

Family Worship Response

Elementary

Purpose:

Jesus is alive! Let's think about that for a moment! ... John 20:31 says, "By believing you may have life in [Jesus'] name." That means we get to have life forever with Jesus. It also means that we get to have a full life here and now. In John 10:10, Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." Real life only comes through Jesus, because He is alive.

How have you or how do you want to respond to the fact that Jesus is alive? Do you want to ask Him for everlasting, full life? Do you want to thank Him for giving you life? Do you want to praise Him for being life?

Response:

- Turn on some music.
- Spend time with the Lord and respond to the Holy Spirit.
- Respond to the reality that Jesus is Alive.

Optional Activity with Worship Response:

- Set Up: Use a marker to write "JESUS" in large bubble letters. Make the word big enough that people could write inside of it. Place it nearby with extra markers around.
- Action: During the response, you can write your name inside the "JESUS" letters as a way to declare that you are saying "Jesus be Lord of my life."

Family Discussion

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God Statement: Jesus is Alive!

Family Verse: Matthew 11:28-29, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Blessing: Family, may you know and experience the full, large, real life of Jesus here on this earth and in all of eternity. May His life give you strength and joy. And may you rejoice in the fact that Jesus is Alive.

Discussion Questions:

1. Name something that amazed you about Jesus life? (*Examples: healing people, feeding the 5,000, calming the storm, driving out demons, loving people, forgiving sins, etc.*)
2. Why did Jesus need to die on the cross? Read John 3:16. (*God loved us so much that He wanted to restore a relationship with us so Jesus took our sins so we could be with God.*)
3. How long was Jesus in the tomb? Read Matthew 27:63. (*Three days.*)
4. Why didn't Thomas believe that Jesus rose from the dead?
(He hadn't seen Jesus and he knew that Jesus really died.)
5. What are some things we can't see but we know are real?
(various answers: the wind, sound waves, germs, air, things inside our bodies, etc.)
6. What do we receive through belief in Jesus? John 20:31; John 11:25
(Eternal life.)
7. How does Jesus's life, death, and resurrection impact your life?

Prayer Time: Take time for prayer requests or praise reports (something you are thankful that God has done). Afterwards, take time to pray as a family.

Family Activity (1)

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Science Experiment Purpose:

1 Peter 1:18-19 states, "For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors,¹⁹ but with the **precious blood of Christ**, a **lamb without blemish or defect.**"

Jesus was perfect. He was spotless. He was without sin. God had a plan to use His perfect Son to defeat the enemy and redeem the world. Jesus had to take on all the sin of the world and its consequence. Jesus had to die. But Christ did not stay dead. Three days later he rose from the grave and defeated the enemy.

Jesus was perfect. Therefore, He was the only one who could take on sin. Enjoy the science experiment showing the visual of Jesus actions for the world: perfect verse sinful. This represents our need for a savior.

Supplies Needed:

- Vase
- Water
- White Carnations
- Red food coloring

Action:

- Put the white carnations in the vase with water.
- Examine how perfect they are, whiteout blemish.
- After examining them, put red food coloring in the water.
- Talk about what you think is going to happen.
- Wait for the red food coloring to start to change the color of the carnations.
This visual represents Jesus act of taking on the sins of the world.

Family Activity (2)

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Resurrection Rolls:

Christ died, but did not stay dead. Take time to as a family to create rolls that represent the reality that Jesus is ALIVE!

Ingredients:

- 1 can of Pillsbury Grand Crescent Rolls
- 8 Large Marshmallows
- ¼ Cup of melted butter
- 2 Tbsp. Sugar
- 2 Tbsp. Cinnamon

Instructions:

- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
- Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper.
- Mix sugar and cinnamon together in a small bowl.
- Separate Pillsbury Grand's crescent dough into 8 triangles.
- Set out the marshmallows.
- Dip each marshmallow into the butter. Then roll in to the cinnamon/sugar mixture. *This represents oils and spices used to anoint Jesus's body.*
- Wrap the marshmallow in the crescent roll dough, sealing all cracks. *This represents being placed in the tomb.*
- Bake in oven until golden brown, about 15 minutes.
- Cut open roll to reveal that the roll is empty. *This represents the empty tomb, when Jesus was resurrected.*