

Easter Bible Buddy Easy Reader Pack



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Welcome to your Easter Bible Buddy Pack

We hope you enjoy your pack and have fun reading the story of Easter over the coming weeks. The Bible passages are all in the booklet, however you might like to read from a children's Bible. Read as much or as little, if you can, each day - whatever works best for you

How to use this pack



Get comfy



Find a comfy place where you can cuddle with your Buddy and where it's not too noisy.

Chat with Jesus



Before you read or listen to the Bible take a little time to chat with Jesus and ask Him to help you understand what He wants to say to you through the Bible.

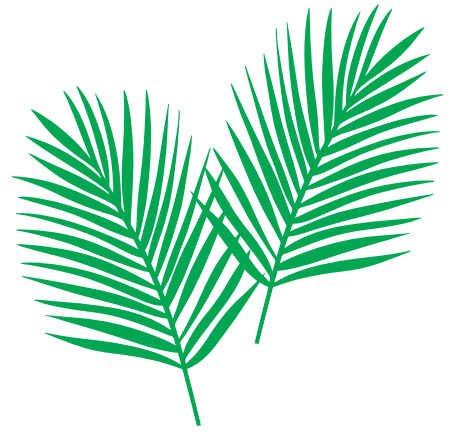


Read the Bible Verses

When you are able, read some of the verses. If reading is a bit tricky for you ask someone in your house to read the verses to you. You can read the same verses over & over if you like them - we always see new things.

The Easter Story.

Palms and Praises



Luke 19 v 28 - 40

Jesus was walking to a big city called Jerusalem. He told two of his friends,

"Please go into that village over there. You will see a young donkey tied up near a gate. Untie it and bring it to me."

"But what if someone asks what we're doing?" they asked.

"Just tell them I need to borrow their donkey," Jesus said.

So the men went to find it. They put coats over the donkey's back to make it more comfortable for Jesus to sit on.

Jesus rode the donkey into Jerusalem. People cheered and laid their coats on the ground to make a carpet.

They cut branches from the palm trees at the side of the road and waved them in the air as the procession passed. "Hooray for Jesus," everybody shouted. "Hooray for the special King God promised to send us."



The Easter Story.

Washing smelly feet



Luke 1 v 57 - 80

Jesus was having a special meal with his friends.

He knew it would be their last meal together.

Jesus wrapped a towel around himself and poured water into a bowl. His friends did not know what he was going to do.

Jesus did something very special. He went to each of his friends and washed their feet.

Then he carefully dried them with the towel.

Jesus said to his friends,

"Remember that I love you very much. I want you to love each other, just like I love you. Then people 'Will know you are my friends ."

Jesus' friends knew they must follow what Jesus did and love other people.



The Easter Story.

A bad friend & a special meal

Luke 22 v 1 - 23



"It's Passover," Jesus told his friends .

"Time for our special meal."

When the meal was ready, Jesus said, "This is the last Passover meal we will all eat together. Soon some sad things are going to happen."

Jesus held a cup of wine in his hands. "Thank you , God," he said. Then Jesus gave the cup to his friends. "Pass this round and all have a drink from it," he said.

Next, Jesus held a loaf of bread and broke it into pieces. "Thank you, God," he said, and gave it to his friends. "When you eat this," he told them, "I want you to think about me."

After their meal, Jesus held another cup of wine in his hands .

"Share this," he said. "Soon someone in this room will choose not to be my friend any more."

His friends looked at each other, amazed. Who is it?" they wondered



The Easter Story.

Garden of sad prayers



Matthew 26 v 26 - 35

After the special meal with his friends, Jesus went into a garden to pray.

"Sit here and keep watch while I go and pray," he told his friends.

Then Jesus prayed to God. "I feel very scared Father," Jesus prayed. "Please help me!"

Jesus went back to his friends and found them sleeping. It was late and they were very tired.

"Please stay awake and pray for me," Jesus said to them.

Then Jesus prayed again. Please help me Father. Help me to do what you want."

Then Jesus saw his friend, Judas, coming with a crowd of soldiers.

Judas showed the soldiers who Jesus was.

Some of Jesus' friends were going to fight the soldiers. But Jesus said, "No! Do not fight! This is all part of God's plan."

Jesus went with the soldiers.
But all his friends left him and ran away.



The Easter Story.

A noisy rooster



Matthew 26 v 69 - 75

One of Jesus' friends, Peter, went to see what was happening.

He had told Jesus he would always be his friend.

'You're a friend of Jesus, aren't you ?' asked a girl.

Peter was frightened. 'No, I'm not!' he whispered.

The girls told a man, "I'm sure he's a friend of Jesus."

No I'm not!" said Peter

'Are you a friend of Jesus?" asked the man.

'NO! I'm not!" insisted Peter.

