

CHAMPS



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

4/4/2015

EASTER WEEKEND

LESSON MEMORY VERSE:

Matthew 28:6 "The angel said, "Jesus isn't in the grave. He's alive."

BIBLE STORY:

Jesus dies on the cross and then he rises from the dead.

(Based on Matthew 27:32-56, Mark 15:21-41, Luke 23:25-49, John 19:17-37, and Matthew 28:1-10)

One day, Jesus told His friends, "In a few days, some people are going to take Me away. I'm going to be killed." Jesus' friends were sad. Jesus knew this was part of God's plan so people could be forgiven for wrong things they have done. And Jesus knew He wouldn't stay dead.

The people who wanted to kill Jesus did not like it that so many people loved Him. When these people came to get Jesus, Jesus let them take Him And he let them kill Him on the cross.

Jesus' friends were sad. They took Jesus' body and put it into a tomb. A tomb was a little room cut out of the side of a hill. Some men put a huge rock in front of the doorway of the tomb. Jesus' friends were very sad. They didn't know that something wonderful was going to happen.

When Jesus was here on Earth, He did many wonderful things. HE made blind people see. He made crippled people walk again. He taught people about God. Jesus loved people very much. But not everyone loved Jesus.

As we have already learned many people didn't like Jesus. So they decided to kill him. JESUS knew that the reason He came to the Earth was to take the punishment for all the wrong things people had ever done or ever would do. Jesus knew God was in charge of what was happening. So Jesus let the angry people kill him on the cross.

Does anyone know how many days Jesus was in the tomb before he rose from the dead? (Allow time for answers) YES, THREE DAYS!

On the third day the ground began to shake and then the stone that was in front of the tomb...rolled away.

Two of Jesus' friends walked to the garden where the tomb was. These women were sad that their wonderful friend Jesus was dead. But when the women got to the tomb, the huge rock was moved away. They looked inside and saw JESUS' BODY WAS GONE.

Suddenly, the women saw two angels. "Why are you looking for Jesus here?" the angels asked. "Jesus is not dad. HE IS ALIVE! HE IS RISEN- just as He told you."

The women were glad! They ran to tell others the good news. As they ran, Jesus met them. Jesus said, "Don't be afraid!" Then the women told Jesus' friends that Jesus is ALIVE!!

PRAYER:

Thank God that Jesus is NOT dead. He is alive again. Ask God to help the children love Him more every day!!

ACTIVITIES:

(Supplies: Outline picture of a cross, pieces of construction paper, glue)

- Print out an outline of a cross and hand to each child.
- Give pieces of construction paper to each child and let them glue to the cross.

For additional resources please visit:

<http://www.discipleland.com/>