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# CONFIDENCE

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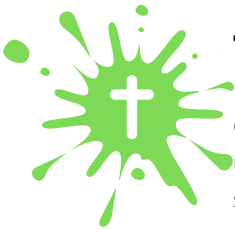


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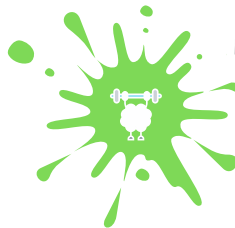
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### **THE BIG TRUTH**

**God loves me no matter what!**

Confidence is being SURE of God's love for us. God loves us so much that HE sent HIS son to live and die and live again...so that we can live with Him in eternity.



### **MEMORY VERSE**

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16(NIV)



## MONTHLY CHECKLIST

Make sure you don't miss any RISE UP! awesomeness prepared just for you. Learn that **God loves YOU no matter what** and how the story of Jesus' life, death and life again can give you **CONFIDENCE** in this **BIG TRUTH**.

Check off each box as you complete an activity.

Tag us at #RISEUP4Christ with the help of a grownup.

### **Digital Content:**

- CONFIDENCE Bible Story
- VERSE IN MOTION videos
- WORSHIP MUSIC: RU! Style
- GAME ON Flat Pat's Adventures
- PARENTS ONLY: A devotional just for you

### **Print Content:**

- Read the BIBLE STORY
- TABLE TALK
- MY TIME WITH GOD: A kid's devotional
- KID CHALLENGE: Building Airplanes
- GAME ON: FLAT PAT on an adventure
- ACTIVITY: Easter Joke Teller



### **CONNECT WITH US**

We have a TEAM of RU! volunteers waiting to pray with and for you. It would be our honor to partner in prayer with your family. Write us a note on the enclosed postcard, throw a stamp on it & send it our way. You can also send prayers to: [pray@RISEUP4christ.com](mailto:pray@RISEUP4christ.com).

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## Bible Story: God's Wonderful Surprise\* {The Resurrection from Matt 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20}

Jesus' friends were sad. They would never see their best friend again. How could this happen? Wasn't Jesus the Rescuer? The King God promised? It wasn't supposed to end like this.

Yes, but whoever said anything about the end?

Just before sunrise, on the third day, God sent an earthquake - and an angel from heaven. When the guards saw the angel, they fell down with fright. The angel rolled the huge stone away, sat on top of it, and waited.

At the first glimmer of dawn, Mary Magdalene and other women headed to the tomb to wash Jesus' body. The early morning sun slanted through the ancient olive trees, drops of dew glittering on leaves and grasses - little tears everywhere. The friends walked quietly along the hilly path, through the olive groves, until they reached the tomb. And immediately noticed something odd - it was wide open.

They peered through the opening into the dark tomb. But wait. Jesus' body was gone!

And something else: a shining man was there, with clothes made from lightning.

"Don't be scared," the angel said.

But (they couldn't help it) they screamed anyway.

The angel asked them, "What are you doing here? This is a tomb and tombs are for dead people."

The women couldn't speak.

"Jesus isn't dead anymore!" he said. "He's alive again!"

And their hearts leapt. And then the angel laughed with such gladness that they felt, for a moment, as if they had woken from a nightmare.

The other women rushed home, but Mary stayed behind. How could it be true? Jesus was definitely dead- how could he be alive? Just then Mary heard someone else in the garden. *Perhaps it's the gardener*, she thought. *He'll know where Jesus' body is.*

"I don't know where Jesus is!" Mary said urgently. "I can't find him."

But it was all right. Jesus knew where she was. And he had found her.

"Mary!"

Only one person said her name like that. She could hear her heart thumping. She turned around. She could just make out a figure. She shaded her eyes to see...and thought she was dreaming.

But she wasn't dreaming. She was seeing.

"Jesus!"

Mary fell to the ground. Sudden tears filled her eyes and great sobs shook her whole body, and all she wanted in that moment was to cling to Jesus and never let him go.

"You'll be able to hold on to me later, Mary," Jesus said gently, "and always be close to me. But now, go and tell the others that I'm alive!"

Mary ran and ran, all the way to the city. She had never run so fast or so far in all her life. She felt she could have run forever. She didn't even feel like her feet touched the ground. The sun seemed to be dancing and gleaming and bounding across the sky, racing with her and shining brighter than she could ever remember in the clear, fresh air.

And it seemed to her that morning, as she ran, almost as if the whole world had been made anew, almost as if the whole world was singing for joy - the trees, tiny sounds in the grass, the birds...her heart.

