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**FAMILY DEVOTION: Easter Weekend**



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- How did Jesus die?
- How many days was Jesus in the tomb?
- Who rolled away the stone from Jesus's tomb?
- What did the angel say when they came looking for Jesus in the tomb?
- What does Jesus raising from the dead mean for us today?

**SAY:** Jesus may not have been the Savior people expected, but He was exactly the Savior the world needed. Sometimes God works in ways we do not expect, but His plan is always good. Jesus is alive, and that is the greatest reason to celebrate. Because He rose again, we can have hope, joy, and new life in Him!

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