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Happy Easter! Today, we're going to learn the story of Easter. If you're ready to hear today's Bible story, hold your hands open like you're pretending to hold a Bible! *(Lead your toddler in holding their hands open like a Bible.)*

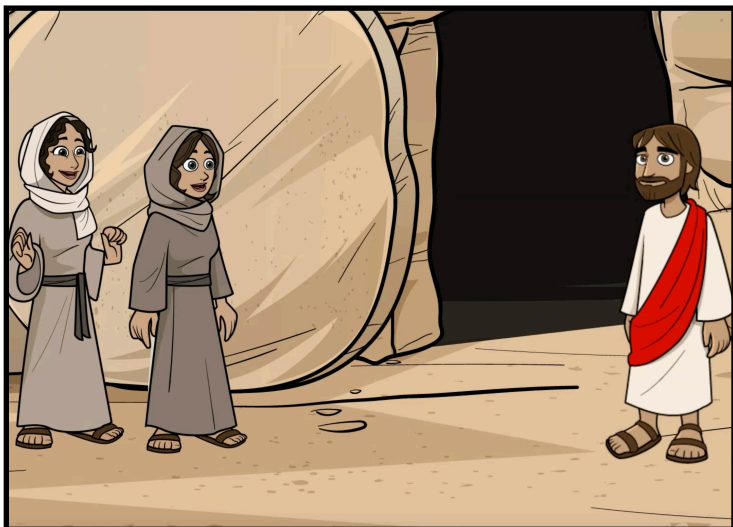
Great job! The true story of Easter begins with God's love for us. God loves us so much that He gave us His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. But first, something sad had to happen.



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One night, Jesus was having dinner with His friends. He told them He had to go away, but He promised to come back. They were sad, but then they remembered that Jesus loved them. Show me your sad face! *(Lead your toddler in making a sad face.)*

After dinner, Jesus went to pray in a garden, and some angry people came and took Him away! They hurt Jesus and put Him on a cross where He died. Then they put Jesus' body in a tomb with a big stone in front of it.



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Three days later, some of Jesus' friends went to the tomb. They saw the stone was rolled away and Jesus was NOT there. Then came the good news — Jesus came back like He said He would! Everyone was so happy! Let me see your happy face. *(Lead your toddler in making a happy face.)*

Jesus died on the cross because He loves us, but now He is ALIVE, and He wants to be our friend forever!