

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!

One of the most important ways we get to our disciple kids is by helping teach them the truth of God's Word and how it points toward Jesus. Our Preschoolers and Toddlers are going through a series of books, the "God Loves Me Storybooks". These books tell the story of scripture over 12 books, one for each month of the year. But for today, we're taking a break from that normal rhythm to focus on the story of Easter!

Book: [The Best Day Ever!](#)

- What do you remember from the story?
- Who were the main characters in the story? *Jesus, Mary and the angels*
- Where did Mary go? *To Jesus' tomb*
- What happened when she got there? *The angels asked why she was crying.*
- Who else talked to her? *Jesus!*
- What did Jesus tell her to do? *Go tell His friends that He is alive!*



CELEBRATE - 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: Jesus is Alive! ([Lyric video](#))
Peace Like a River ([Lyric video](#))

CELEBRATE - 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
- Confetti
- Balloons
- Go outside and get flowers
- Tissue Paper
- 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. 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." And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."