

JESUS IS RISEN

A Service for Little Ones

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Teacher Notes

Easter is a happy holiday for the children. Unfortunately, the world has covered much of the truth with eggs, bunnies, and baskets. Though there is nothing wrong with fun at Easter, it is necessary that we take time to teach our children the true story behind the highest celebration of the church year.

Producing an Easter worship program for family and friends is a bit more challenging than Christmas. We don't have a wealth of children's Easter songs and poems as we do Christmas carols. Yet we have attempted to provide a number of interesting and enjoyable verses and readings.

Children need not have any special costumes or props except large letters that make up the word R-I-S-E-N. Templates for those letters are included on this disk.

There is also an Easter card included that the children could color for their visitors. These could include the printing of worship service times for your church celebration.

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(Children enter and sit)

Teacher: It would be difficult for us to celebrate Easter without first visiting the place where Jesus died.

Reading: John 19:16-19

Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). Here they crucified him, and with him two others--one on each side and Jesus in the middle. Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Song: "There Is a Green Hill Far Away"
(Sung by staff, parents, friends and children.)

There is a green hill far away,
Outside a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.

He died that we might be forgiv'n,
He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to Heav'n,
Saved by His precious blood.

There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin;
He only could unlock the gate
Of Heaven and let us in.

Reading: John 19:28-30

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Recitation: “Jesus Died on Calvary”

Jesus died on Calvary
For the sins of you and me.
He has now the victory won,
Tell the news to everyone.

It was on a cross he died
I can now be glorified.
He has now the victory won,
Tell the news to everyone.

Jesus rose out of the grave
Showing us his power to save.
He has now the victory won,
Tell the news to everyone.

Reading: John 19:38-42

Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Song & Fingerplay: “Jesus Rose on Easter Day”

(Sung to the tune of “Jesus Loves Me”)

Jesus rose on Easter day
The huge stone was rolled away (Push hard on stone)
It is now an empty grave (Put hand above eyes to look far away)
Jesus proved his power to save. (Hold hand out, palms up to side)
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
He rose on Easter day.

Jesus rose on Easter day
We can hear the angels say (Hold hand by ear to listen)
“He’s not here he lives once more (Shake head back and forth)
He has opened heaven’s door.” (Hands in front, palms together and open up like door)
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
He rose on Easter day.

There Is a Green Hill Far Away

William Horsley, 1844

♩ = 112

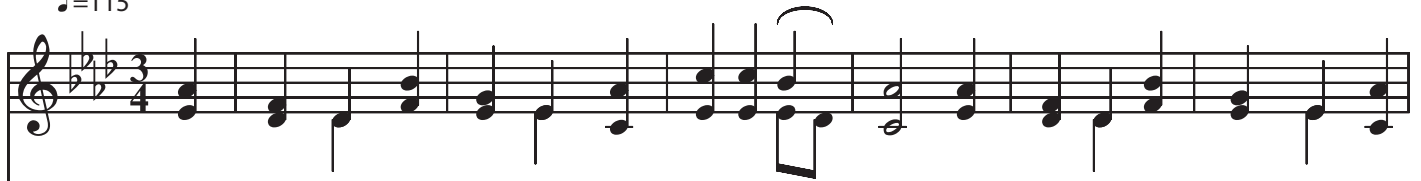
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3. There was no oth - er good e - nough To pay the price of sin; He

the dear Lord was cru - ci - fied, who died to save us all.
we might go at last to heav'n, Saved by His pre-cious blood.
on - ly could un - lock the gate of heav'n and let us in.

We Welcome Glad Easter

John Roberts, 1839

♩=115



1. We wel-come glad Eas-ter, when Je-sus a - rose And won a great vic - to - ry
2. And tell how the wo-men came ear-ly that day And there at the tomb found the
3. We think of the pro-mise which Je-sus did give, "That he who be - lieves in me



o - ver his foes. Then raise your glad voi-ces, you child-ren and sing, Bring
stone rolled a - way. Then raise your glad voi-ces, you child-ren and sing, Bring
al - so will live." Then raise your glad voi-ces, you child-ren and sing, Bring



sweet Eas-ter prais-es to Je-sus, our King.
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