

Chapter 10 Jesus Risen

Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised. *Luke 24:5-6*

To the Parents:

In chapter 10, your child learned the following:

- Jesus rose from the dead; his resurrection makes a difference in people's lives.
- The Lord's Day is a little Easter.
- Easter celebrates the dying and rising of Jesus.

The experience of death leads Christians to ask the most basic of all human questions: What is the meaning of life? Death, sin, and fear seem to come together as the ultimate mystery of life is confronted. Followers of Jesus know he overcame death and was raised to new life. The promises of Jesus provide hope that the same fate awaits those who believe.

The Scripture passages for Easter describe the finding of the empty tomb and the reactions of the friends of Jesus: amazement, bewilderment, fearful yet overjoyed, and finally, belief. Christians also experience joy when their belief in the Risen Christ affects the way they live. They know that death has no power over them, just as death had no power over Jesus. For those who believe, a mini profession of faith is expressed in the joyous words of the memorial acclamation at Mass: "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again."

With Your Child:

1. Read the story of Mary of Magdala visiting Jesus' tomb and finding it empty (*John 20:1-18*), and then talk about its importance in Christian faith.
2. Make a list of loved ones who have passed away and include them in your daily prayers.
3. Talk about your doubts and fears concerning death and life with God after death, and relate such doubts to those of Thomas, a doubter and then a believer of Jesus.
4. Together read the story of Saint Martha on the Review and Explore page.