

# EASTER AT HOME:

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BECAUSE JESUS IS ALIVE!

Parents,

We're excited to share what your child learned today in today's Easter lesson! Get ready for some meaningful family time centered around the powerful message of Easter.

## Today's Light Lesson

**The Light Value:** Transformational Encounters with Jesus

**The Light Truth:** Jesus is Alive

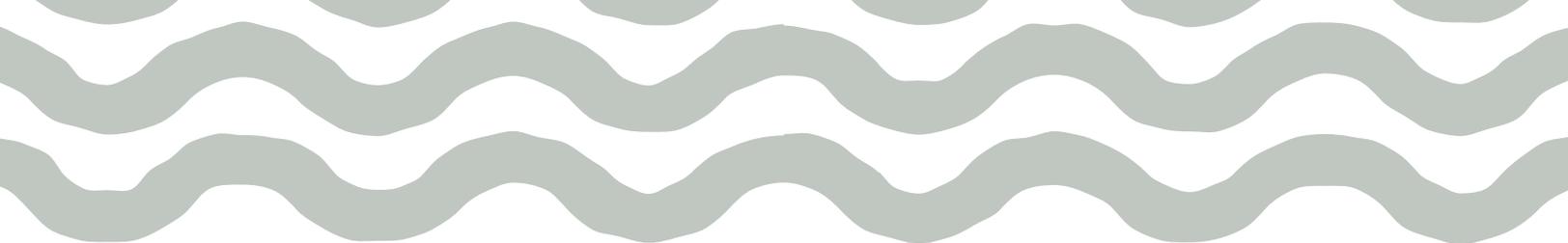
**The Light Verse:** *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."* John 8:12, NIV

## Family Activity: Light Scavenger Hunt

Gather different light sources (flashlights, lamps, candles [adult supervision required], natural light) and dim the room. Take turns highlighting different objects and discuss how light helps us see things clearly—just like Jesus helps us see truth and hope clearly!

## Family Discussion Questions

1. How does knowing Jesus rose from the dead give you hope when you're feeling down?
2. What are some ways we can be "lights" in our community and show others Jesus' love?
3. When do you find it hardest to be a light for others, and how can we help each other during those times?



## Family Fun Recipe: Resurrection Rolls

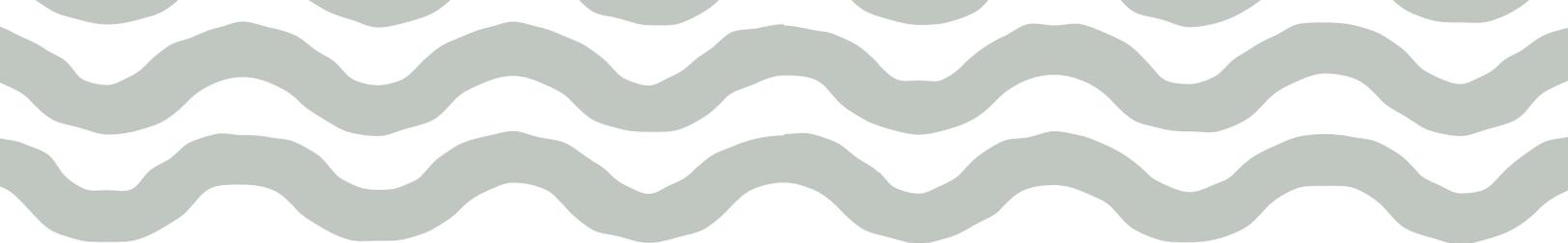
These fun-to-make rolls represent the empty tomb!

### Ingredients:

- 1 can refrigerated crescent rolls
- 8 large marshmallows
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 2 tablespoons cinnamon sugar

### Steps:

- Preheat oven to 375°F
- Have your child dip a marshmallow in butter, then roll in cinnamon sugar
- Wrap the marshmallow completely in a crescent roll triangle
- Bake for 10-12 minutes
- When you break them open, the marshmallow has melted away just like Jesus' tomb was empty!



