcake and a trick re-lighting candle. Light the cupcake and talk about how Jesus came to be the light of the world. On Saturday, it looked like the light had been blown out. Now, let one of the kids blow the candle out and wait in silence while the flame is gone. When the flame comes back, celebrate! Point out that nothing can ever snuff out Jesus, the light of the world!

Pray as you end . . .