

GO DEEPER

SPECIAL WORDS

**(START CROUCHED DOWN THEN
JUMP UP AND SHOUT)
JESUS IS ALIVE!**

MEMORY VERSE

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." **John 14:6 (NLT)**

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DAY 1: JESUS IS ALIVE

READ - Luke 24:1-12, 2 Timothy 1:10

What things can you think of that are alive? Help your child brainstorm. This week we are celebrating the fact that Jesus came back to life after dying for our sins! Sins are the wrong things we do that keep us from being with God. But it's important to remember that He did not stay dead. Jesus came back to life! Why though? Because of His extremely big and unlimited love for us. **Remember: Jesus is Alive!**

DAY 2: HURRY!

READ - Matthew 28:1-8

What did Mary and Mary do after the angel told them Jesus had risen? Did they sit down and talk? Did they finish what they were doing? Did they go for a walk? No! They *HURRIED*. Can you show me how fast you can run? Wow! That was fast! They were so excited that they ran to share the good news that Jesus is alive with others! Are you excited that Jesus is alive? Who can you tell? **Remember: Jesus is Alive!**

DAY 3: DOUBTING THOMAS

READ - John 20:24-29

When we doubt something, we do not believe it is true. I'm going to say some things and if you think it is true give me a thumbs up. If you doubt it, which means you think it is not true, give me a thumbs down. Ready? Bees make honey. (*thumbs up*) I can run faster than a bus. (*thumbs down*) Dogs can cook pancakes. (*thumbs down*) Jesus is alive! (*thumbs up*) Did you know that sometimes people doubt that Jesus is alive? Thomas, Jesus' close friend, didn't even believe Jesus was alive! But, Jesus showed Himself to Thomas proving He is alive! **Remember: Jesus is Alive!**

DAY 4: JESUS WENT TO HEAVEN

READ - Acts 1:7-11, John 14:1-7

After Jesus came back to life, He never died again. Instead, He rose up into the clouds and went back to Heaven. What would you think if you had been there and saw Him go up into the clouds? God is the One True God. He is not dead! He is alive! He is all powerful! And He is preparing a place in Heaven for everyone who chooses to believe in and follow Him! There is no better news than that! **Remember: Jesus is Alive!**

DAY 5: CELEBRATE!

READ - John 3:16

How do you like to celebrate? Do you bake a cake? Do you sing and dance? Do you make your own music? Do you throw a party? This week we are celebrating the best news ever! Jesus is Alive! Take time today to have your own celebration for Jesus. God loves you so much that He sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sins and then to come back to life! Let's celebrate! **Remember: Jesus is Alive!**



RESURRECTION ROLLS

Materials: crescent rolls, marshmallows, water/butter, cinnamon, sugar, Bible

Preheat your oven to the temperature listed on your can of crescent rolls. While the oven is heating, read John chapter 19 in the Bible with your family. After you finish reading, open your can of crescent rolls, unroll them, and separate each of the little triangles.

Next, grab your marshmallows. The marshmallow represents Jesus' body. The color of the marshmallows help us remember that Jesus is pure and perfect because He never sinned or did anything wrong. Take the marshmallow, and dip it in some water or melted butter. The water or butter represents the oils they put on Jesus as they were getting Him ready for burial.

Then roll your wet marshmallow in a mixture of sugar and cinnamon, which represents the spices that were put on Jesus before He was buried in the tomb.

Place the coated marshmallow on one of the crescent roll triangles and carefully roll it up. The crescent roll represents the tomb where Jesus' body was placed. The guards made sure the tomb was sealed up tight so nobody would take Jesus away! So do your best to make sure all the cracks are sealed. Once sealed, place it on a baking sheet.

Repeat this process until all of your crescent rolls are on the baking sheet. Then have an adult carefully place them in the oven and set a timer for however long is printed on the crescent roll can.

While you wait for the rolls to finish baking, read John 20 verses 1-18 from the Bible with your family.

After the timer goes off, allow your rolls to cool. Once cool, break one in half. The marshmallow is gone! All that remains are the spices and the bread.

And that's how it was with Jesus. When He was resurrected, He came back to life and was no longer in the tomb. So every time you make and enjoy these delicious treats, remember what Jesus did for you, and for all of us.



STONE ROLLED AWAY

Materials: paper cup, markers, foil, tape, 24" string

Color the paper cup grey, brown, and green like rock, dirt, and grass. Lay the foil flat and push one end of the string through the center of the foil leaving about 12" on both sides. Tape the string to the center of the foil and then wad the foil into a ball leaving the string extending out both sides.

Poke a small hole in the bottom of your paper cup. Then thread one end of the string through the hole. Now when the cup is on it's side, the stone can be moved by the string into the cup to close the cave. Pull the other end of the string to "roll the stone away!"

You can be even more creative and use a shoe box or other paper to make a background for your cave. Use your cave to share the amazing news that Jesus is ALIVE!



CUDDLE CLOSE

Materials: None

Before bed pull your child close beside you and say, "Jesus is alive!" As you tuck them into bed sing, "One, Two, Three" (www.tinyurl.com/1-2-3yancy) Then pray together, pausing after each phrase, to let your child repeat after you:

*Dear God,
Thank you for your love. Thank you for the good news that Jesus is alive!
In Jesus' name, Amen.*