April

He is not here. For He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay. **Matthew 28:6**

Read: Matthew 28:1-10

What a sad day "Good Friday" was. Jesus had died on the cross. His disciples and friends were scared and sad. They didn't know what to do. Jesus had died and been placed in a tomb with a big stone rolled over the entrance. I'm sure that everyone who loved Jesus thought they would never see Him again. Then came Sunday! Three days after Jesus had died on the cross, two women went to visit the empty tomb. When they got to the tomb, the stone was rolled away and an angel sat on the stone! The angel told the women not to be afraid because Jesus was alive! As they were going to tell Jesus' disciples, Jesus met them on the road! When they saw Jesus and heard His voice, they worshiped Him! I am so thankful that Jesus is alive!

Pray: Thank You Jesus for dying on the cross for my sins! Thank You for loving me! Thank You for rising from the dead! You are alive!!!

Ideas to Live It Out:

- Create motions or a song to help you memorize the verse this month (younger preschoolers may need to focus on the highlighted portion of the verse)
- Use sidewalk chalk to write "Jesus is Alive" in bubble letters on your driveway and color the inside of the letters. Parents of preschoolers write the words and allow your preschooler to color in the letters.
- Build an empty tomb out of blocks or Legos.
- Allow your children to water color on a coffee filter and use the colors of a sunrise. Once dried, cut the filter in half, glue onto construction paper, and write the words "Jesus Is Alive" or "Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!" Reread Matthew 28:1- What time of day did Jesus rise from the dead?

