He said her name

Everything you need to share He Is Risen at home this week: a few minutes for you, a few minutes with your kids, and simple ways to keep the story going at the table, in the car and at bedtime.

Read John 20:11–18 before the kids wake up, or during nap time. (John 20:11–18)

Mary Magdalene came to the tomb expecting to grieve. She had watched Jesus die. The empty tomb didn't look like good news to her at first; it looked like one more loss. She stood outside, weeping.

Jesus was right there, and she didn't recognize Him. Grief does that. It narrows our eyes to what we have lost, and we can miss the One standing beside us.

Then He said one word: "Mary." Not a sermon, not an explanation. Her name. And everything changed. The risen Lord of the universe began Easter morning with one crying woman, by name.

Your kids will learn a lot about Easter this week: palms, bread, a cross, a stone. Underneath all of it is this: Jesus died for them, He is alive, and He knows their names. Say their names a little more tenderly this week. It sounds like Him.

REFLECT

Where are you standing outside an empty tomb right now, looking at what you've lost? What might it mean to hear Jesus say your name there?

PRAY

Risen Jesus, you went all the way to the cross for me and came back with my name on your lips. Open my eyes to see you beside me, and help me show my kids how much you love them. Amen.

THIS WEEK WE'RE LEARNING



He Is Risen

Luke 19, 22–24

Jesus is alive!

"He is not here; He has risen!" Luke 24:6

ASK AT DINNER

Why is "Jesus is alive" the best news in the whole world?

PRAY

Jesus, thank you for loving us all the way to the cross, and thank you that you are alive today. Amen.

✂ Cut here. One card for the fridge, one for the car.

CAR-RIDE CARD



On the way

He Is Risen · Luke 19, 22–24

Listen: Play the Listen version of He Is Risen on the way.

ASK

1. What did the people wave for Jesus?
2. What did Mary find when she came to the tomb?
3. Who is one person we can tell that Jesus is alive?

"He is not here; He has risen!" Luke 24:6

Keep the story going

BEDTIME ROUTINE

Lantern-out in five steps



1. Lights low. Play the Listen version of He Is Risen (Little for ages 3–5, Big Kid for 6–9), or read it from the app.
2. Ask one question: “What did Jesus say to Mary in the garden?”
3. Say the verse together with the motions: “He is not here; He has risen!”
4. Pray: “Jesus, thank you for loving me so much. Thank you that you are alive and you know my name. Amen.”
5. Lights out. You can say: “God is with you, even in the dark.”

KITCHEN

Empty tomb snack

Hollow out half a round bread roll for the tomb and lean a round cracker against it for the stone. Roll the stone away together: empty! “He is not here; He has risen!”

LIVING ROOM

Palm parade

Cut green paper palms, lay jackets on the floor for a road, and parade through the house shouting “Hosanna! Hooray for the King!”

PLAYROOM

Who said my name?

Build a blanket-and-chair garden. Your child sits facing away; family members take turns saying their name in different voices until they turn and guess who it is. Talk about how Mary knew Jesus when He said her name.

IN THE CAR

Car-ride story

Play the Listen version, then ask: “What did Mary find at the tomb?” and “Why is Jesus being alive good news?”

SIBLINGS

Two ages at once

The older child reads Luke 24:5–6 aloud while the little one rolls the stone away on their tomb craft at “He has risen!”

HE IS RISEN · STICKER CHART

My good-news week

Mary ran to tell the good news! Each day, do one thing to share Jesus' love. Add a sticker or color a sun!

Monday	Idea: Tell someone "Jesus is alive!"	
Tuesday	Idea: Serve someone, like Jesus did	
Wednesday	Idea: Help carry something heavy, like Simon	
Thursday	Idea: Say thank you to Jesus for the cross	
Friday	Idea: Draw an empty tomb for a friend	
Saturday	Idea: Wave a palm and sing to Jesus	
Sunday	Idea: Say the verse to a grown-up	

"He is not here; He has risen!"

Luke 24:6

HE IS RISEN · MINI-BOOK

Make a mini-book

Print the next page on one sheet (landscape, actual size). One sheet folds into an 8-page book kids can “read” to siblings and grandparents.

STEP 1

Fold

Fold the sheet in half the long way, then in half twice more the short way, so you have 8 little panels. Unfold.

STEP 2

Cut

Fold it in half the short way again. Cut along the middle crease from the fold to the center, just one panel deep.

STEP 3

Open

Unfold. Fold the long way again and push the ends together so the cut opens into a diamond.

STEP 4

Flatten

Keep pushing until it flattens into a little book. The cover is on the front. Read it together!

Little Lantern

He Is Risen

This book belongs to _____

Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a little donkey.

1

One evening, Jesus ate a special supper with his twelve friends.

2

The leaders took Jesus to the ruler, Pilate.

3

Jesus' friends laid him in a tomb cut into the rock.

4

"He is not here; He has risen!"

Luke 24:6

Jesus is alive!

Little Lantern

That evening, Jesus came to his friends.

6

Mary Magdalene stayed in the garden, crying.

5

Trace the big idea

Trace the letters with a crayon or pencil. Then say it out loud!

JESUS IS

ALIVE!



Jesus is alive!

Roll the stone away



Jesus rose on the third day. Roll a ball for each day and put one on each circle. On day three, roll a big stone and push it away: He is risen!

1 2 3

“He is not here; He has risen!” Luke 24:6