

HomeWord
For Parents

After Jesus was crucified, Joseph of Arimathea took His body and laid it in a new tomb. A large stone was rolled against the door (Matthew 27:59–60). The tomb was sealed, and a guard was placed at the entrance (Matthew 27:66). Two women came to the tomb at dawn. There had been a great earthquake and an angel of the Lord had come and rolled the stone back from the door of the tomb. And the angel sat upon it (Matthew 28:1–2). He announced to the women that the Savior who had been crucified had risen just as He said He would. The women were instructed to go and tell the disciples this amazing news (Matthew 28:5–7).

The women then encountered Jesus Christ Himself! He told them to “Rejoice! . . . Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see me” (Matthew 28:9–10).

How significant is the Resurrection? Paul tells us that if Christ is not risen then our faith and preaching is empty. And there would be NO resurrection to eternal life for believers (1 Corinthians 15:12–15). If Christ is not risen, our faith is futile; we are not forgiven, but still in

our sins. Without the Resurrection our hope in Christ does not exceed the boundaries of our life here on earth (1 Corinthians 15:17–19).

Belief in the Resurrection comes with an amazing promise and assurance, for the risen Jesus Christ has destroyed the last enemy—death (1 Corinthians 15:26)! Jesus IS the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in Him will live even though they die (John 11:25). This is our living hope promised through the mercy of God in Jesus Christ through His Resurrection from the dead. It guarantees an inheritance in heaven that will not fade away (1 Peter 1:3–5).

The Resurrection is critical to the gospel. Christ died for sins according to the Scriptures. He was buried and rose again according to the Scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:3–4). Everyone who has turned away from his sins in repentance and turned to the risen Jesus Christ in faith for forgiveness will have the hope of eternal life. Jesus alone is life and brings life. He is risen! He is alive! And because He lives, we who are in Christ, will live also (John 14:19).

Go to the Online Resource Page for more information.

OutWord For Family Discussion

What if your friend said that Jesus’s physical Resurrection didn’t really matter since He died on the Cross for sins?

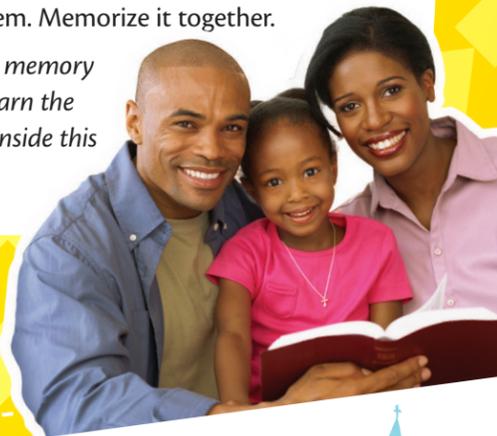
What could you say?

The Crucifixion AND the Resurrection go together. Both are equally important to the Christian faith. There is no gospel—good news—if you leave out the part about Jesus being raised from the dead. You see, Jesus took the punishment we deserved on the Cross when He was crucified. Jesus’s perfect sacrifice brought believers forgiveness and the righteousness of Jesus. But that’s not the end. Jesus showed His power over death and sin when He overcame the grave. Because He lives, we have the hope of eternal life. Both Jesus’s death and His Resurrection are very important! If you don’t believe both, you cannot be saved from sin and death. You cannot have the hope of eternal life with God. The Resurrection is very important!

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For Family Study

“Let your tender mercies come to me, that I may live; for Your law is my delight” (Psalm 119:77). God wants His Law to be the delight of your family. Teach it to them. Memorize it together.

Begin with the memory verse in the Learn the Word section inside this handout.



The Resurrection

KEY THEME

- God’s plan of redemption was in place before time.

KEY PASSAGES

- Matthew 28:1–10
- John 11:25–26, 14:19
- 1 Peter 1:3



What You **HEARD** in the **WORD**

- The women saw an angel at Jesus’s empty tomb. The angel told them Jesus had risen from the dead and sent them to tell the disciples. They saw Jesus on the way and worshipped Him.
- The Resurrection is important because it guarantees the living hope of eternal life for all who turn to Him.

Answer these questions from today’s lesson.

- 1 Who did God send to tell the women Jesus had risen? What did he do at the tomb?
- 2 Who did the women see on their way to tell the disciples about what had happened?
- 3 Why is Jesus’s Resurrection such good news?

1) An angel came. He rolled the stone away from the tomb.
2) The risen Jesus. 3) It gives believers a living hope of eternal life.



