

DAY 4

WHAT DOES EASTER MEAN TO YOU?

Easter means . . . Jesus is alive!

We don't have to pay the price for our sins.
We can have a relationship with God now and forever.
God can be trusted no matter what.
We can have hope.

We can have hope because of what God has done. And that hope is a living, active hope as we trust God and His plan for our lives.

And it gets even better because He made two other promises to us:

- He would send the Holy Spirit to help us
- One day Jesus Himself will return and make all things right in the world

Since He kept His promise of coming back to life, we know we can trust His other promises too!

Have you ever had to eat something you really didn't like, but you kept eating it because your parents promised you dessert at the end? Or maybe you did like it, but you still ate it super fast because you knew the best was yet to come?

That's what this life is like for those of us who put our trust in Jesus. We can believe that no matter how hard life gets (or how great it is!), that there is something much better to come.

Ask your parent if you can have one of your favorite desserts tonight or sometime soon (or maybe some Easter candy!). While you eat it, share with everyone at the table what Easter means to you.

HOPE

BELIEVING THAT SOMETHING GOOD
CAN COME OUT OF SOMETHING BAD

DAY 1

Read John 19-20:18

In your Bible, circle the white space between John 19 and John 20. This space represents the time between Jesus' death and His resurrection.

There is likely no more hopeless day in history than the day between Jesus' death and when He rose to life.

The disciples must have questioned everything.

Was Jesus who He said He was?
Did this mean everything He said was untrue?
Had God left them?

The world must have seemed so . . . dark.

And yet, light was right around the corner. For Sunday was coming. The stone was rolled away. Jesus was alive! Everything He said was true; including who He claimed to be!

The disciples could believe everything Jesus ever said or did, because He Was. Alive.

And so can we.

Whatever happens, remember Jesus is alive.

DAY 2

Often when we pray, we are asking God for help with something. And that's not a bad way to pray—God wants you to *“Turn all your worries over to him. He cares about you.”* (1 Peter 5:7, NIV)

There's another reason we should pray too, and that's to show gratitude to God for all the ways He has provided for us and taken care of our needs.

But no matter what, when we pray—whether asking for help or offering thanks—we should remember Jesus is alive. That will allow us to pray with boldness knowing that the God we are praying to has already conquered death. He can conquer anything!

So even when we face things that are hard, we can take comfort in the fact that even death couldn't hold Jesus down.

Try praying with that in mind today. As you ask God for help for yourself or others, end each request with “I am thankful Jesus is alive!”

PRAY
TO GOD

DAY 3

There are a lot of different authors of the different books of the Bible, and each of them have a different way of expressing the same truths about Jesus' death and resurrection.

Look up these three different takes on the same truth.

John 11:25–26

1 Peter 1:3

Romans 6:23

Each of these authors used their own words to tell their different audiences the same truth: Jesus died for our sins, and He rose again, and when we believe that truth, we can live with God forever!

This “living hope” in Jesus, as Peter describes it, is something EVERYONE should know about. Who in your life needs to hear this good news?

Here's something cool: whoever it is that needs to hear this news, God has put you in their life for a reason. He will give you the right words to use to tell the people in your life this most amazing truth: that Jesus is live!

Take a minute to talk to God and ask Him to provide opportunities to share the hope of Easter with someone today. Ask Him to give you the right words to say to help that person know that we can have hope no matter what because

Jesus is alive.

TALK
ABOUT GOD