

## Week 30 Family Letter

# Jesus Gives Us New Life: Easter Morning

(Matthew 28:1-10)

Jesus died on the cross. His friends were sad that He had died. They thought they would never see Him again. But on Easter Day, Jesus became alive again! When some women went to the tomb, it was empty! An angel there told them Jesus was alive. They ran to tell the disciples the good news.

On the way, they saw Jesus and talked to Him. They kneeled on the ground and held onto Jesus' feet. They wanted to touch Him and know He was really alive again. They wanted to worship Him. Jesus told them to tell the disciples what they saw.

The women were very, very happy. They were full of joy! They said, "Jesus is alive!"

We are also happy that Jesus died for us and became alive for us. We can tell our friends, "Jesus is alive!" We celebrate that Jesus is alive! We are filled with joy.

### Bible Words

**He is not here, for He has risen, as He said.**

Matthew 28:6

### Dear Family,

Point to the blank stone in the Bible picture. Explain that it was a huge rock that covered the doorway to the cave where Jesus' dead body had been placed. Let your child color the rock (perhaps gray or brown). Explain that on Easter, an angel came and rolled the stone away so that everyone could see that the tomb was empty. Jesus was already gone! Jesus is alive! Jesus has all power! What a happy, happy day!

Think back to the day when your child was born or was brought into your family. What a wonderful day that was! The miracle of God's creating power was shown by the baby you held! You felt many things that day; you did many things that day. One item on the list of things to do was to share that good news. You probably were busy sharing the good news of new life with as many people as possible!

Easter is about God creating new life—our new life for eternity! As your child hears the good news that Jesus is alive, don't be surprised that he or she will want to share it! Listen and encourage him or her to tell the good news that Jesus is alive! Catch your child's enthusiasm! Pull out the list of people you told about your child's birth. Let your child tell them more good news as he or she creates Easter scribble pictures on cards on which you have written "Jesus is alive!" Provide Christian Easter stickers too. Read the story on page 404 of *The Story Bible* together.

