

Extension Activity

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New Life

FOCUS

1. Jesus is the perfect model of love.
2. On Easter Sunday we celebrate Jesus rising from the dead.

John 13:34–35

"I give you a new commandment; love one another; you must love one another just as I have loved you. It is by your love for one another that everyone will recognise you as my disciples."

During lessons 5–8 your child had the opportunity to:

- Listen to a story about the Last Supper.
- Learn that Jesus washed the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper.
- Discuss ways that people help and serve each other.
- Discuss how animals often change their life form, e.g. tadpole to frog, egg to chicken, etc.
- Hear a story of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

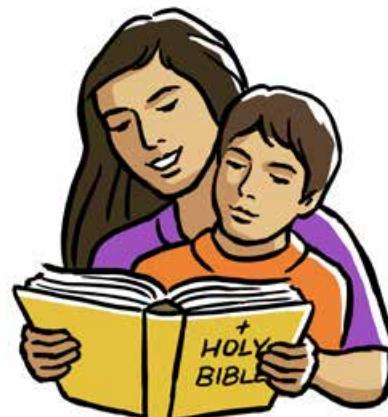
When Jesus was on earth he helped people and told them about God's love for them. He talked about love and friendship and, as a sign of that, he shared meals with them. He told his friends he wanted them to love others too. One day Jesus said he would be gone for a while, but he promised to return.

Some people were not Jesus' friends. They did not like what he was teaching. They planned for him to die on a cross. Jesus' friends were very sad when he died. They thought they would never see him again. A few days later a wonderful thing happened. Jesus' friends discovered that he had not left them. He was alive!

SUGGESTED HOME ACTIVITIES

These are some suggested activities to do at home with your child.

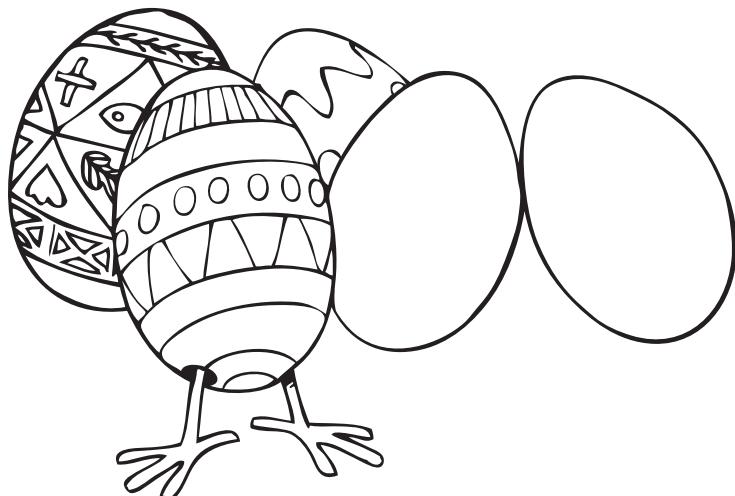
1. Read and discuss the Bible story about Jesus' resurrection (below, left).
2. Highlight to your child examples from the animal world where a life form changes e.g. caterpillar to butterfly – emphasising the beauty of the new life.
3. Read the information on the activity page to your child.
4. Encourage your child to complete the activity on the next page.
5. Take your child to a Holy Thursday Mass so that he or she can see the re-enactment of the washing of the feet.



Draw a pattern on the two Easter eggs below and colour all the eggs you see.

Easter Eggs

Eggs are one of the most common symbols of Easter. An egg looks a little like a tomb and something alive comes out of it. It reminds us that Jesus was in a tomb for three days, but he came out alive!



A Great Christian Custom

When Greek children see each other at Easter they each hold out a coloured egg and tap them together gently. One person says, "Christ is risen," and the other answers, "Truly, he is risen." Tell your friends about this custom and see if you can get it going where you live.

