

KEEPING OUR MIND ON MISSIONS

LET'S CELEBRATE EASTER— APRIL 8, 2020

Storytime:

It's Holy Week! That means that this is the week that leads up to Easter. Easter is such a special time! I'm sure that you have heard about how Jesus died on a cross so that we would be able to be with God in Heaven one day.

But did you know that the story doesn't end there? Did you know that after Jesus was buried in the tomb that he didn't stay there?? He came alive three days later! He's no longer dead! Isn't that amazing and wonderful news? It's such good news that we don't want to keep it to ourselves. We want everyone in the whole wide world to know this awesome story!

Wouldn't it be sad if people never heard about how Jesus loves them so much that he actually died for them and defeated death so that there could be a way for us to be with Him forever?

Missionaries all over the world are telling people about Jesus and His love for them. That's what a missionary is- someone who tells others that Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever. They find all kinds of ways to tell the Easter story- through their jobs, or sports, or just being friends with their neighbors. Last week we talked about what a neighbor is and ways that we can show them that we love them. What better way to show your love for them than by finding a way to share the Easter story with them!

Scripture Memory:

"HE IS NOT HERE, FOR HE HAS RISEN, AS HE SAID. COME, SEE THE PLACE WHERE HE LAY."

MATTHEW 28: 6

Activity: Looking for the Cross

Go on a family walk or bike ride to look for crosses! Count how many you can find and make it a game and keep score. Count two points for an actual cross (in a yard or front door), and one point for something that looks like a cross (i.e., a broken branch, a cloud formation, etc.). As you are searching for crosses, retell the Easter story and talk about why the cross of Jesus is such a big deal.

Outreach Activity: Easter Invitation

Create an invitation for your neighbors to "join you" for Easter at Shades! Make sure to include the website (www.shades.org/live) as well as the times that they can view the livestream service (9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., or 6:00 p.m.). Have a grown up help deliver the invitations to your neighbor's mailbox.

Prayer: This week let's thank God for Jesus and the amazing gift He is to us. Thank God for the Easter story and ask Him to help you share it with as many people as you can. Draw a cross below to remind you of what Jesus did for us!

Parents: Be sure to visit www.shades.org/connect to find the Holy Week preschool activity cards and other resources that might be helpful to you during this time.

