

# Parent Guide

## Week of April 12

### Toddler

**Memory Verse:**  
I have seen the Lord!  
John 20:18

John 20:1-18

**Bible Time:** Read *Jesus' Death and Resurrection* in the Laugh and Learn Bible for Little Ones by Phil Vischer.

**Story Time:** One day, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. Many people were waiting to meet Him. It was like a parade for a king! This made the leaders very nervous. "Do You think You are equal to God?" they asked Jesus. But Jesus wouldn't answer.

Since Jesus wouldn't say anything, they said, "He is guilty!" They put Jesus on a cross, and He died. His friends were very **SAD**. Was this the end of God's blessing for the world? No, it wasn't the end. Because Jesus didn't stay dead!

Jesus died on a Friday, and His friends put His body inside a tomb. Early Sunday morning, two of Jesus' friends went to visit the tomb. When they got there, they saw an **ANGEL**. "Don't be afraid," the angel said, "Jesus isn't here. He's alive!" As they turned to go tell everyone what the angel said, they bumped right into Jesus! He really **WAS** alive!

By dying, Jesus paid for all the bad things we've done. By coming back to life, He gave us a way to be God's friends!

**Time to sing:**

**Jesus Died, But Rose Again** to the tune of "Mary Had A Little Lamb"

Jesus died, but rose again  
Rose again, rose again.  
Jesus died, but rose again  
On Easter Sunday morning.

**Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu,**  
hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!  
Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah.  
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Praise ye the Lord!

**Craft Time:** [paper towel toddler craft](#)

Watercolor paint & brush  
Paper towel  
Construction paper circle  
Glue



**Baking: Jesus Is Risen Rolls**

1 can refrigerated crescent roll dough  
large marshmallows  
spray margarine  
1/3 cup sugar 1 tablespoon cinnamon

Knead and press each breadstick into a flat circle. Place a marshmallow in the center of the circle and pinch the dough around the marshmallow. Roll the marshmallow-filled rolls into a round ball. Spray the rolls with margarine. Combine sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle the rolls with the mixture. Place the rolls on a baking sheet with the pinched edges down. Bake the rolls at 350 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes until brown. Cool on a wire rack.

Pray: Thank you that I can be your friend because you died for me. Amen

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### Preschool

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#### Memory Verse:

As the Father has loved me,  
so have I loved you. Now  
remain in my love.

John 15:9

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**Bible Time:** Watch [Lazarus](#) (3:43) Open your bible and read the story of Lazarus. Lazarus, a friend of Jesus, was sick and died. He had been dead four days when Jesus came to town. Lazarus' sisters, Mary and Martha, said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died." Jesus cried for his friend Lazarus. Jesus prayed and thanked God for hearing him. Lazarus rose from the dead. Lazarus came out of the tomb with strips of linen wrapped around his hands, feet, and face. In today's story, Jesus returned life to a good friend who had died. People who were there that day heard and saw Jesus' love and power over death. Jesus gives life!

How does that make you feel that Jesus cried?  
What do you think the people thought when Jesus called for Lazarus to come out of the tomb?  
How can I show others that Jesus gives life?

#### Memory Verse Motions

**As the Father:** Point both index fingers to sky.

**has loved me:** Point to chest.

**so have I loved:** Cross arms over chest.

**you:** Point to someone else.

**Now remain in:** Move hands in circular motion, palms facing down.

**my love:** Cross arms over chest.

#### Worship: Hosanna!

Ho, Ho, Ho, Ho, Sa-va-anna  
Ha, Ha, Ha, lle-lu-uiah  
He, He, He, He, Sa-aved Me  
I've got the joy of the Lord!

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**Extras:** Watch [The Easter Story for Preschoolers](#)

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Pray and thank God that He is life!

John 11:1-45

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John 15:9

John 11:1-45

**Bible Time:** John 11:1-45 **Lazarus Lives** or watch [Lazarus](#)

Mary and Martha were very sad when Lazarus died! They knew that Jesus could have healed him. But they didn't understand that Jesus was going to give Lazarus his human life again. Besides living again here, Lazarus would also live with Jesus forever because he believed in Jesus. **Read John 11:25.** Jesus said these words to Martha. Jesus came to bring us eternal life—that means we can be part of His family now, and when our bodies die, we will go to live with Jesus forever. Life just gets bigger and better as we follow Jesus and live for Him.

Ask: **What is eternal life?** (Life now and forever with Jesus.)

**How can we have eternal life?** (Become part of God's family by trusting in Jesus.)

**What did Jesus do to make it possible for us to have eternal life?** (He died on a cross to pay for our sins and then came back to life again.)

**How does the promise of eternal life with Jesus make you feel?**

**Application:** The death and resurrection of Lazarus was a preview of something much greater that was yet to come. Jesus waited before going to Lazarus so that His disciples would see His power over death. Jesus wanted them to believe Him, even during His death on a cross and His resurrection. He desires the same for you in your most challenging circumstances. Think about the ways He has helped you to trust Him in difficult times. And know that He is working all things together for good!

#### Activity: Easter Egg Prayers

Give your child an empty plastic Easter egg and a slip of paper. Have them think about how they would complete this statement: **God, you are always alive. Thank you for...** Fold up these strips of paper, and put them in your plastic eggs. Put the eggs in a special spot and open them the following week to read it as a prayer.

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