

Discipleship Tools

In a season of live streaming and canceled children's programs, may the following questions and activities guide you in helping your children apply the sermon.

Matthew 28:1-20

If you miss the live stream, you can view the sermon [here](#).

Sermon Discussion

Preschool

1. Jesus' friends were very sad when he died, but they were happy when he rose again! Why did Jesus have to die?
2. Can you think of a time when you heard something that made you really happy? What did you do after you heard it? The news of Jesus' resurrection is even better than that! Who can you share the story with?

Younger Kids

1. Jesus paid the price for our sins when he died on the cross, but why is it so important that he also rose from the grave? (Romans 4:25)
2. How did the disciples respond before and during the crucifixion? How did they respond after the resurrection? What did Jesus command them to do after they had seen him resurrected? How can we join in this mission? Who can you be praying for to come to know Jesus?
3. Pastor Tony likes to say "Every Sunday is Easter Sunday at Imago Dei." Why does he say that? What is important about Easter that makes it important all the time?

Older Kids

1. What makes someone a disciple of Jesus? Would you identify as a disciple? Why or why not?
2. What might make you think God can't use you at this point in your life? How does the story of the resurrection help us understand the kind of people God uses?
3. Who can you be praying for to come to know Jesus? How can our family be a part of making disciples of all nations?
4. Why is it important that Jesus is with us now? How does that change how we can live today?

Christ Connection

How does this text point us to Jesus?

Preschool: The story of Jesus' resurrection is the greatest news we will ever hear and we should tell others about it.

Elementary: Jesus conquered sin and death by rising from the grave and we are commanded to share in the mission of making disciples of all nations.

Activity

Make Resurrection Rolls

You'll need:

- 1 package of crescent rolls
- 1 package of large marshmallows
- 3 tbsp of melted butter
- 3 tbsp sugar plus 1 tbsp cinnamon

Preheat the oven to 350. Proceed to tell the Easter Story or read it from your Jesus Storybook Bible as you make and bake your rolls.

The marshmallow represents Jesus' body. Roll the marshmallow in butter and cinnamon sugar representing when Jesus' friends prepared his body for burial with oil and spices. Then wrap the marshmallow in the crescent roll (be sure to seal all the edges tightly) which represents the tomb. Place them in the oven for 10-12 minutes. Allow them to cool completely before opening the tomb to see that Jesus' body was gone!

Bonus Resources

[Preschool Activity Page](#)

[Elementary Activity Page](#)

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