

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 1, 2018



**BIBLE STORY:**

*Matthew 27:11-52; 28:1-15*

**BIBLE VERSE:**

*Matthew 28:6*

**BABIES—PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:**

*Jesus' friends saw Him. (BT)*

*Jesus is alive. (P)*

**YOUNGER KIDS TEXT TRUTH:**

*Jesus paid for my sin. He is alive!*

**OLDER KIDS TEXT TRUTH:**

*Jesus died on the cross to pay for my sin. Jesus is alive!*

**ADULT CORE PASSAGE:**

*John 20:3-9; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28*

**FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:**

*1 Corinthians 15:20*

**FAMILY READING PLAN:**

**SUNDAY:** *1 Corinthians 12:1-11*

**MONDAY:** *1 Corinthians 12:12-17*

**TUESDAY:** *1 Corinthians 12:18-26*

**WEDNESDAY:** *1 Corinthians 12:27-31*

**THURSDAY:** *1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

**FRIDAY:** *1 Corinthians 14:1-5*

**SATURDAY:** *1 Corinthians 14:6-12*

## FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study Matthew, John, and 1 Corinthians together as a family:



- **Jesus died on the cross to pay for my sin.** God's plan for the redemption of all people was all about Jesus. Jesus lived a life that honored God. Jesus' death on the cross paid the price for all sin for those who have faith in Christ. Jesus was betrayed by Judas for the payment of 30 pieces of silver. Jesus was arrested, tried unjustly, and sentenced to death. Roman crucifixion was painful and slow, but Jesus died quickly, taking upon Himself the sin of the world. Jesus' death on the cross was not the end, however.
- **An empty tomb.** Early on Sunday morning two women went to the tomb to finish preparing Jesus' body for burial. As the women approached the tomb, an earthquake occurred and the stone that had sealed the entrance of the tomb was rolled away. The women looked inside the tomb and discovered it to be empty. An angel nearby announced that Jesus was not there because He had been resurrected, just as He said. The women returned to the disciples and met the risen Christ along the way. The women left to tell Peter and John what they had seen, and the men ran to the tomb and found it just as the women declared. Jesus was risen! The tomb was empty.
- **The resurrection of Christ gives Christians hope of a future resurrection.** Paul taught the Corinthians that the curse of sin had entered the world through the actions of one man—Adam. As a second Adam, the curse of sin has been broken by the actions of one man—Jesus. Believers find true life through the resurrected Christ. Paul encouraged the believers in Corinth to believe that in the future, Christians would also experience a resurrection. Along with this resurrection, Christians would enjoy an eternal reign with Christ. Paul could faithfully encourage the believers since the resurrection actually happened. Had Jesus still been in the tomb, it would have been impossible for the Christians then or now to experience the hope that comes with the knowledge of an empty tomb and future with Christ.