



# Family Fun at Easter

## Easter Sunday – 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Jesus died on Good Friday. Afterwards, his body was laid in a tomb and a large, heavy stone was rolled in front of the opening. His friends were all very sad. They had to wait until Sunday to visit the tomb and when they did, they found the large heavy stone had been rolled away and the tomb was empty. Where was Jesus? You can read more about this in the bible in [Johns gospel Chapter 20 verses 1 to 10](#).

Jesus rose from the dead on that first Easter Sunday morning. His friends were confused, some didn't believe it. But what happened next? Jesus met with his friends, talked to them, ate with them, let them touch him and proved he really was alive again. Jesus was truly special, he was sent by God and he shows us exactly what God is like – loving, caring and ALIVE! Amazing, isn't it?

### Activity

We probably all like to eat chocolate eggs – the egg is a symbol of new life. It reminds us that Jesus rose from the dead and is alive and that we can have a new life if we believe and trust in Him. Enjoy some chocolate eggs, maybe you can hunt for some in the house or garden.

Memory game – put these things which help to remind us of the different parts of the Easter story in a bag or a box. A leaf, some bread, a cup (for wine), a foot shape, a cross, a round stone, an Easter egg, a nail, a crown (for a King), a picture of a donkey. Bring each one out one at a time and see if you can remember what that part of the story was about. Put them in order of where they come in the events of the very first Easter.

How many words can you make from the letters JESUS IS RISEN? Try it with EASTER SUNDAY and again with GOOD FRIDAY or MAUNDY THURSDAY.

Write a letter to a friend, relative or neighbour (or draw a picture) telling them everything you have found out about the Easter story which we find in the bible.

### Thought

Jesus has defeated the power of death. We no longer have to be afraid, because anybody who trusts in Him has eternal life. Read [John 3:16-17](#)

### Prayer for Easter Day

Dear God

Thank you that Jesus loved us so much that he was willing to die on a cross for us so we can be friends with You forever. Thank you that Jesus is alive today and that we can be friends with him. Help us to remember what Jesus teaches us in the bible, to love each other and to love you. Please help us to do this even when we find it hard.

In Jesus name we pray. Amen.