Welcome to Virtual Sunday School for Easter Sunday.

Today we remember that Jesus rose again from the dead. It’s a very exciting day in the Church, so after a sad day on Friday, today is a day of celebration!

This week, I have recorded the session again, as well as sending this, so hopefully you can see that too.

**To Start**

* Don’t forget to take Jesus out of the tomb that you built on Friday
* In many churches, people all over the country should be saying the following response. Ask an adult to say the first line, then everyone says the second line. Then swap so everyone says all of it. Why not shout the second line?

The Lord is risen

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**Story**

Do one or more of these:

* Read Matthew 28v1-10
* Watch the video of me reading the story and some thoughts about Easter.
* Watch this video
	+ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL8R158Ujp4> *(Note to parents. This is one of the videos we watched on Friday. If you watched it then, you can start from where you left off then, at 4 mins)*

**Activity**

Make a card for someone

* Fold a sheet of A4 card in half to form a greetings card. Cut a large, cross-shaped hole in the front cover of the card.
* Ask the children to write ‘The joy of Easter shines through’ on the front, and a message inside their card.
* Inside the card, they can then cover the cross ‘window’ carefully with tissue paper, creating a stained-glass effect. Help the children to carefully stick and seal all the edges with glue.
* Leave for a few minutes to dry. Then send to someone you love who you haven’t been able to see for a while.
* If you don’t have tissue paper, you can just decorate a cross in whatever way you like.

**Songs**

Here’s a choice of 2 songs to listen to. The songs are much more jolly today. Enjoy!

* On Good Friday – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LDIkOHxYU9E>
* Happy Day – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mcK6g8fPiZ4>

**Prayer**

Thank God for the amazing sacrifice he made on the cross. Thank him for doing this because we have done things wrong, and his death means God forgives us when we say sorry.

Now pray this prayer with your family:

Father God, we come to you because you turn doubt into hope,
tears into laughter and fear into fearlessness.
We come to you because on Easter Sunday and on every other day,we can say, ‘Jesus is alive!’
**Amen**.