Read the Word

Monday {Matthew 28:7}
Where was Jesus going to meet His disciples after His Resurrection?

Tuesday {Matthew 28:2}
Who rolled the stone back from the door of the tomb?

Wednesday {Luke 24:11}
Did the apostles believe what the women said about Jesus?

Thursday {Luke 24:12}
Who ran to check out the empty tomb, and what did he find?

Friday {John 20:19}
Jesus came to His disciples who were meeting in fear. What did Jesus say to them?

Saturday {John 20:20}
What did Jesus show the disciples when He came to them after the Resurrection?

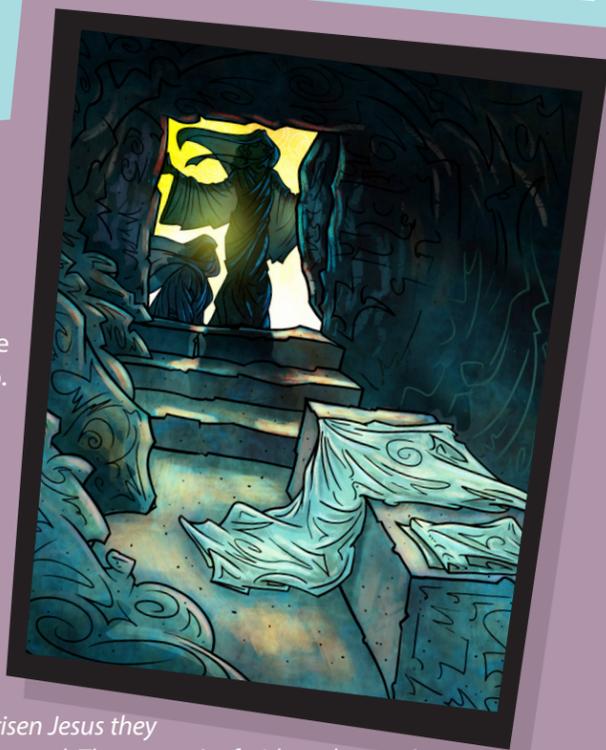


Learn the Word

Write the letters of the numbers they have replaced on the clock to complete the verse.

Go 8 1 11 6 11 4 5 6 11 and
make disciples of all 9 7 8 2 5 9 12,
baptizing them in the 9 7 3 11 of the
Father and of the 12 5 9 and of the Holy
12 10 2 6 2 8. Matthew 28:19

ANSWERS: Therefore, nations, name, Son, Spirit.



Suppose your friend tells you he just doesn't believe Jesus came back to life. He thinks that part is made up. **What could you say?**

