



# FAITH AT HOME

Aldersgate Church ~ St. Louis Park, MN

## Week of April 9, 2023: Matthew 28:1-10



### Memory Verse

#### Matthew 28:2

*"And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it."*



### Family Prayer

Dear God, Thank you for loving us so much to send Jesus to die for our sins. Thank you for not ending the story at death. Thank you for the Easter story of resurrection. Amen.



### The Story

**Theme of the story:** The resurrection of Jesus. The stone was rolled away from the grave where Jesus had been laid.

**Retelling For Young People:** Last Sunday was when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and everybody sang and waved palm branches. Thursday was when Jesus washed his disciples' feet and told them to love each other the same way he loved them. He also gave them the Lord's Supper. He said the bread was his body. He said the wine was his blood. Friday was the very sad day when Jesus was hung on a cross until he died. But today is Sunday. Here's what happened on Easter Sunday.



After the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb. Suddenly there was a great earthquake. An angel, descending from heaven,

### Activity: Easter Egg Hunt

If you use plastic eggs, fill them with jelly beans or small things. Talk about the symbolism of an egg. The egg has become a symbol of the Resurrection. Just as Jesus rose from the tomb, the egg symbolizes new life emerging from the eggshell.

### Craft: Easter Egg

*You will need: white paper, old toothbrush, water-color or acrylic paint (various colors), newspaper or cloth to protect work surface*

Trace an egg-shaped oval on the white paper, any size, and have your child cut out the shape. Get an old toothbrush. Put down newspaper under the white paper because this can get messy. Use the toothbrush and splatter paint on the egg. The toothbrush should be close to the paper to avoid too much mess.

Another less messy way to make a large egg painting is to use a coffee filter. Cut the filter in an egg shape. Use watercolors and let the paint blend together.

came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing glowing white. The men guarding the tomb shook with fear. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here. He has been raised from the dead. Come and see the place where he was laid. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that Jesus has been raised from the dead and he is going to Galilee. There you will see him." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" The women came to him and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Family discussion: Jesus said to the women, "Do not be afraid." What makes you scared? How can you handle that fear?



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