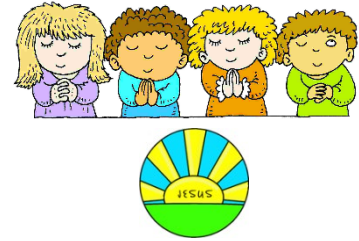




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Dear God,

Thank You for sending Jesus to show us how much You love us. Thank You that Jesus died for each one of us on the cross. Praise You that You gave Jesus the power to come back to life at Easter to beat death, the devil and all the bad, hurtful things in life. Thank You that there is **no-one and nothing** more powerful than You! Amen.



How much do you know about the Easter story in the Bible? Answer these questions using the gospels of John and Luke. (Answers at the end)

- 1) Which part of His disciples' bodies did Jesus wash the night before He was killed on a cross?
 - a) hands
 - b) feet
 - c) faces

- 2) Outside which city was Jesus crucified?
 - a) Jerusalem
 - b) Bethlehem
 - c) Nazareth

- 3) Which disciple denied Jesus and said that he didn't know him?
 - a) John
 - b) Peter
 - c) Judas

- 4) What was the name of the Roman governor who ordered Jesus to be crucified?
 - a) Pontius Pilate
 - b) Pontius Pirate
 - c) Pontius Private

5) What did Jesus say to God on the cross?

- a) "Father, forgive them, for they are truly sorry."
- b) "Father, forgive them, for they really love you."
- c) "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

6) What happened to the sky as Jesus hung on the cross?

- a) A rainbow appeared.
- b) Thunder and lightning.
- c) The sun stopped shining and it was completely dark.

7) Where did Joseph of Arimathea put Jesus' body after He had died?

- a) In a grave in the cemetery.
- b) In a tomb cut in the rock.
- c) In a coffin in the temple.

8) Why were the women so surprised when they went to the tomb early on Sunday morning?

- a) The stone in front of the tomb had been rolled away and Jesus wasn't there.
- b) The Roman guards shouted at them and told them to go away.
- c) They saw Jesus talking to angels.

9) Who was the first person that Jesus spoke to when He came back to life?

- a) Peter
- b) John
- c) Mary Magdalene

10) What did Jesus say to His disciples when He saw them?

- a) "I've missed you."
- b) "Peace be with you."
- c) "Why are you hiding?"

11) How did Jesus prove to His disciples that He was alive and He wasn't a ghost?

- a) He asked them for a drink.
- b) He asked them for something to eat.
- c) He asked them to give Him a hug.



Dear Jesus,

Please be especially close, this Easter, to all children, youth and their families and friends who are hurt, bullied and even killed because they love and follow You. Christians are attacked and killed even more at Easter than usual. Cover them with Your strong arms of love and protection. Keep them safe. Let them know You are with them every second of the day and night. Stop the plans of people who want to hurt and kill them. Give them the joy of Easter, knowing how much You love them and came back to life with great power and victory!



Dear God,

Be very close to the children, youth and families in Sri Lanka whose hearts are broken because their loved ones were killed by bomb blasts in 3 different churches on Easter Sunday 2019. Many children were killed as they wore their best clothes and attended Sunday School, ready to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, Your Son. In Pakistan in 2016, Christian children and families were killed too as they celebrated Easter Sunday in a park. Muslims were killed as well.

Wrap your arms around them all and pour Your love, strength, peace and hope into their hearts, minds and spirits. Let them know that their loved ones who died are with Jesus in heaven where they will see them again one day. Then they will live forever with You dear God and there will be no more suffering, death, tears, sadness or pain - only the joy and delight of Your great love! Amen.



Dear Jesus,

Please bless all the Easter parties and camps that are being planned around the world for children and youth who are hurt and attacked because they believe in You. It can be a very lonely life for persecuted children and youth who often get bullied at school by teachers and students and who get rejected by their friends, having nobody to sit, talk or play with. Help them make new friends at the Easter parties and camps. Fill them with joy, laughter and happiness and keep them and all the leaders safe. Amen.