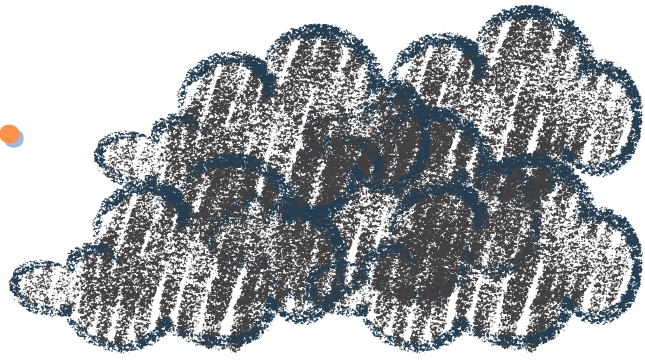
Cock-a-doodle-do! The cockerel crowed. It was a new day.

Peter felt sad - he loved Jesus but he had pretended he did not know him!



The Easter Story.

A very sad day



Matthew 27 v 27 - 60 (edit)

Some people did not like Jesus talking about God.

They sent soldiers to take him away.

The soldiers gave Jesus a big, heavy cross made out of wood. Jesus had to carry it out of the city, to a hill nearby.

The soldiers put Jesus on the cross and stood it up in the ground .

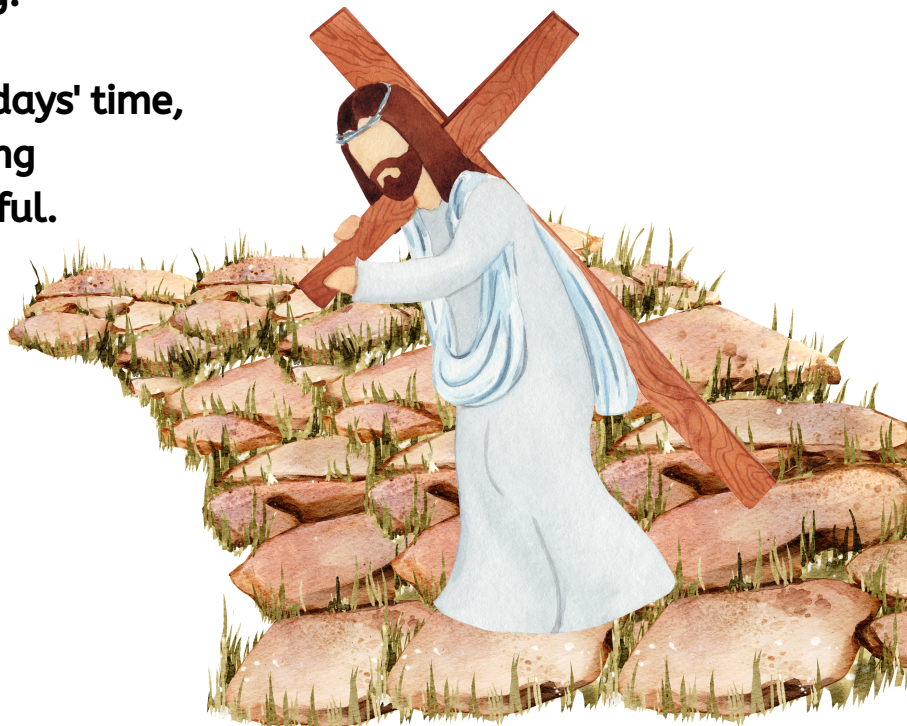
A long time went by. It hurt Jesus a lot, to be on the cross. The soldiers stood on guard. Many other people came to see what was going on.

Jesus talked to God. "Father," he said, "forgive these people for doing this to me. They don't know what they are doing."

And then, Jesus died.

It seemed like the end of everything.

But God had other plans. In a few days' time, something would happen, something amazing and fantastic and wonderful. Jesus would be alive again, for ever .



The Easter Story.

He is risen. Alleluia!



Matthew 28 v 1 - 10

Early one morning, just as the sun was beginning to rise in the sky, Mary and her friends went to the cave where Jesus had been buried.

They were feeling very upset that Jesus had died. The women knew that there was a huge stone in front of the cave. "How are we going to move it?" they wondered.

But when they reached the cave, they could not believe their eyes. The heavy stone had been rolled away from the doorway. They saw a man in white clothes.

What's happened?" They wondered

"Please don't be afraid," the man told them.

"Jesus isn't here any more. Have a look for yourselves. Jesus isn't dead he's alive. Go back and tell all his other friends what's happened."

Mary and her friends were amazed and excited by the wonderful news.

They were so happy that Jesus was alive again!



The Easter Story.

Jesus is alive!!



Matthew 28 v 1 - 10 (edit)

Some people did not like Jesus and wanted to get rid of him.

On Friday, Jesus died.

Jesus' friends were very sad. They lovingly put his body in a cave and rolled a big stone in front.

