



THE STORY *continues...*

*Join us each week as God weaves His Story into the fabric
of our daily lives.*

Chapter 27 The Resurrection

Listen to *The Story*

Read **Chapter 27** of *The Story*

“The best is yet to come!”

(final words of Chapter 26 in The Story for Children.)

“Three days of darkness, pain, and crying. Three days of agony and fear, wondering if the officials who killed Jesus would come after his disciples and those who loved him. The three days passed without any trouble, so the women went to Jesus’ grave to anoint the body. But it wasn’t there! There was only an angel, an empty tomb, the burial cloths, and great news:

Jesus is alive!”

(opening words of Chapter 27 in The Story for Children.)

Learn *The Story*

*Look for ways in which God’s story and your story
connect this week.*

Resurrection power is all around us. Take a photo of something that once was “dead” but now is alive or lives in a new way and post it to your Facebook page or email it to a friend or just print it for a personal reference throughout this week that God restores life.

Include Jesus’ own words from John 10:10: “... I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” **Or** “I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.” **“The best is yet to come!”**

Love *The Story*

Intentionally take a step forward in faith.

“But there’s an empty cross; there’s an empty tomb—
fire and wind now sweeping in this tiny upper room.

There’s a hungry world, there’s a risen King—

Unlock the doors, what reason more could we ever need?

So sing with me! I dare you to!—

Because there’s an empty cross, there’s an empty tomb ...

Believing everything You said is true: We sing this song—

to make your name live on until every heart hears of the way YOU rescued us!”

Lyrics from “Empty” by Dan Haseltine from *Jars of Clay* & Matt Hammitt from *Sanctus Real*

Create a Resurrection playlist ... songs of praise that make your body, soul and mind rejoice in God’s rescue of YOU. Let your Easter celebration live loud and long into your life! One of Jesus’ first reunions with His Disciples after His Resurrection was to cook them breakfast. Invite someone out or over to your house for breakfast this week—someone who needs an extra measure of God’s resurrection power and promise infused into their lives. (Breakfast does not always have to be served in the *morning*.)

Luther's Explanation

Author and Lutheran theologian David Lose makes this observation: "I've come to believe that the good news is just too hard to believe for more than about 7 days in a row. Think about it. God cares about us enough to send Jesus that we might know and believe just how much God loves us.



That news is so good it almost sounds too good to be true. And while it might sound great on Sunday, by Friday – and some weeks, let's face it, by Monday afternoon – it seems very hard to believe."

It was really hard for those first Christians to believe. A resurrection from the dead? Impossible! Unbelievable! But "Jesus met them and said, Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him." (Matt 28: 9)

So we come together on Easter Sunday, and on each little Easter all year long, to remember this great promise – He is risen! He is risen indeed! The news is good – but not too good to be true!

*Jesus lives! The victory's won! Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave will Christ
recall me. Brighter scenes will then commence; this will be my
confidence. (ELW 133)*

PROMISE

This week, cling to God's promise for you:

"I will send My Spirit to fill you
with strength and power and courage."

The EXTRA Mile



Watch the Music Video with Natalie Grant singing "Alive" (Mary Magdalene's perspective) that was inspired by

The Story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wIGzOUunUN20>