## L.I.G.H.T. Activities for Home

**L**ove others by making cards for neighbors or family

**I**nvoke friends to hear about Jesus' love

**G**ive thanks daily for God's blessings

**H**elp someone in need this week

**T**ell others about Jesus' resurrection story

Remember, families: You don't have to do everything at once! Pick one activity or discussion question each day this week to keep the conversation going. We're praying for wonderful moments of connection and growth in your home!

With joy,

Your Children's Ministry Team

# FAMILY DEVOTIONS

## DEVOTION 1: MEETING JESUS (MATTHEW 28:16)

*“Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.”*

Have you ever had a special meeting place with your friends? The disciples had one too—a mountain in Galilee where Jesus told them to meet Him after He rose from the dead. They probably felt nervous and excited walking up that mountain! Just imagine what it was like when they saw Jesus standing there, alive and well.

### **Family Discussion:**

- Why do you think Jesus chose a mountain for this special meeting?
- How would you feel walking up that mountain, knowing you might see Jesus?
- Where are some places we can “meet” with Jesus today?

### **Prayer Activity:**

Find a special spot in your home to be your family’s “meeting place” with Jesus. Gather there and thank Him for always being ready to meet with us.

# FAMILY DEVOTIONS

## DEVOTION 2: LIFE-CHANGING WORDS (JOHN 11:25)

*“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life.’”*

These might be some of the most powerful words ever spoken! When Jesus said this, He wasn't just making a nice statement—He was telling us something amazing about Himself. He has power over life and death! Think about that: Jesus is so powerful that even death can't stop Him.

### **Family Discussion:**

- What does it mean that Jesus is “the resurrection and the life”?
- Why is it important to know that Jesus has power over death?
- How does this help us when we're scared?

### **Prayer Activity:**

Write down things that worry you on small pieces of paper. As you pray, crumple them up, remembering that Jesus has power over everything that scares us.

# FAMILY DEVOTIONS

## DEVOTION 3: THE BIG STORY (1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4)

*“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.”*

This verse is like a summary of the most important story ever told! It's so important that Paul says it's "of first importance." It's like the headlines of the greatest news story: Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and came back to life! And the amazing part? This was God's plan all along.

### **Family Discussion:**

- Why do you think this message is "of first importance"?
- What parts of Jesus' story amaze you the most?
- How can we share this important news with others?

### **Prayer Activity:**

Take turns being news reporters, telling each other the amazing news about Jesus. Then pray, thanking God for this wonderful story.

# FAMILY DEVOTIONS

## DEVOTION 4: LIVING HOPE (JOHN 14:19B)

*“Because I live, you also will live.”*

Seven simple words that change everything! Jesus made this promise to His disciples, and it’s a promise for us too. Because Jesus is alive, we can have real life—life that’s full of hope and joy, now and forever.

### **Family Discussion:**

- What does it mean to really “live”?
- How does knowing Jesus is alive change how we live today?
- What makes you most excited about living with Jesus?

### **Prayer Activity:**

Make a “Life List”—write down ways Jesus brings life to your family (like joy, peace, love). Thank Him for each one.

# FAMILY DEVOTIONS

## DEVOTION 5: JOY IN HIS PRESENCE (JOHN 20:20)

*“After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.”*

Imagine being in that room with the disciples. They were probably scared and confused until—surprise!—Jesus appeared! When they saw Him, their fear turned to joy. Jesus showed them His hands and side to prove it was really Him. Their sadness turned into the biggest celebration ever!

### **Family Discussion:**

- Why were the disciples overjoyed to see Jesus?
- What makes you joyful about knowing Jesus?
- How can we show others the joy of knowing Jesus?

### **Prayer Activity:**

Have a joy celebration! Dance, sing, or jump around as you thank Jesus for being alive and bringing joy to your lives.