

Historical Faith: The Resurrection

Family Edition Week 2: Eyewitness

START PRAYING:

(echo prayer) Dear Jesus | You are alive! | We see you all around us | loving us | taking care of us | loving your creation | and drawing people back to you. | Help us to share you with others | We love you. | Amen.

KEY SCRIPTURE:

¹ Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

KEY TAKEAWAY:

There were eyewitnesses of Jesus who saw Him after He rose from the dead and shared their story. We trust them because we trust Jesus. We are eyewitnesses of Jesus living, loving, and working in our lives and we can share our story.

START STUDYING:

- Have one of the kids read the Key Text.
- What is an eye witness? And what was witnessed by the Apostles?
- What was the most important thing they could share with others?

START APPLYING:

- Why might it be scary to tell other people about Jesus?
- Do you think the Apostles' were scared? Discuss why or why not? (Adults: remember them hiding in the upper room twice even after seeing Jesus alive, but then also after the Holy Spirit came they went and shared the message of Jesus pretty fearlessly)
- Read Acts 4:17-21
- What were they sharing with everyone?
- How do you think they could share about Jesus so courageously?
- Turn to your neighbor and tell them your favorite sports team OR book.
- Was that easy? Hard? Natural? Awkward?
- We may love sports or books, but we have a Savior who loves us so much He gave His life for us and who loves us ALWAYS. Say together: We love you Jesus!
- Now practice: Turn to your neighbor and share with them one way that Jesus has blessed you this week?
- Was that easy? Hard? Natural? Awkward? Scary?
- Don't worry! God is with you. He will give you the words to say. You don't have to fear what other people will say because you are you! And you are loved by God! Just share what God has done for you.

Color in this picture of Jesus and add to it however you would like.



BIBLICAL EQUIPPING

- At the end of each day this week, write down one way that you experienced Jesus' love and blessing that day. Keep the list so that you can keep adding to it each day. We will call this our "Jesus sightings"
- Choose one person in your family and share this Jesus sighting with them.