



Big Truths for Little Hearts

A Resource for Early Childhood Parents

April

Monthly Theme

Jesus came to be my Savior
and Forever Friend!

Weekly Focus

Week 1 / MATTHEW 27:27-66, 28:1-10

Jesus dies on the cross for our sins and is raised
back to life three days later!

Week 2 / LUKE 24:13-53, ACTS 1:3 and 9-11

After Jesus was raised to life, He appears to His
friends and many others before going back up to
heaven.

Week 3 / JOHN 14:1-6, 1 THESS. 4:15-17, REV. 21-22:6

Jesus went back to Heaven to prepare a special
place for those who believe in Him.

Week 4 / LUKE 19:1-10

Jesus stays at the house of Zacchaeus, whose
heart changes after he spends time with Jesus.

Memory Verse with Motions

**“Christ died for our sins. He was buried and
then raised to life on the third day.”**

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

“Christ died *(make a cross shape with your arms)*

for our sins. *(show two thumbs down and make a sad
face)*

He was buried *(motion as if putting something in the
ground)*

and then raised to life *(raise both hands to the sky with
hands open)*

on the third day.” *(hold up 3 fingers)*

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 *(open hands like a book)*

Things to do at Home!

- Easter Nature Walk & Scavenger Hunt - Even though Easter has passed, it is a great idea to remind our kids why we celebrate Easter—and that we can celebrate every day! Go on a walk with your child and look for these:
 1. Something sharp - Represents Jesus' pain
 2. Something prickly or thorny - The crown of thorns
 3. Something made of wood - Jesus' death on the cross
 4. Something round and smooth - The stone placed in front of the tomb
 5. Something soft - The linens that Mary found in the tomb on Easter morning
 6. Something living - Jesus' resurrection
 7. Something colorful - Our hope and joy that comes through Jesus' atonement for us
- Make an Easter Garden - example of a garden: <http://thefrugalthomemaker.com/2012/04/06/friday-fun-frugal-finds-an-easter-garden-tutorial/>
- Prayer Time - Sit together with your child and say a prayer that may go something like this, “Dear God, thank you for giving us Jesus to be our friend forever. Thank you that He died on the cross for our sins and rose again. He loves us very much and we ALL need Him as our Savior and forever friend. We love you, God. Amen.”

