

# JESUS IS RISEN!

John 20:1-18; John 20:19-31

**KIDS  
3RD-6TH**

**NL**

**Key Verses:**

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord.”  
John 20:18

“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”  
John 20:29

**The Point:**

The risen Christ appears to his disciples and sends them out into the world.

**Making Connections:**

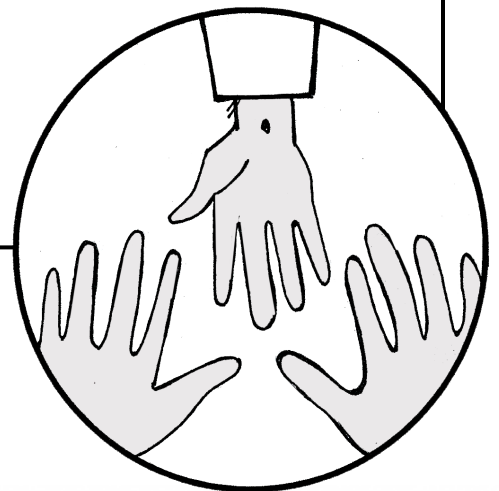
Good News Spreads

**Bible Nuts & Bolts:**

God’s Peace

**Spiritual Practice:**

Service



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# BACKGROUND



## **Making Connections**

This week, we transition into new life. The good news spreads: Christ is no longer in the tomb. Death could not hold Jesus. The stone is rolled away, the angels sit in the tomb, and Jesus walks outside. The promise of Easter is realized. The word of the resurrection spreads, first by Mary and then the disciples.

## **Story Summary:**

### ***Jesus Is Risen!***

In John's Gospel account of the resurrection, Mary Magdalene arrived alone at the tomb early on the first day of the week. She was the first to see that the stone had been removed from the tomb. She went to get Simon Peter and an unnamed disciple whom Jesus loved. The three of them went to the tomb. The disciples discovered the empty tomb and returned home. Mary, however, remained.

She wept, believing that someone had taken the body. But when Mary entered the tomb, she saw two angels sitting where Jesus' body had been and they comforted her. Then Mary saw a man outside the tomb. She thought the man was a gardener and questioned him about the location of Jesus' body. The man, however, was Jesus. Mary recognized Jesus after he called her name. She responded by calling him "Rabbouni!" which means teacher. Jesus sent Mary to proclaim this to the disciples. She told them that she had seen the Lord. It is unclear if the disciples believe Mary's tale.

Later, Jesus appears in the locked room with the disciples. Their disbelief is shattered, and they rejoice. Jesus breathes on them, imparting the Holy Spirit. Thomas has missed this entire experience, and has difficulty believing the disciples' story, proclaiming that he needs to see Jesus for himself in order to believe. A week later, Jesus again appears in the room, and Thomas has his opportunity to place his hand in Jesus' wounds, securing his own belief.

## **The Point**

**The risen Christ appears to his disciples and sends them out into the world.** The story of the resurrection of Jesus is the culmination of the Gospel story. Starting with the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and ending with the empty tomb, this story is a journey with Christ through death to new life. The good news would not be complete if it ended with Jesus being laid in the tomb. Christ's divinity is profoundly demonstrated by the fact that death could not claim victory over Jesus. Just as Jesus sends the disciples into the world, he also sends us to tell the good news that he is alive.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Easter Crossword Puzzle!

