

Bethel Temple Children's Ministry (BTCM)

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Greetings, Everyone.

Jesus is Risen! He is Alive! The death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is the foundation on which our faith is built. It is a strong, solid foundation indeed. Because He lives, we can live.

"And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins." (Ephesians 2:1) But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:4-10)

Jesus is Risen! He is Alive! Yes, this is the title of our lesson this week. We study more closely the details surrounding Jesus' resurrection and His interactions with and instructions to His disciples after His resurrection. He is very distinct in revealing His identity to the disciples. He is very clear in His assignment to them. He promises to always be with them, even to the end of the age.

I pray as you preview the background scriptures, the Lord gives you fresh insight into and understanding of His Word. May you hear His voice clearly and receive wisdom on how to effectively communicate the truths in His Word to your children. May the children have open ears and tender hearts as you lead them in prayer to receive Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior. I pray that the children will come to know and experience God's love for them afresh and begin to grow in grace and the knowledge of Him. I pray that the desire to love and live for Jesus is kindled in their hearts even now as He reveals Himself to them at this time in their lives.

Easter baskets, candy, dyed eggs, chocolate bunnies, marshmallow peeps, etc. can be wonderful & fun gifts to receive. However, the sweetest gift is receiving and getting to know our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ in the power of His resurrection.

Abundant blessings,

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