

Scripture Reading

How It Started...

Mark 14:28

"But after I am raised to life, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."

Mark 15:37-39

Jesus shouted and then died. At once the curtain in the temple tore in two from top to bottom. A Roman army officer was standing in front of Jesus. When the officer saw how Jesus died, he said, "This man really was the Son of God!"

How It's Going...

Mark 16:6-7

The man said, "Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus from Nazareth, who was nailed to a cross. God has raised him to life, and he isn't here. You can see the place where they put his body. Now go and tell his disciples, and especially Peter, that he will go ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you."

Memory
Verse
Challenge

Memorize the highlighted verses. *Who will be first to commit these verses to memory?*

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SPRING MISSION
The Miracle of the Resurrection

Activity Instructions

Step 1: As a family, read this quarter's Scripture (back) and "How it Started vs. How It's Going" (below).

Step 2: Discuss the Scripture using the Family Discussion Questions (right) to learn how to apply it to your lives.

Step 3: Take the Memory Verse Challenge and complete the *Resurrection Family Feud* activity to celebrate the risen Lord this season . . . and don't forget to enjoy your treats!

How It Started vs. How It's Going

Jesus warned his disciples in Mark 14:28 (and several other times) that he would die and rise again. But they couldn't understand what he meant. Their world would be shaken by his arrest, crucifixion, and death. The promise of his resurrection made no sense at the time.

Think of the uncertainties military families face when a loved one deploys, or the sense of loss and confusion from a sudden change in orders. Your family may be facing challenges right now that seem insurmountable, but like the disciples, we are reminded that God's promises are steadfast, even when we can't see the promised outcome through our current circumstances.

The dark and painful moment of the crucifixion came, just as Jesus warned. In Mark 15:37–39, we witness Jesus's final breath on the cross—a shout of triumph that denied the outward appearance of defeat. The centurion standing near the cross declared, "This man really was the Son of God!" The sorrow the disciples felt didn't diminish the victory as Jesus

completed his work for us, carrying our sins. What appeared as an end was the beginning of something new.

On the third day, the disciples started to see it, too. In Mark 16:6–7, the angel tells the women at the tomb, "Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus from Nazareth, who was nailed to a cross. God has raised him to life, and he isn't here." The promise that seemed impossible—inconceivable—had been fulfilled. Jesus triumphed over death, just as he said.

There is a pattern here that can encourage us in our military life. Hard circumstances can be the prelude to a greater victory. If Jesus rose from the dead to fulfill his word, you can trust he will guide you through every challenge, fulfilling his promises in ways that surpass your understanding. Even if *how it starts* is in uncertainty and fear, it can eventually give way to *how it's going*—in new beginnings and in unwavering hope. And our hope is that with Jesus, everything will finally be revealed as *how it's really going to be*: a story of resurrection and victory.

Family Discussion Questions

Eagle Squad

- Can you think of a time when something hard happened but later it turned out okay?
- How do you think the disciples felt when they saw Jesus again after he was brought back to life?

JV Squad

- Why do you think Jesus told his friends that he would come back to life before it happened?
- How can we trust God's promises, even when we can't see how things will turn out? Can you think of an example in your life where you trusted God through something hard?

Varsity Squad

- Why do you think the disciples had such a hard time understanding Jesus's promise of his resurrection, even though he told them multiple times? What can that teach us about how we might respond to God's promises in our own lives?
- In Mark 16:6–7, the angel says, "God has raised him to life!" How does the resurrection give us hope? What does it mean for the way we live today?



Don't Forget!

Have you checked out our **Digital Resource Library** yet? Just scan the QR code with your phone to access it.

There you will find all of our Hero Squad children's devotionals and family activities available for download. Check it out today for Bible-based fun on the go!



TO PLAY:

- 1. Choose a game show host, and split family into two groups.
- 2. Host reads prompts and indicates how many answers there are for each. A player from the first designated team answers, and gets assigned points if correct, then rotates among individuals in the team until either all answers are identified or team gets three wrong answers.
- 3. When a team gets three wrong answers, the opposing team gets a chance to answer. If answer is correct, they get all of the points awarded for that round. If the answer is wrong, the first team keeps all of the points they earned.
- 4. The team with the most points wins and decides whether they keep all of the chocolate crosses received or share with the family.
- 5. At the discretion of the host: Teams can use their Bibles to hunt down answers.

**Details on the Resurrection can be found in Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, and John 20. Details on his encounters just after the Resurrection with his disciples is in John 20 and 21. Some answers are not exhaustive due to space limitations.*

**WHO WERE SOME OF THE PEOPLE PRESENT
WHEN JESUS TOOK HIS LAST BREATH?**

Our Survey Says...

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|----|----------------------------|----|
| ROMAN SOLDIERS | 30 | TWO REBELS | 15 |
| THE CENTURION | 26 | CHIEF PRIESTS AND TEACHERS | 12 |
| MARY MAGDALENE | 20 | SALOME | 10 |
| MARY, MOTHER OF JAMES & JOSEPH | 17 | OTHER WOMEN | 3 |

**WHO WERE SOME OF THE FIRST PEOPLE
TO SEE THE RESURRECTED JESUS?**

Our Survey Says...

| | | |
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| MARY MAGDALENE | 30 | |
| THE 11 DISCIPLES | 11 | |
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**NAME A PLACE WHERE JESUS APPEARED TO
HIS DISCIPLES AFTER HIS RESURRECTION.**

Our Survey Says...

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----|--------------------|----|
| NEAR HIS TOMB | 30 | MOUNT OF OLIVES | 10 |
| GALILEE | 20 | THE SEA OF GALILEE | 6 |
| ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS | 18 | | |
| IN THE UPPER ROOM | 15 | | |

**NAME A WORD OR PHRASE THE ANGEL USED TO TELL THE
WOMEN THAT JESUS HAD RISEN.**

Our Survey Says...

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|-----------------------------|----|--|
| "DO NOT BE ALARMED." | 30 | |
| "HE IS NOT HERE." | 20 | |
| "HE IS GOING AHEAD OF YOU." | 10 | |
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Resurrection Family Feud

NAME AN ACTION THE DISCIPLES TOOK AFTER THEY LEARNED JESUS HAD RISEN.

Our Survey Says...

RAN TO THE TOMB

30

BELIEVED IN JESUS

12

TOLD OTHERS

22

REFUSED TO BELIEVE THE WOMEN WHO TOLD THEM AT FIRST

6

WORSHIPPED HIM

20

PRAISED GOD

18

NAME A PERSON (OR PERSONS) WHO DID NOT FIRST BELIEVE OR CONTINUED TO NOT BELIEVE THAT JESUS HAD RISEN.

Our Survey Says...

THOMAS

30

THE DISCIPLES

20

PETER

10

THE CHIEF PRIESTS

5

NAME SOME OF THE MANY REASONS THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS IS IMPORTANT FOR US TODAY.

Our Survey Says...

SHOWS JESUS IS ALIVE

30

REMINDS US OF GOD'S LOVE

5

GIVES HOPE FOR ETERNAL LIFE

20

PROVES GOD'S POWER

14

SHOWS GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES

10

NAME SOMETHING THE DISCIPLES DID TO SHARE THE NEWS OF JESUS'S RESURRECTION.

Our Survey Says...

TOLD OTHERS

30

WENT TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL

20

WROTE IT DOWN

18

PREACHED

10