



# HOLY SATURDAY

## Telling the Easter Story

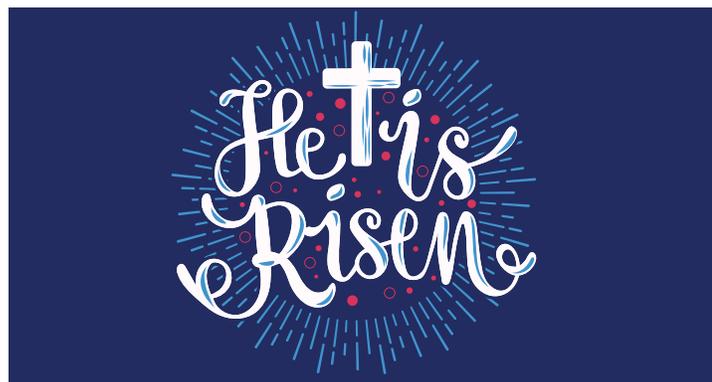
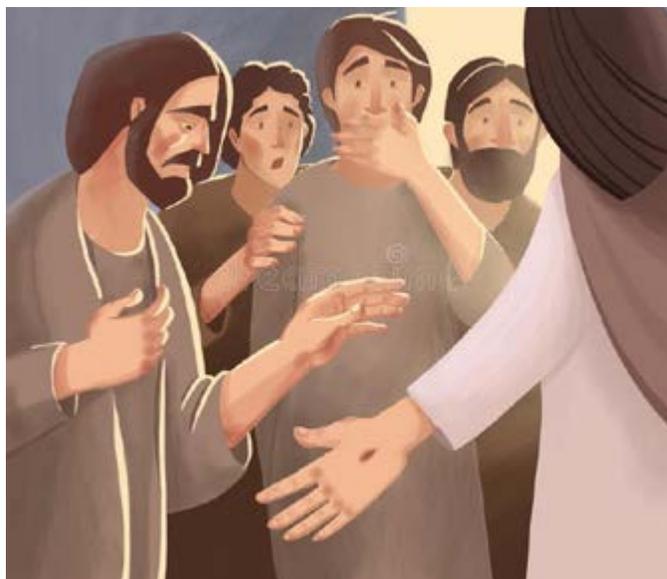
There are two sides to the Easter story: what physically happened, and what it means to us. Here are ideas for sharing both with your child.

### Storytelling

The first side comes to us from the Gospels. If your child is old enough to understand the language, you can read it together. We recommend reading from **chapter 20 of John** and/or **chapter 24 of Luke**.

The adult language in the Bible can be difficult for younger children to understand, though. A good children's story Bible could help here. Or you can read the passages yourself—perhaps a couple times—and then tell your child the story in your own words. It's easier than you might think.

Be playful and have fun with it. Don't just relate the facts, but draw your child into the rich emotions (they were sad, scared, surprised, happy!)



### What It Means

Your child is likely to start asking questions (perhaps many starting with the famous “why?”). Don't be intimidated. A good place to start is to ask your child what he or she thinks. You may be surprised at how much insight your child has!

Continue the conversation with them. If a question comes up that you don't know how to answer, tell them it's a great question and that you don't know (feel free to call or email Father Daniel or Dawn).

### Key Points to Share with Your Child

- Jesus rose to show us that even though people do bad things and sad things happen, God's love overcomes them.
- Jesus' resurrection means that we will also rise after we die someday, so we can be with Jesus and everyone who died before us.
- Jesus is still alive, and we still encounter him today (even though it can be hard to recognize him). Jesus left the Holy Spirit to be with us in a special way.