

EASTER SUNDAY

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IT'S EASTER!!!! JESUS IS ALIVE!!!!!!

Today is about a lot of things. First of all, it's about Jesus keeping His promises. He told the disciples He would leave and then come back, and when Peter and John and Mary went to the tomb and saw it was empty, and then saw Jesus alive, they knew Jesus could be trusted. He did what He said He was going to do. So anything Jesus says, we can trust. That He will be with us, that good always wins, that we have nothing to fear. Trust, trust, trust. True, true, true.

Today also shows how patient Jesus is. He had told everyone what would happen, and when it did, He wasn't mad they didn't believe. He didn't say, "Ugh! Why don't you listen to me?!" No, He met his friends in a garden and then again in a crowded room, and then again on a beach. And while they just tried to make sense of what happened, He smiled and stayed close and cooked them breakfast. He was so patient with them. He is so patient with us.

Finally, Easter reminds us that something good can always come out of something bad. See, Jesus told us life would be hard. That bad things would happen. That things that don't make any sense would confuse us and make us wonder about God and if He is really as good

as we want Him to be. We can count on life being difficult. But Easter is all about something being more true than life just being hard. Easter is about something new and something good happening in something old and something bad.

As parents it can be really easy to get discouraged in a tough season with our kids. It can feel like it can never end and things will never get better. But Easter is the reminder that no season lasts forever and to hang on. The story will get better.

It's like a new flower poking through the dirt after a long and cold winter.

It's like a new baby smiling at his mama and daddy, after a long night of crying and no sleep.

It's like the first day of summer vacation after a long year of getting up early for school.

That's Easter. (Except about a million times better!) The moment something really good arrives after something really hard. When life conquers death!

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BASIC TRUTH

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY
FRIEND FOREVER.

SAY THIS

WHO CAN TELL OTHERS
ABOUT JESUS?
YOU CAN TELL OTHERS
ABOUT JESUS.

DO THIS



MORNING TIME

When you go into your baby's room this month say, "Good morning, sweet baby! Let me tell you about Jesus. Jesus loves you and He wants to be your friend forever!"



FEEDING TIME

While feeding your baby this month repeat this, "Jesus came to be your friend. His love for you will never end."



CUDDLE TIME

Cuddle up with your baby this month and pray, "Dear God, I want [child's name] to know you and Your Son, Jesus. Help me know how to tell [him/her] about Jesus and why Easter is so special. I love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."



BATH TIME

Sing to the tune of "Pop Goes the Weasel" while bathing your baby: "Jesus wants to be your friend, your best friend forever. Jesus wants to be your friend, your BEST friend forever!"