

### Chapter 27 – The Resurrection Day One – Jesus is Alive!

**Today's reading:** Bottom of page 382 through middle of page 383

**This reading covers:** Matthew 28

**Summary:** Jesus died for us. On the third day, he rose again!

**Do together:** Write a very brief outline of the history of your family. Include those things that are important to the members of your family. Marriage, births, deaths, vacations. Emphasize that just because some of the family members may not have been present at the different occasions, they still happened. When the first child was born, the third child was not there to welcome them. That does not mean the first child did not arrive as Mom and Dad said.

**Think about:** Before Jesus died, he told his friends he would rise again. Jesus' friends were not sure about this. Would it really happen? After Jesus was crucified he rose again on the third day, just like he said he would. We were not there, but we know it happened, because God told Jesus' friends to write it down, and we can read about it in the Bible.

**Also read:** Luke 18:31-33

**Prayer:** Dear Jesus, we thank you that you died for our sins. We know you rose again after you died. Because you were able to do so, we can trust that all the other things you said are also true. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### Chapter 27 – The Resurrection

#### Day Two – It's True

**Today's reading:** Middle of page 384 through bottom of page 386

**This reading covers:** Luke 24; John 21

**Summary:** Jesus shows himself alive to his followers.

**Do together:** Play a rousing game of Hide-and-Seek with the kids. You may want to do this before you read *The Story* today.

**Think about:** Wow! Don't you just love a good game of Hide-and-Seek? That is a game that has been played by children forever. When children are very young, they think that, when someone hides, they are really gone forever. Isn't that funny?

When Jesus died and then rose again, his friends did not know where he was. It may sound funny to us, but they may have thought he was gone forever too. But Jesus showed himself to his friends so they would be able to understand that he was going away, but they would see him again.

**Also read:** Matthew 16:21

**Prayer:** Dear Jesus, even though we cannot see you right now, we know exactly where you are. You are in heaven with your Father, God. If we ask you to be our Forever Friend we will see you again someday. You are not trying to hide from us. We can find you in the Bible anytime we want. We love you, Jesus. Amen.

### Chapter 27 – The Resurrection Day Three – Tell the World

**Today's reading:** Bottom of page 386 through page 388

**This reading covers:** Matthew 28

**Summary:** Jesus' followers are given the job to tell the world about him.

**Do together:** Make a phone call as a family to someone you love and who needs to hear that Jesus loves them. Make it a simple and casual greeting. "Hi, Grandma. I just wanted to tell you that I love you and that Jesus loves you too. I am learning about Jesus' love as I read the Bible."

**Think about:** Talk about how important it is to tell other people about Jesus' love. This is one of the reasons that Jesus wants us to be here on earth, instead of in heaven with him. He wants us to tell others about his love and how they can have him for their Forever Friend. He told his disciples to tell the message to everyone all over the world. He also gave them a very important promise. "I am with you always," he said. Jesus does not send us out alone to do such an important job. If he is our Forever Friend, he is in our hearts to help us always do the job.

**Also read:** Matthew 28:18-20

**Prayer:** Jesus, we love you! We know that telling others about your love for them is one of our most important jobs. Help us to share your message of love with others. We trust you to be with us and to help us do the best we can. In your name, Amen.