



Time with God

Week beginning: Monday 20 April 2020 · Theme: The first Easter Day

*Just as your classroom has a Prayer Corner, could you make your own in your home?
It could be very small but somewhere you can be still. What special things could you put there?*

If you have a candle, ask an adult to light it as you remember that God is always with us.

Opening prayer

Say the words:

May the light of God shine in my heart and in the lives of everyone I love. Amen.

Bible story (Matthew 28:1-10)

On Easter Day, Christians believe that Jesus rose from the dead. Today we are going to tell the story with actions!

It's very early in the morning - dawn. I am up and about, but it's so early ...

Make a yawn.

I am going to visit a garden and a tomb in the garden. It's cold and a bit spooky in the early morning light.

Shiver and shake.

Suddenly there's a huge earthquake!

Jump and shout.

And a flash of bright light!

Cover your eyes.

*Before I know it, there's an angel standing right in front of me - an *angel*. There are guards at the tomb and they begin to tremble.*

Start to tremble.

Then the guards fall down in a faint, as if they're dead.

Make a fainting noise.

*The angel rolls away a huge stone from the entrance to the tomb - just rolls it away like it's a football. The angel speaks to me and tells me not to be afraid. 'The *person you're looking for isn't here any more - he has been raised from the dead.*' Then he's standing right in front of me - my friend, who was dead, is alive again. I am amazed, I can't believe it, I am astounded.*

My friend says, 'Peace be with you' and 'Don't be afraid'. My friend was dead.

Drop your head.

And now he's alive again.

Look up.

I'll give him a clap, such a clever chap.

Give a round of applause.

Shhh, I mustn't wake up the guards!

Questions to ask yourself

- ◆ How would I have felt if I had been there when Jesus rose from the dead?
Afraid? Happy?
- ◆ Who needs God's peace in the world at the moment?
- ◆ How might I help them to have some peace?

Activity

Paint or decorate a pebble or small stone with a symbol of hope, like a sunrise, an egg or a flower bud. The pebble can remind you of the stone in front of Jesus' tomb which was rolled away. Hold onto this pebble as you pray during the week and tell God your hopes for the world. If you don't have a pebble or stone, draw one and colour it in and keep it safe!

Prayers

Father God,
Thank you for that first Easter day.
Thank you that the stone was rolled away.
Thank you that Jesus came back to stay.
Starting on that first Easter day. Amen.

Loving God,
I pray for all who are sick at this time, especially the children.
They must be feeling miserable and lonely as well.
Please be close to them. Please be with the people who are looking after them.
Please help them to get better and to know that you love them. Amen.

Song

'This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.'

Blow out the candle and say:

I will go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Wishing you a very Happy Easter! **Fr. Nicholas**