

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Easter is celebrating that Jesus is alive.

Read Luke 24:6-7

Do you know what a prediction is?

A prediction is to declare or indicate in advance—in other words, to say what you believe will happen in the future.

When the women came to the tomb, the angels greeted them with unbelievable news. Jesus wasn't there, He had risen just as He said he would. Jesus knew what was coming before it even happened. It's the whole reason Jesus came to earth in the first place. Jesus came to give His life to make a way for us to have a relationship with God.

Read Jesus' prediction of these events in Mark 8:31 and Luke 9:22.

Jesus predicted three things:

1. He would be delivered into the hands of people—elders, chief priests, and teachers of the law who wanted to stop him.
2. He would be killed.
3. After three days, He would rise again.

Jesus died to take the punishment for our sin. He rose again to make a way for everyone who believes in Him to have a relationship with God. We celebrate Easter because Jesus is ALIVE!

Read Romans 6:9-10

Jesus died once to take the punishment for all sin. Three days later, Jesus came BACK to life! Did you hear that? Jesus is alive! Our sin has been forgiven. It no longer gets in the way of a relationship with God. Jesus died once and for all so that we can have a relationship with God that will last forever. And guess what? Jesus never has to do that again.

Crack The Code

Use the code to find the message. The first letter represents the left hand vertical column, and the second letter is the horizontal column.

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Romans 6:9a, NIV

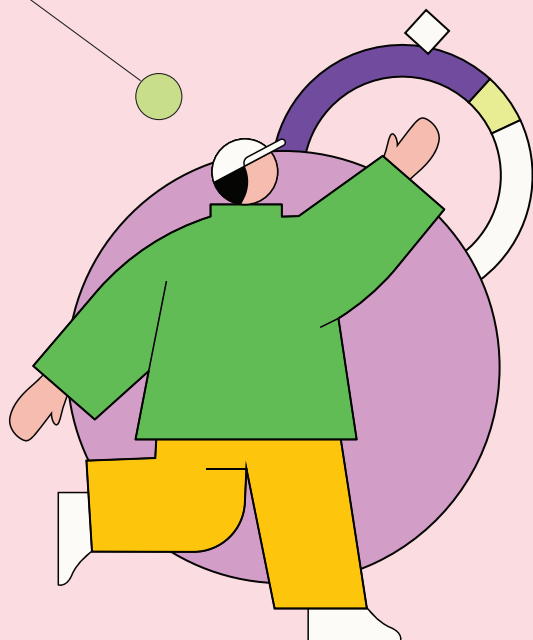
Answer Key: "We know that Christ was raised from the dead and will never die again."

Read John 3:16

This verse is what the Bible is all about. God loves you, so did what people who love do: God gave. What did God give? Jesus: God's one and only Son. Jesus came to take the punishment for our sin, or the wrong things we do. When we believe in Jesus, we get to live with God forever. Because Jesus is alive, we are forgiven and have a relationship with God, now and forever!

John 3:16: Illustrated

Grab a piece of paper and illustrate John 3:16 any way you choose. You can draw a heart for love, baby Jesus in a manger for "Son" etc. When you're finished, give your drawing to someone in your family or a friend. When you do, read through the verse and talk about what Jesus has done for us!



Read Acts 3:15

What is the coolest thing you've ever seen or experienced? What's the craziest, most outrageous thing you've seen in person, with your own two eyes?

When Jesus died, His friends were so sad and afraid. But Jesus' death wasn't the end. Because Jesus came back to life! We celebrate Easter year after year because Jesus is alive.

All of these events—the miracles of Jesus, His teaching, healing and helping—happened with other people around. That means there were witnesses who saw these things with their own eyes. People (like Peter who spoke the words in today's verse) witnessed Jesus' death and His resurrection.

Those witnesses were the ones who couldn't stop talking about what He had done. They wanted everyone to know about Jesus! And because they were brave enough to talk about what they'd seen and heard, more and more people became believers in Jesus. Over 2,000 years later, we celebrate Easter because of those witnesses who told others about what they'd seen so long ago.

Jesus is alive.