

Easter is celebrating that Jesus is alive.

DAY 1

Read John 16:33

Can you think of some things in the world that make you sad? Maybe someone is sick. Maybe a friend at school is mad at you. Maybe you saw something on the news that was scary. Sometimes when bad things happen, we ask, "God, where are you? Can't you fix this?"

The truth is, God already is with us and has already fixed it. Jesus was sent to be our Savior, to make a way for us to have a relationship with God. Of course, that doesn't mean that everyone on earth will stop sinning or messing up. In fact, we all still do things that make God sad, but God is still in control and loves us, and in the end, God promises to make everything right.

Jesus Wins

Grab some paper in two different colors. Cut a circle out of one color and streamers out of the other. Inside the circle write the words, "JESUS WINS!" Glue the streamers to the back of the circle to create a medal.

DAY 2

Read Acts 4:12

One Way To Unscramble

Unscramble the words below then read the phrases aloud.

One-way
S L G A S

One-way
R R I M R O

One-way
T R E S E T

One-way
I C T T K E

One-way
R T P I

When Peter and John stood before the religious leaders who'd had them arrested, they STILL shared boldly. They wanted everyone to know that Jesus came to be our Savior and came to fix our broken relationship with God.

Jesus made a way—the only way—for us to have a relationship with God. We can't be "good" enough, do enough right things, make enough good grades, or win enough championships to secure a spot in heaven. Because a relationship with God isn't something you earn, it's a gift you receive. It's offered to all who choose to put their trust in Jesus and what He has done.

Answer Key: glass, mirror, street, ticket, trip

DAY 3

Read Romans 5:1

2 + 2 =

30 + 8 =

4 X 0 =

12 X 1 =

Were any of those problems hard for you solve? Even if you needed a little help, they were fairly easy, right?

Peace isn't quite so easy. When you have a conflict with someone, when you argue or disagree, it's hard to see things from the other person's point of view. It's hard to stop and think, "How can we solve this problem?" in the middle of an argument. We're more interested in pointing out how the other person is wrong.

Thankfully, God doesn't do that.

God made people, and people sinned. Instead of listening to God, we decided to do things our own way. Because God loves us, Jesus came to fix that problem. God had a solution to the sin problem even while people were still messing up. God sent Jesus to pay the price for our sin so we could be forgiven. Jesus came to be our Savior.

DAY 4

Read Luke 19:10

Hide and Seek

Grab some friends or family members and play a few rounds of Hide and Seek.

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What's the goal of Hide and Seek? To find all the people hiding! That's what Jesus came to do for us! Without Jesus, we are lost and our connection with God is broken. So God sent Jesus to "find" and rescue us.

You might be thinking, "What do I need to be rescued from?" The short answer is sin. Sin is anything that makes God sad. James 4:17 says when we know what the right thing to do is and we don't do it, we sin, and our sin gets in the way of our relationship with God. Jesus' death on the cross took the punishment for sin and when He rose again, He made a way for us to be forgiven. Jesus came to be our Savior.

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