



## WEEK ONE

### THE BIBLE

Easter Story

## SAY THIS

**Jesus is alive!**

## DO THIS



## MORNING TIME

Put a special treat inside of an Easter egg and place it in the kitchen for your child to see. Give them the option of being able to have the treat now OR if they wait until the end of the day, there may be more eggs with more treats. Give them a hint that this is a game to practice patience.

## REMEMBER THIS

“Wait for the Lord. Be strong and don’t lose hope. Wait for the Lord!”

Psalm 27:14, NIV

## LIFE APP

**PATIENCE** – Waiting until later for what you want now

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## EASTER SUNDAY

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### IT'S EASTER! JESUS IS ALIVE!

Today is about a lot of things. First of all, it's about Jesus keeping His promises. He told the disciples He would leave this world, but then come back. When Peter and John and Mary went to the tomb and saw it was empty and then saw Jesus alive, they knew Jesus could be trusted. He did what He said He was going to do. Therefore, the truth is anything Jesus says, we can trust. We can trust that He will be with us. That good always wins. That we have nothing to fear.

Today also shows how patient Jesus is. He had told everyone what would happen, and when it did, He wasn't mad they didn't believe. He didn't say, "Ugh! Why don't you listen to me?!" No, He met His friends in a garden and then again in a crowded room, and then again on a beach. And while they just tried to make sense of what happened, He smiled and stayed close and cooked them breakfast. He was so patient with them. He is so patient with us.

Finally, Easter reminds us that something good can always come out of something bad. See, Jesus told us life would be hard. That bad things would happen. That things that don't make any sense would confuse us and

make us wonder about God and if He is really as good as we want Him to be. We can count on life being difficult. But Easter is all about something being truer than life just being hard. Easter is about something new and something good happening in something old and something bad.

As parents, it can be really easy to get discouraged in a tough season with our kids. It can feel like it never ends and things will never get better. But Easter is the reminder that no season lasts forever and that you can hang on because the story will get better.

It's like a new flower poking through the dirt after a long and cold winter. It's like a new baby smiling at his mama and daddy after a long night of crying and no sleep. It's like the first day of summer vacation after a long year of getting up early for school.

That's Easter. (Except about a million times better!) The moment something really good arrives after something really hard. When life conquers death!

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