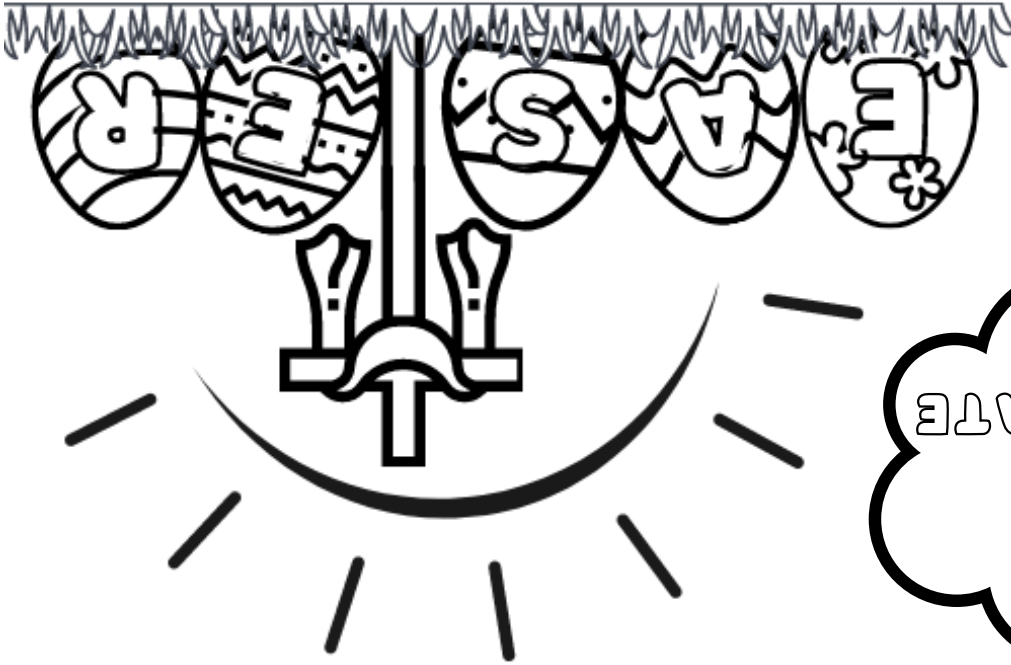
Was God really making everything sad come untrue? Was he making even death come untrue?

She couldn't wait to tell Jesus' friends. "They won't believe it!" she laughed.

She was right, of course.

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[The Jesus Storybook Bible](#)*

I can have **CONFIDENCE** that God loves me because He sent **JESUS**. When **JESUS** died and came back to life, it means if I believe in Him, I can be with God forever! You can read these truths in Bible (1 John 4:9 and John 3:16). Now that is worth celebrating!

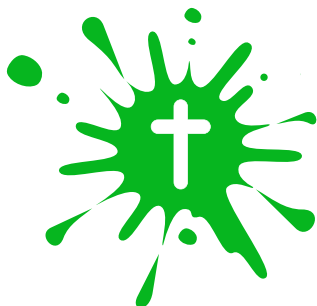


Have a grown-up take a picture of your colored artwork and tag us #RISEUP4Christ

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Table Talk  
{intentional chat starters}

1. What is one thing you are absolutely certain of about dinner tonight?  
("It's going to be great!" "I'll definitely have to eat my vegetables.")
2. If you need help, on whom can you call? Name 3 people that you are confident would help you.
3. Name one thing that you are really confident that you can do all by yourself. Name one thing that you want to do but don't have enough confidence quite yet.
4. The Easter story shows us that Jesus came back to life to show us that He can beat anything - even death! How can that story give us confidence?
5. John 3: 16 says "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life." Why did God send Jesus for you? How does God's love give us confidence?
6. Take out the "Flat Pat" puppet. Read the scriptures on the back of this card. Every time you hear the name of someone who was confident in God's plan, pass "Flat Pat" to the person on your left.
7. Have everyone in your family confidently say, "God loves me no matter what!"



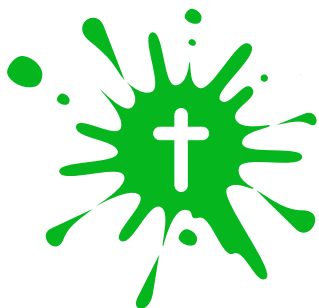
## My Time With God

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- Look up John 3:16 in your Bible. (if you don't have a Bible, let us know by mailing in the postcard with your info on it, and we will make sure you get one.)
- Copy John 3:16 (see below) on a piece of paper or notecard in marker, but put your name in the blanks. Hang it on your bathroom mirror or somewhere you would see it every day.

"For God so loved \_\_\_\_\_  
that He gave His one and only Son  
that if \_\_\_\_\_ believes in Him  
they will not perish but will have eternal life."  
John 3:16.

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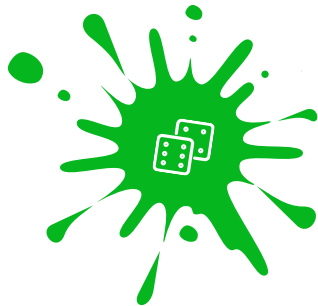
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- Write down what this verse means in your own words or talk about it with your parents or grandparent.

**PRAYER TIME:** Close with this prayer: God, thank you so much for loving me and for dying on the cross for my sins. But most importantly, thank you for coming back to life after three days! Help me to have confidence in You and Your love for me. Amen.