## Across

4. Jesus died on the...

5. Hat traditionally worn on Easter

6. Baby Chicken

7. Where Jesus was buried

10. Good \_\_\_\_\_

11. Candy typically given on Easter

13. Easter egg

\_\_\_\_\_  
14. He comes on Easter night

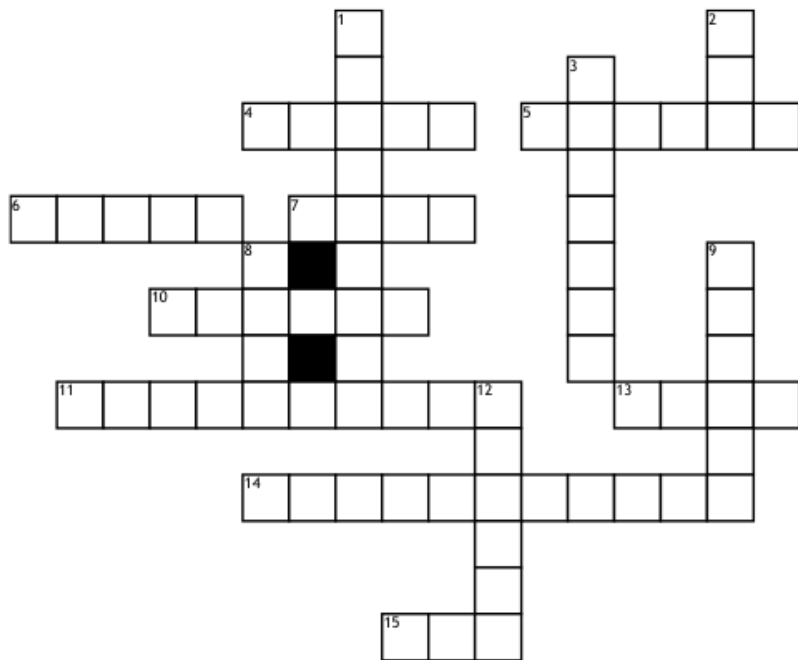
15. Easter \_\_\_\_

## Down

1. \_\_\_\_\_ rabbit

2. This is used to decorate Easter eggs

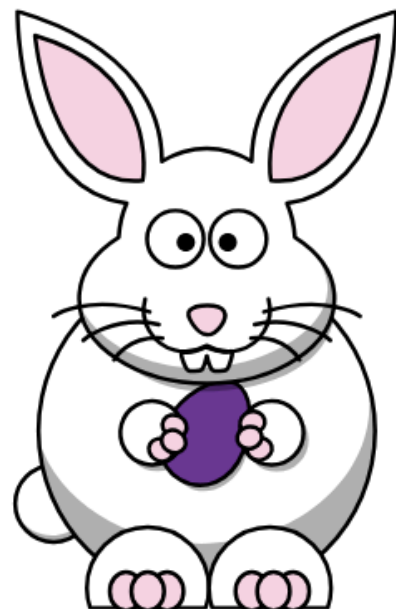
3. \_\_\_\_\_ down the bunny trail



8. Typical Easter flower

9. \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday

12. Easter's season



# Easter

## WORD SEARCH

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### WORD LIST

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bunny  
chocolate  
hunt

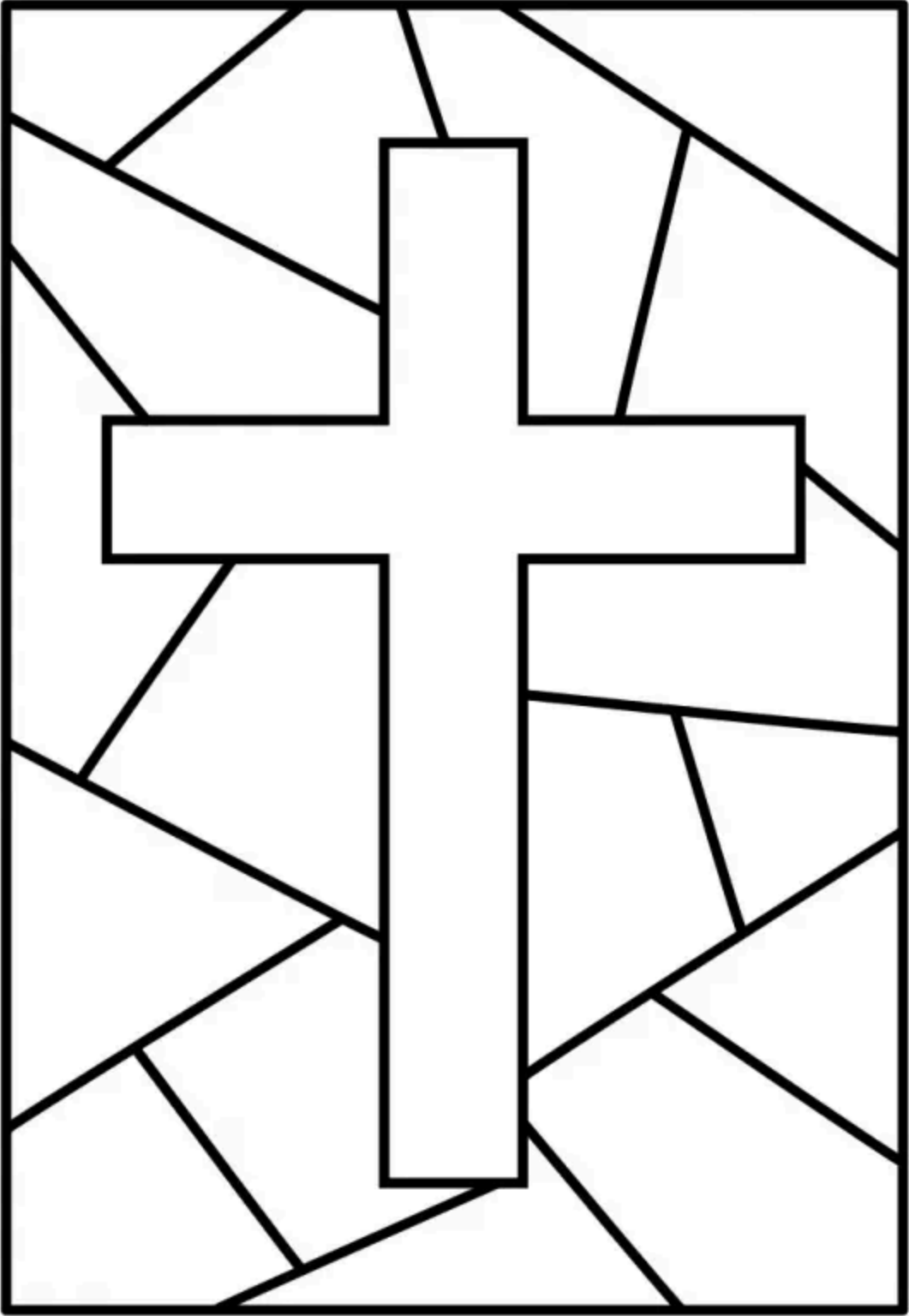
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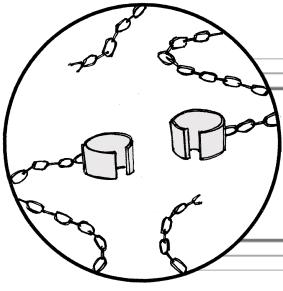
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flowers



