

Easter

Part 3 - Victory

Easter in 3 words: Victory – death is defeated!

To understand that Jesus has won the victory over death and that we have authority in Him over death. Luke 24:1-9 and Revelations 1:18

What You Need

Sheets of paper and pens
Worship music
Bible or children's Bible
Sheet of keys

Intro Activity

Put some big sheets of paper on a tables and write on them “Jesus is Alive” and “Victory”. Sit around the table and write down or draw around the words as you worship. Take a few minutes at the end to look at the result and share more on what God was showing you as you wrote/drew.

Wherever Jesus went on Earth, He would heal the sick, cast out demons, bring good news. People were excited and they hoped lots of good things would happen. When Jesus was arrested and died on the cross it was as if it was all for nothing. As if he had lost.

But we know the story does not end here. Jesus is alive!

Today we look at how Easter means victory.

Bible Story

Look up and read Luke 24:1-9 together. Or read the story of Jesus' resurrection from a Children's Bible.

Discuss: What did the women see? What did the angels ask Jesus' friends? What is the good news here? How do you feel when you hear this good news?

Explain: Jesus didn't remain dead; he came back to life! I wonder what this means and why Christians say this is victory. A few years after Jesus' resurrection, Jesus appeared in a vision to his friend John and he told him "I am the one who lives. I was dead, but look, I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys."

What can you do with keys?

When you have the key, you have the power to unlock the door or to keep it shut. You decide who comes in or out. Jesus has ALL the keys. He can **lock** the doors of sickness, fear, hopelessness and death and He can **unlock** the doors to release health, peace, hope, joy and provision. He is victorious over all situations. Even death can't stop Him from winning! What a fantastic God we have!

Activation

Spend time with Jesus quietly on your own and ask him for keys and what they unlock. Write on the sheet of keys which keys God gave you as a family. Explain that these are the keys of victory Jesus is giving you as a family. Now think of situations you want to pray about as a family which these keys are for, use your keys to lock the doors which need locking and to unlock the resources of heaven which need releasing. You could cut out the keys and make this a physical action declaring that you are "locking up In Jesus name and unlocking in Jesus name!".

Facebook Challenge

Post pictures of your keys on Facebook (Eastgate – Parenting world changers) to encourage other families. Let us know good news stories of what God is doing in your family at the moment.

