What We Learned:

Today your child learned learn why the Easter season is filled with hope and joy—because we remember the resurrection of Jesus. Jesus died on the cross for our sins. However, three days later He miraculously rose from the dead. This Good News is why we celebrate Easter. (Scripture used: Matthew 28:1-10)

Words to Remember:

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 NIV

Practice this verse several times with your child during the week. This will not only help your child remember the verse but it will also help to reinforce what he or she learned during class.

Suggested Parent/Child Activity:

Before Jesus died on the cross and rose again, He told His disciples how He was going to prepare a place for them in Heaven. Read John 14:1-3 with your child. Then grab some pencils and paper. Help your child draw a simple floor plan of what his or her ideal house would be like in Heaven. Ask your child which rooms he or she would include, and what he or she would like to do in each room. Just have some fun with your child's imagination. Then, explain that even our best idea for a place to live is nothing compared to what Jesus is preparing for us in Heaven. Finish the activity in prayer, thanking Jesus for giving up His life so we can live with Him someday in Heaven.

Daily Prayer:

Dear Lord, it is such a joy to celebrate Easter, and to remember how You rose from the grave to live with us. Help us to follow You and not the ways of darkness, for You are the Truth, the Life, and the Way. Amen.