



Here's what happens...

Jesus dies on the cross, which is the punishment for a criminal. Jesus never did anything wrong, but he takes the punishment for our sins. Jesus is buried in a tomb, but three days after his death, his friends find his tomb empty! Then Jesus—alive—shows up and talks to his friend Mary!

Bible Point:

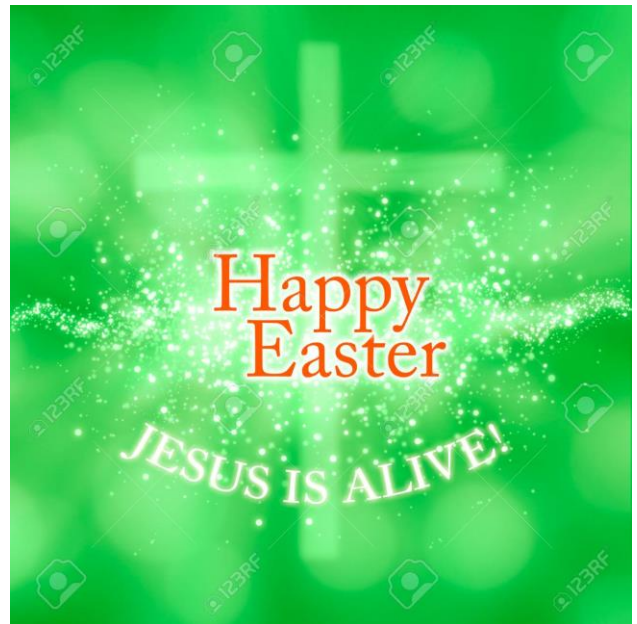
Jesus died for us.

"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners" (Romans 5:8).

Through the Week

Set up a reminder of Jesus' death and resurrection this week.

- Use a dry-erase marker to draw the outline of a cross on a mirror or window. (Don't have a dry-erase marker? Draw it on paper instead and hang the paper.)
- Throughout the week, encourage someone to find time each day to mark an "X" on the cross and talk to Jesus about his or her sin.
- At the end of the week, look at the cross covered in Xs, representing sin.
- Erase the cross (or tear down the paper), and celebrate together that our sins are gone and Jesus is alive!



Talk About This...

- What's the best thing about Easter?