

In preparation for March 31, 2024: Easter Sunday

Joy in God's plan being fulfilled

"He has been raised, he is not here"

John 20:1-9



Adults -

1. How many of you as Catholics know that we don't just celebrate Easter for one day? Easter is actually celebrated for 50 days until Pentecost Sunday. What is the significance of this?
2. How will you fulfill the role of being a witness to the resurrected Christ and to others this Easter Season and beyond?
3. Imagine you just saw the empty tomb of Jesus. This would have to be the loudest, unspoken proclamation of the power of God. The empty tomb is one of the biggest blessings in our lives. How does this speak to the glory of God?

Obstacles for living out the Gospel: Not recognizing that we are all witnesses of what Christ did for us.



Teens -

1. How do the events that took place that first Easter morning make a difference in your life today?
2. As the women went to anoint Jesus they were worried about how they would roll back the large stone at the tomb. When they got there, they realized it had already been rolled away. Can you think of a time you were very worried or stressed about something? Did you have faith that God would help you through that time?
3. The women were amazed when they found the stone rolled away and the tomb was empty. What is something that you have been amazed by in your life? Did you give God praise in that moment?

Obstacles: Lack of faith and joy in God's plan for our lives.

Children -

1. If you were with Peter and John at the tomb, what would you tell everyone about what you saw? Would you have believed that Christ had risen?
2. Since the resurrection, Jesus is alive for all time, including today. Do you think of Jesus as someone in history or someone who is present in your life? Why? What is some evidence that Jesus is with us even today?
3. Our lives as disciples of Jesus are transformed. What are characteristics of people who believe in Jesus and choose to follow him? How does being a disciple of Jesus affect our day to day choices?

Obstacles: Believing Jesus' resurrection only affected the people who lived 2000 years ago.