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BIG TRUTH: JESUS IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 11:25

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."

BIG IDEAS

- Jesus is alive!
- Jesus paid our sin debt in full and overcame death.
- Jesus gives us the hope of eternal life.
- God gives new life to those who place saving faith in Jesus.

BIBLE STORY: MATTHEW 28:1-10; JOHN 20:1-10

Jesus took on the sins of the world when He died on the cross. He took these sins on Himself so that He could pay the world's sin debt. He was crucified and died on the cross and then buried in a tomb. His death was not the end to the hope that He brought the world. He didn't stay dead in the tomb. He rose to life again on the third day and defeated death. He's alive today and because He's alive, those who repent and believe in Him have the hope of eternal life after their earthly death.

AIMS

Every child should know that:

- Every child should know that all have sinned and are in need of a substitute.
- Every child should know that God sent Jesus to be our substitute.



Every child should:

• Every child should be able to explain that all have sinned, and God sent His Son to take their place.



WANT

Every child should feel:

• Every child should feel loved by a God who gave His Son as their substitute.

Every child should want:

• Every child should experience the desire to know more about Jesus, who is their substitute.



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JESUS OVERCAME DEATH

With your child make resurrection cookies. Follow the link for the recipe and directions. http://www.icanteachmychild.com/resurrection-cookies/. Jesus took on the sins of the world, He died on the cross and was buried in a tomb. On the third day, He rose again and overcame death.

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DISCOVER IT:

Read John 20:1-9.

THINK ABOUT IT:

Jesus came to this earth and lived a sinless life. He faced all the temptations to sin that we face, but He never sinned. He was wrongfully accused and sentenced to die on the cross. He willingly went to the cross to die for our sins. When He was on the cross, He took on the sins of all the world and He paid the price of our sin--- death. He freely gave up His life on the cross and was buried in a tomb by His disciples. He was in the tomb for three days and on the third day, He rose to life again. He overcame death when He rose to life again. He is alive today. Because He rose again, everyone who repents and places their faith in Him will have eternal life. His resurrection brings hope to all those who believe in Him.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- Who was the first person to come to Jesus' tomb? (Mary Magdalene was the first person.)
- What did she see when she came to the tomb? (She saw that the stone in front of His tomb was rolled away.)
- How do we know that Jesus overcame death? (He was not in His tomb because He rose to life again.)



As a family memorize John 11:25 by singing the verse to the tune of "Frère Jacques."

As a family create a resurrection garden. Spend time talking about how Jesus died on the cross and was buried in a tomb. On the third day, the tomb was found empty because Jesus had risen to life again. He overcame death when He rose to life again.

As a family make resurrection rolls. Talk with your child about how Jesus rose to life again and when He did, He overcame death. Share with your child how you have hope for eternal life because you have repented of your sins and believed in Jesus

Using a container of sand, help your child try to pick out one grain of sand at a time and place it in another, empty container. Talk with your child about how long it would take for you to move the sand from one container to another doing it one grain of sand at a time. Then tell them that the amount of time to do that would be just the beginning of eternity. Next, talk with your child about what heaven will be like. Then, talk about how great it will be to live for all of eternity in a place like heaven and how Jesus' resurrection on earth gives us hope of eternal life in heaven.