On Sunday morning, Mary and her friends went to the cave.

They saw that the big stone had moved ! They went into the cave. It was empty! What a surprise! Where was Jesus' body?

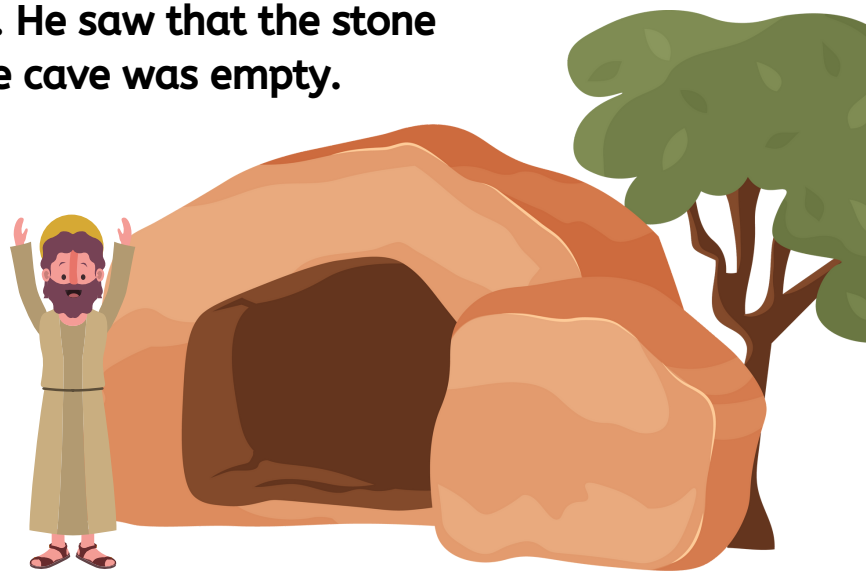
Suddenly two angels appeared. The women were afraid., but the angels told them, "Jesus is not here. Jesus isn't dead. He's alive again!"

Mary and her friends were amazed. They ran back to tell Jesus' friends the good news. "Jesus is alive again !"

"That can't be true," Peter and the others said.

But Peter went to see for himself. He saw that the stone had been moved. He saw that the cave was empty.

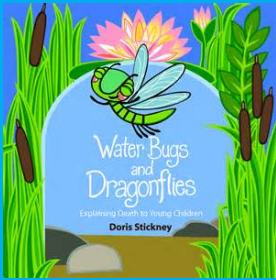
Later on, he saw Jesus!
Then he knew it was really true.
Jesus is alive!





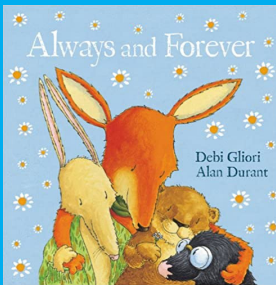
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Here are some books you might like to read that deal with some of the themes of the story of Easter, including new life and hope.



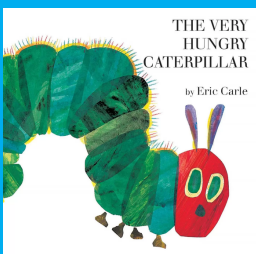
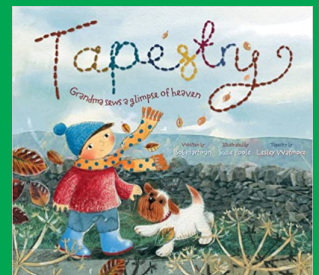
Waterbugs and Dragonflies.
Doris Stickney

Badger's parting gifts
Susan Varley

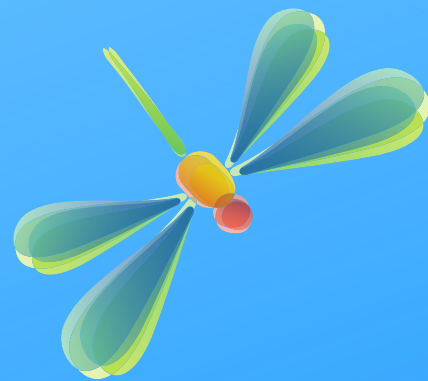
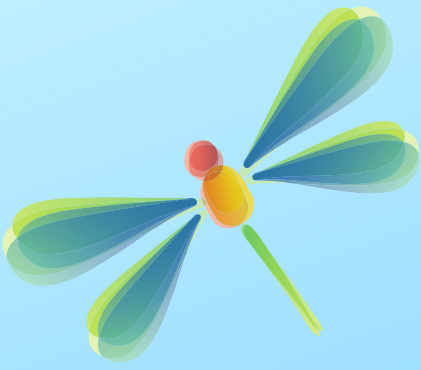


Always and Forever.
Debi Gliori & Alan Durant

Tapestry.
Bob Hartman



The very hungry caterpillar.
Eric Carle



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