He is Risen







# THE STORY @ HOME

**KIDS  
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**Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story**  
Narrative Lectionary, Year 4 (2025-2026)

**Lesson #4-32**  
**Acts 16:16-34**

## LAST WEEK

Saul, a persecutor of Christians, had a vision of Jesus on the road to Damascus that changed his life dramatically (Acts 9:1-19a).

## THIS WEEK

When Paul and Silas are imprisoned for sharing the gospel, an earthquake opens their cell door and a prison guard comes to believe (Acts 16:16-34).

## STORY SUMMARY

### Paul and Silas in Prison

Paul commands a spirit to leave an enslaved girl, angering her masters. They have Paul and Silas imprisoned, but Paul and Silas do not lose heart. They sing praises to God and pray throughout the night. An earthquake rocks the prison and causes Paul and Silas's chains to fall away and their prison doors to burst open. The jailer panics when the prison doors are opened, but Paul and Silas cry out for the jailer not to hurt himself. The two apostles are able to tell the jailer and his family about Jesus.

## PRACTICE SERVICE

Remembering people who are going through difficult times can be a meaningful expression of service. Who do you know that is going through a difficult time? What can you do as a family to help them? Come up with a plan and carry it out.

## NEXT WEEK

Paul continues his missionary journey around the Mediterranean in Athens, where he challenges the cultural practices of the time (Acts 17:16-31).

## THE POINT

God can even use the imprisonment of the faithful to bring about change in people.

## BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

### *Translation*

When the Bible was first written down, the Old Testament was originally written in Hebrew and Aramaic, while the New Testament was written in Greek. To reach people all over the world, the Bible has been translated into hundreds of languages and the New Testament itself translated into over a thousand languages. However, translation always involves interpretation, as translators must often choose which modern words and phrases best communicate the intention of the original writings. It can be helpful when studying Scripture to read several translations and study the different meanings of important words and phrases.

### *Family Discussions*

Use the questions below—or any you have—to discuss this lesson’s Scripture reading with your family.

- † Did you find anything in this reading that was surprising?
- † What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- † What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

### *Family Devotions*

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God’s message to us? How should we respond?

#### **Sunday—Read Acts 16:16-34**

Paul and Silas were imprisoned but continued to worship and share anyway. Using cushions and pillows, build a jail and then break out when God sends an earthquake.

#### **Monday—Read Acts 16:35-40**

Paul and Silas are released from jail. Have you ever falsely accused someone or been falsely accused? How did you handle it?

#### **Tuesday—Read Acts 10:1-23**

After a vision, a Roman named Cornelius sent his servants to bring the apostle Peter to him. Gather stuffed animals. Use a towel or blanket to reenact Peter’s vision.

#### **Wednesday—Read Acts 10:24-33**

Cornelius met Peter and told him of his vision. Sometimes it is hard for us to believe that God loves and forgives all people. Pray for the people that it is difficult for you to love.

#### **Thursday—Read Acts 10:34-48**

Peter shared the good news as the Holy Spirit descends and moves all gathered to be baptized. Blow on each other and remind one another that you have received the Holy Spirit.

#### **Friday—Read Acts 17:1-9**

Paul goes to Thessalonica. Paul and Silas continue to travel and tell others about Jesus. Walk outside or around your home, and talk about Jesus with each other.

#### **Saturday—Read Acts 17:10-15**

Paul goes to Beroea. Paul and Silas are stirring up trouble by talking about Jesus. They probably moved quickly from town to town. Move quickly from room to room in your home.