

Look at a cross on a necklace or other item found in your home. Ask kids to tell you in their own words why the cross is used as a decoration today. Remind kids that the cross is a reminder of what Jesus did for us by dying on the cross and rising again three days later. Review Matthew 26:36–28:10. We deserved to die for our sin, but Jesus died in our place so that our sins might be forgiven and we may have new life through His power to conquer sin and death.

Easter

Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection

Matthew 26:36–28:10; John 18:1–20:18

Preschool

Key Passage: Romans 6:9

Big Picture Question: What did Jesus do for sinners?
Jesus died on the cross and is alive.

Christ Connection: *The most important thing that ever happened is that Jesus died and was raised from the dead. Jesus never did anything wrong, but He was punished because we sinned. God forgives us for sin because Jesus died for us. God raised Jesus from the dead to be King over everything.*

Kids

Key Passage: Romans 6:9

Big Picture Question: What did Jesus do for sinners?
Jesus' death and resurrection paid the penalty for sins and provided the promise of new life.

Christ Connection: *The crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus is the center of the gospel. We deserve to die because of our sin, but Jesus died in our place. He was the blood sacrifice made once and for all for the forgiveness of sin. God was pleased with Jesus' sacrifice and raised Jesus from the dead to reign as King over all creation. We are forgiven only through Jesus. (Acts 4:12)*

