



# Easter Sunday!!

Easter Sunday: April 12

## **Welcome & Prayer (5 mins)**

### Prayer

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Open the eyes of our mind that we may understand the teachings of Your Gospel.

Our Father

## **Icebreaker (10 mins)**

### Open ended Question

Go around the circle, everyone answering questions

What is your favorite thing about Easter? Why is Easter so important?

## **Check In**

How did we do on last week's commitment? Did we accomplish it?

## **Proclaim Gospel: John 20:1-9 (10 mins)**

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On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

Silence, let people reflect, wait some time here

Video on Formed.org

Proclaim Gospel again & followed by silence



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## Questions (20-25 mins)

1. What struck you most in the passage? What did you notice that you hadn't noticed before?
2. What do you think the apostles and disciples thought or felt as they began to understand that Jesus had risen from the dead?
3. Why would Christ institute a Church to share his message of saving grace?
4. If a non-believing friend, family member, or co-worker wanted to know why you believe that Jesus rose from the dead, what would you tell them?
5. Easter is about joy. What on this Earth make you the most joyful? A sport? A subject in school? Being with a certain person? Why?
6. Take a minute to look back on lent. How well did you prepare for the coming of Christ this year? In what areas did you do well? In what areas did you need to work on to be more prepared next year?

## Commitment (5-10 mins)

Make a commitment that your family can do together this week or individually.

Examples: call 5 people to wish them a happy Easter, play a game together as a family, take a walk outside to enjoy God's creation (perhaps even see some flowers)

Challenge for the week:

Easter is a time of feasting, not fasting. Do something this week that makes you truly joyful. Whether that is reading a book in a windowsill, hiking, or being with family, do something that makes you thrive. Glorify God in whatever you do by thanking Him for peace and joy you experience.

## Closing Prayer

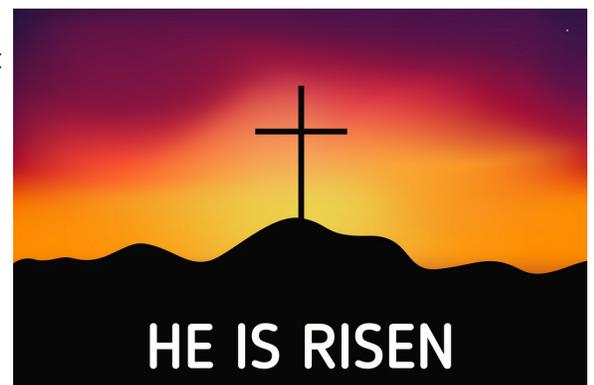
Lord God, You loved this world so much that you gave your one and only Son, that we might be called your children too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, everyday. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world. All for your glory do we pray, Lord, Amen.

Say your Intercessions

Hail Mary...

Glory Be...

## Announcements/See you next week!



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## Easter games for the whole family

### Egg Push

Each player needs to roll the egg with their nose (without using any other parts of their body) from start to finish. Whoever does it first – wins the race.

### Egg Walk

Place two (or more) eggs on the plate and let the players walk from start to finish without dropping the egg. Or try it with a spoon!

### The Treat Rope

Tie a rope between two trees (or let two people hold it). String some donuts or cookies (or any other sweet treat that has a hole) onto the rope. Make sure the rope is above kids' mouth level. If adults playing, let them adjust. The players have to eat entire treat without it falling on the ground. No hands! If it falls on the ground continue to eat it. First person to finish eating the treat wins!

### Pin Rabbit Tails

Get large pom poms and attach double stick tape to each of them. Instruct the players to attach/stick rabbit tails (pom poms) to one another. Whoever ends up with most tails after 5 minutes of playing loses the game.

### Hot "Egg"

Like Hot potato, but Easter style. Pass around an egg, play a song and stop it every so often. When the song stops, the person holding the egg has to do a silly dance. "That way, no one is 'out' and everyone gets to laugh and play through the entire game"

### Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt

Set up clues that encourage kids to find the eggs in a specific order. Each time an egg is uncovered, a message inside will lead to the next one, and so on until there's only one left. Make the final "egg" a prize like a small toy or candy.

### Easter Egg Basketball

Fill plastic eggs with candy or coins and set them up 10 feet away from an Easter-themed shoebox or basket, which will act as the basketball net. Have each child underhand toss the egg to try to get it in the "net." If they get it in, they get to keep what's inside the egg.

