

# This Week's Lesson

## He is Risen!

### Easter

Some things that have become part of our Easter celebration are candy, colored eggs, bunny rabbits and new clothes. There is nothing wrong with these being part of our celebration as long as we remember what Easter is really about. It's about Jesus!

On early Easter morning some women went to visit the tomb where their friend Jesus had been buried. He had been crucified and died on the cross. He was buried in a borrowed tomb (a tomb is like a cave). The women were going to put spices on His body.

When they got to the tomb, they discovered that the stone covering the entrance was rolled away. When they looked inside the tomb, they saw that it was empty. They thought someone had stolen Jesus' body.

Suddenly, two men in bright shining clothes appeared. The women became afraid and bowed down with their faces to the ground. The men spoke to the women and said, "Jesus is not here, He has risen!"

The women remembered what Jesus had told them and they were no longer afraid. Their fear turned to happiness and they went back to tell Jesus' disciples what they had seen and that Jesus had risen, just as He said He would.

What a happy day that was!

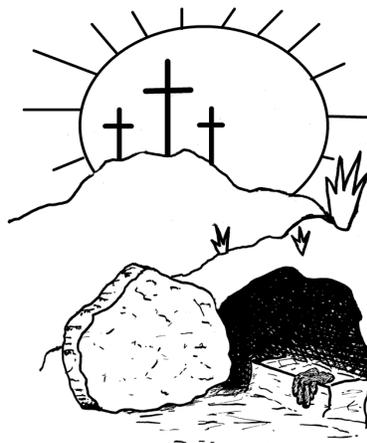
We have reason to be happy too. We're happy because Jesus rose from the grave and that He lives forever, and whoever believes in Him will have everlasting life.

Let's celebrate this and every Easter to come by letting others know, "Jesus has risen! He has risen indeed!"

### Prayer

*Dear Lord,*

*As we celebrate the empty tomb with the knowledge that Jesus rose from the dead and lives forever, we also know if we believe in Him we will have everlasting life with you too. We pray in Your name. Amen*



# This Week's Lesson He is Risen! Craft

## The empty cross and empty tomb

### Materials:

Box or container  
2 craft sticks  
Easter grass or shredded paper  
Half an empty egg shell  
Construction paper  
Markers  
Glue  
Tape  
Any other embellishments you would like  
Scissors  
Twine or string (optional)

### Directions:

#### To make the cross part of this craft -

Cut both ends of the one craft stick which will be the horizontal piece of a cross.

Cut off just one end of the other craft stick for the vertical cross piece.

Glue the two pieces together to make the cross shape so all cut ends are showing & let dry.  
(add twine at the intersecting pieces-optional)

#### To make the container -

Cut construction paper to fit and decorate with markers as you would like.

Glue paper to container.

Glue or tape the uncut part of cross to the inside in the back of the container.

Fill container with grass.

Place empty egg shell to represent the empty tomb in the container.

Add any decorative items you might like.

### Example