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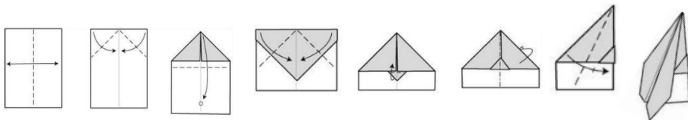
## Kid Challenge

### Paper Airplanes

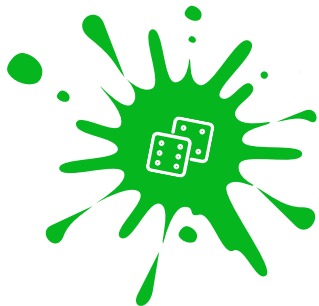
**Supplies:** paper

**Goal:** Create a paper airplane that flies.

1. Use the diagrams below to fold a piece of paper into a paper airplane or create your own design.
2. Challenge your family/friends to fold their own airplanes.
3. Enjoy a paper airplane contest. See who has the plane:
  - a. that flies the greatest distance.
  - b. stays in the air the longest.



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## Game On!

### Traveling Flat Pat

**Supplies:** \*\*Flat Pat cutout, \*\*craft stick, tape

**Goal:** Take Flat Pat on an adventure or an Easter Celebration!

1. Color Flat Pat (if you'd like.)
2. Tape Flat Pat to a craft stick.
3. Take Flat Pat on an adventure or to celebrate Easter with you.
4. Snap a picture of Flat Pat on his adventure or celebrating Easter.
5. Have a parent post a picture on Facebook and/or Instagram using #RISEUP4Christ.

*\*\*included in your package*

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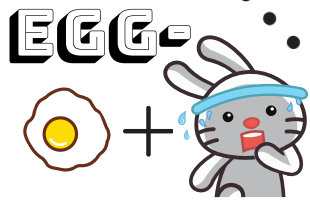




What music do bunnies listen to?

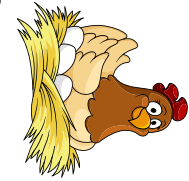
**HIP HOP**

How does the Easter Bunny stay fit?  
Bunny + Egg = Exercise



Why did the egg hide?

He was chicken!



What is an Easter egg's least favorite day?

**FRIDAY**



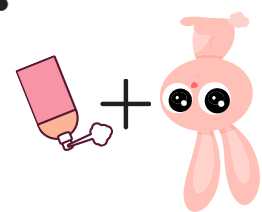
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What is the Easter Bunny's favorite sport?



**BASKETBALL**

**SPRAY**



**BUNNY BUGS**

Where does the Easter Bunny go for breakfast?  
Bunny go for breakfast?

**Jokes**  
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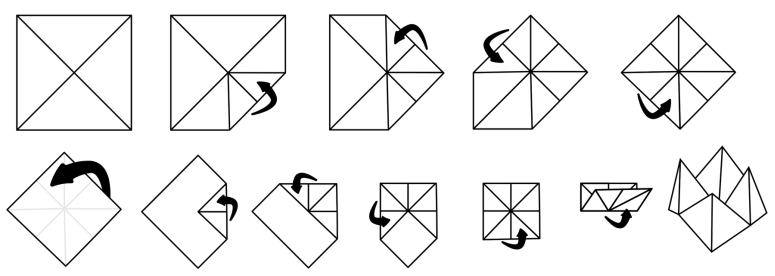
How does the Easter Bunny keep his fur in place?  
HARF!

What do you call a bunny with fleas?  
Bunny

**Easter**

**How to use your Joke Teller:**

1. Cut off these instructions along the black line above.
2. START with your paper face down and fold corners UP. Continue to fold following the diagrams to the right.
3. To play: pick a word/phrase from the first layer and spell it out.
4. Then pick a number and read the joke.
5. Finally lift the flap to find the punch line!





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## ADULT DEVOTION EASTER

I don't know about you, but I love Easter. It's the Super Bowl of my faith, so to speak. It's a time I can reflect and celebrate how Jesus demonstrated his love for each one of us in the most incredible way!

I love to remind my kids that God loves us no matter what. As much as we try to do the right thing, we will never be perfect. When Jesus was on earth, He was perfect, but the people around Him didn't even realize it. Those people actually punished Him, and Jesus did not fight against that punishment. He accepted it and He died. So Easter is when we celebrate that Jesus took a punishment He didn't deserve and He died on a cross. BUT, the joy and celebration came three days later, when He arose from the dead! Jesus gave up his life so that we could spend eternity with God.

### PRAYER TIME:

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of Jesus. His sacrifice and resurrection is something that I still have a difficult time wrapping my head around. Yet, I want my children to understand what Easter really means. Please help me to have a clear understanding of Easter. Then please guide my words when I explain to my children who You are and all that Easter truly means. I want this year to be a celebration of You. Thank you for all you have given to me. And thank you for loving me no matter what. Amen.