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Family Prayer for EASTER

Reading: John 20:1-9



explaining GOD'S WORD

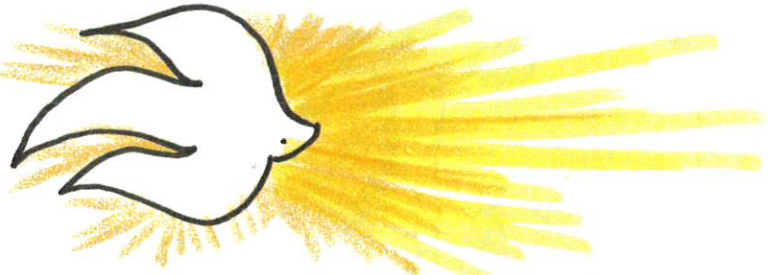
Easter (B) • John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7 • April 4, 2021



New Life Game

There are many things that remind us of Jesus' Resurrection. After a storm, the sun suddenly comes shining through. Dark nights change into daylight. All around us in nature are signs of going from "death to new life." They remind us of Jesus' promise that we too will enjoy the glory of heaven forever with Jesus and all the saints. Can you match up these pictures that show how some things change from death to life? Maybe you can draw some of your own.

THROUGH DEATH TO NEW LIFE



- Leader:** During those times when we argue with one another,
- All:** Lord, teach us how to love.
- Leader:** During those times when we fail to listen to one another,
- All:** Lord, teach us how to love.
- Leader:** During those times when we take one another for granted,
- All:** Lord, teach us how to love.
- Prayer:** Lord Jesus Christ, Lent is over and Easter is here at last. On this happy feast day, we remember the joy of your disciples when they learned that you had risen. Fill our family with this same Easter joy. Give us new life through your Holy Spirit, who lives and loves in us this day. Lead us and guide us to the Father, who awaits our new birth in heaven one day. And help us always to love one another as you have loved us.

Amen

You & Jesus

Let's pretend you are in Jerusalem, staying in the house with the apostles. You are all very sad because Jesus has died.

Suddenly, you hear a knock on the door. It's Mary Magdalene, Jesus' good friend. Mary is very upset. She can hardly speak. Someone has taken Jesus' body.

With Peter and the other disciples, you race for the place where Jesus is buried. You look inside. You see the place where Jesus was lying, but Jesus is not there. You feel a little scared. Why would someone take him away?

Later that day, Mary Magdalene returns. She is so excited that her eyes sparkle. She has seen the Lord, she tells you. You wonder, how can one come back to life? You remember then — Jesus said he would!



That evening, as you sit together talking, Jesus comes into the room — even though the door is locked. “Peace be with you,” Jesus says, and your heart is filled with joy.

Easter is an exciting feast. When we sing “Alleluia,” it’s like saying, “Praise the Lord! Jesus lives!”