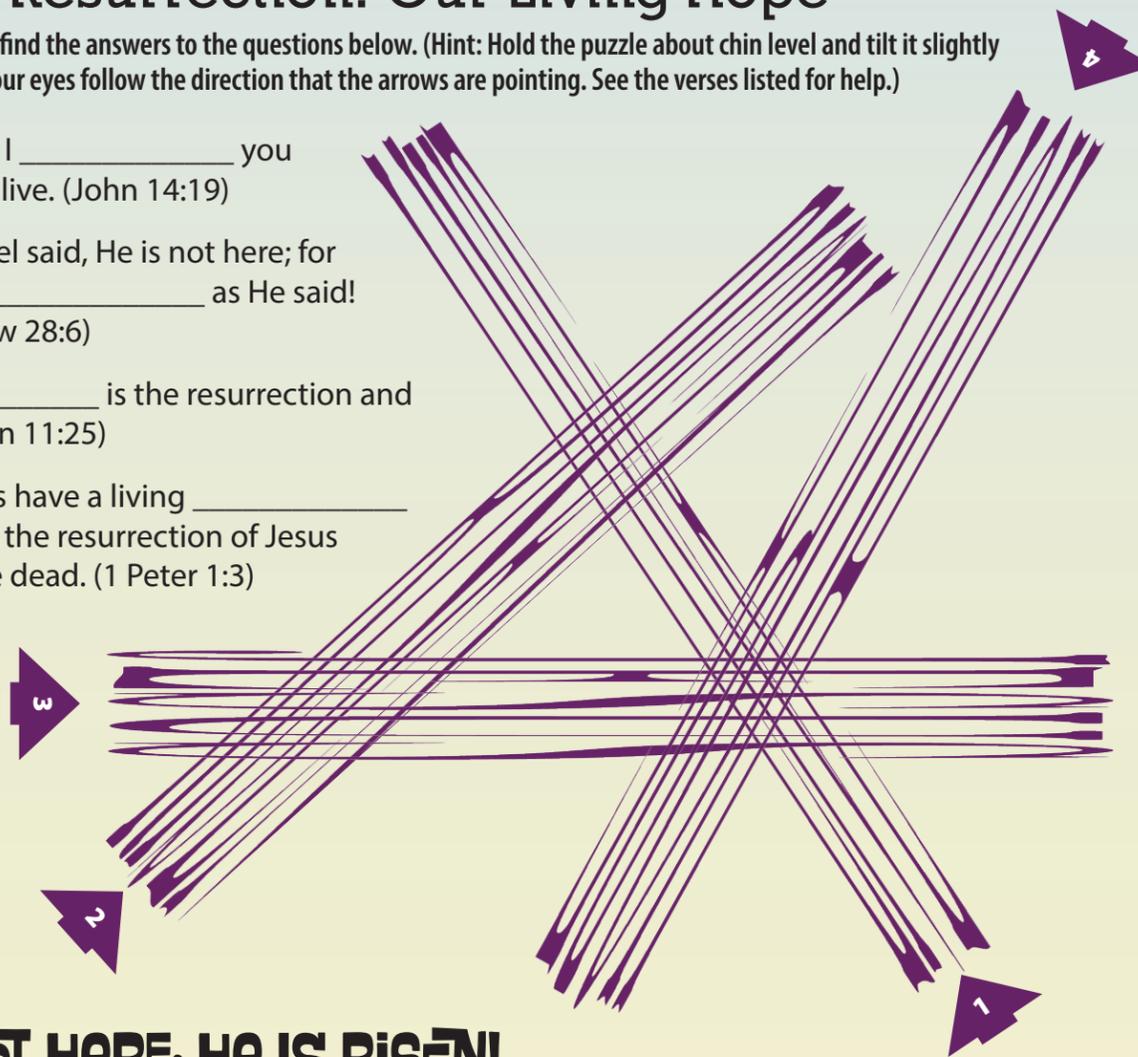
I trust God's Word to tell me the truth about Jesus and His Resurrection. God cannot lie, and He said Jesus was dead and three days later, He rose from the grave. The Bible tells us that the tomb was empty! The disciples and others saw the empty tomb. They saw the angel and they heard the angel say He is risen! And Jesus Himself appeared to a lot of people after His Resurrection. Many of these witnesses saw Jesus. His disciples had been afraid to go out in public after Jesus was killed, but once they saw and talked to the risen Jesus they came out of hiding and began to preach the truth and the gospel. They weren't afraid any longer. In fact, they were willing to die for their faith, and many of them did. Jesus's Resurrection gives believers hope that they will one day have eternal life with Him! Because He lives, believers know that they too will live!

LIVE the Word

Jesus's Resurrection: Our Living Hope

Use the puzzle to find the answers to the questions below. (Hint: Hold the puzzle about chin level and tilt it slightly downward. Let your eyes follow the direction that the arrows are pointing. See the verses listed for help.)

1. Because I _____ you also will live. (John 14:19)
2. The angel said, He is not here; for He is _____ as He said! (Matthew 28:6)
3. _____ is the resurrection and life. (John 11:25)
4. Believers have a living _____ through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3)



HE'S NOT HERE: HE IS RISEN!

Answer the questions from the lesson from Matthew 28:2–10. Use the Word Bank for help. We used the New King James Version of the Bible.

The ¹ _____ came to the ² _____. An ³ _____ had shook the ground and an angel ⁴ _____ the ⁵ _____ away. The ⁶ _____ told the women Jesus was not there. He was ⁷ _____ from the dead!

The angel told them to go ⁸ _____ to tell the ⁹ _____ that they will see Jesus in ¹⁰ _____. The women went from the tomb to tell the disciples with ¹¹ _____ and great ¹² _____.

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| Galilee | Fear | Stone |
| Tomb | Joy | Rolled |
| Disciples | Risen | Women |
| Earthquake | Quickly | Angel |

ANSWERS: 1) Women, 2) Tomb, 3) Earthquake, 4) Rolled, 5) Stone, 6) Angel, 7) Risen, 8) Quickly, 9) Disciples, 10) Galilee, 11) Fear, 12) Joy.

SNEAK PEEK

What is the Great Commission?
Come next week to find out!