

EASTER SUNDAY!

Kidtown Guide

DATE: 4/12/20

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28 and 1 Corinthians 15

LESSON: Jesus is Risen!



INTRO + PLAY

Whereas Good Friday is more of a funeral in tone, Easter has the tone of a wedding! It's our biggest celebration day of the year. Throughout this season, we've reminded you that play is a great way for kids to feel safe relief in a time of high anxiety and stress. For Easter, this gets ramped up even more! Easter is a celebration day. So this lesson is built around a few big fun ideas to help you celebrate. Go all out!

Parents say to your kid(s) - Woohoo!! Today we celebrate THE most important and special day in history!! The day that Jesus rose from the dead!! How exciting is that?!?! So, Friday was a serious and solemn day, and today is just the opposite. Today's topic is just as important, but it is a day to celebrate! So, we are going to dance, sing, play and have SO much fun celebrating Jesus!

Empty Tomb Cave/Fort - Work together as a family to use chairs and tables to make a huge pillow fort. Stack pillows and cushions against the furniture. Drape blankets and sheets over the structure to make a kind of "cave." Try to make a cave so big that your whole family can get in it together!

Parents say to your kid(s) - Jesus died on the cross and was buried in a tomb. Jesus' tomb would have been kind of like a cave; the Bible says it was cut in the side of a rocky hill. Today we are celebrating that Jesus' tomb is empty!



LESSON - JESUS IS RISEN!

Parents say to your kid(s) - Today we're watching the rest of the video we started on Friday night. Because the good news of Easter starts with what looked like really bad news on Friday.

If you can make it work, watch the video in the Empty Tomb cave fort you made! Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection](#)

Story Point #1: (Kids repeat!)

We needed someone to pay for our sins. (Kids repeat!)

The whole Bible tells us that our sin is a big problem. It separates us from God. It enslaves us and stains us. It keeps us from living the life God designed us to live. The whole Old Testament keeps telling us that we need someone to pay for our sins. We need a Savior. A Rescuer. A deliverer.

That's what all the darkness and pain of Good Friday is about. In the cross, Jesus became our sacrifice. He took our sin on to Himself and paid for it.

Story Point #2: (Kids repeat!)

No one knew what was happening before Sunday. (Kids repeat!)

We now know that Good Friday was great news because Jesus was paying for our sins AND because He didn't stay dead.



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But Jesus' disciples didn't know that. Even though He told them over and over again that He was going to die and rise from the grave. For them, they felt like their world was over. They had devoted their lives to Jesus and now He was dead.

Turn all the lights off and try to make your Empty Tomb cave fort as dark as possible.

Ask your kids: What do you think it would have felt like on Saturday? What might you have done if you were one of Jesus' disciples?

Christ Connection! (Kids repeat!)

Jesus conquered sin and death on Easter! (Kids repeat!)

When Jesus walked out of the tomb on Easter, it meant a lot of things all at once!

- His disciples didn't have to mourn anymore!
- Jesus had conquered death!
- Jesus was the perfect sacrifice to pay for our sins!!
- Jesus can give us new life!
- God's promises are trustworthy!

Easter was just the beginning. Easter is God's promise that Jesus conquered sin. And someday, He will finish the job. Someday, all sin will be gone forever!

SING

Parents say to your kid(s) - Because all of that is true we're going to sing to Jesus and then we're going to celebrate. First we're going to sing!

Sing: Defender ([Lyric video](#))
Nothing But the Blood ([Lyric Video](#))

DANCE PARTY!!!

Decorate: If you've been in it this whole time, everybody come out of your Empty Tomb cave fort. Tell your kids to get everything in the house they can for decorations:

- Streamers
- Balloons
- Tissue Paper
- Confetti
- Go outside and get flowers
- Anything you've got!

Now decorate everything. Decorate the Empty Tomb cave fort. Decorate the kitchen. Decorate the dining room. DECORATE EVERYTHING!

Dance: Use Midtown's [Family Fun Night](#) playlist from spotify (or another of your choosing) and dance to your heart's content!



FAMILY TIME

Parent Share - Parents tell your kids how Jesus has changed your life. Why is Easter good news for you?

*Have someone in your family read **Revelation 21:3-5**.*

Revelation 21:3-5 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." 5 And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."