

APRIL
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AFTERLIFE:

A SERIES ABOUT EASTER

Sometimes, it can be easy to forget who God really is. And it can be even easier to forget who we really are. But every year at Easter, we get the chance to look back to what God did thousands of years ago to remind us not only who He really is, but who we really are because of Him: loved, important, and forgiven.

The Easter story was never meant to stop at the resurrection. The story was meant to keep going, all the way until today. We are part of this story of life after the resurrection. And, because of the resurrection, we can know new and abundant life.

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1 John 4:8b-10 NLT

Because of the resurrection, John knew God is love.

Week Two - April 14

John 20:14-18 NIV

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John 21:15-17 NLT

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2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT, John 10:10b ESV

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THEME VERSE

For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

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**MORNING TIME**

Every day, teens are faced with messages telling them they aren't good enough, smart enough, or capable enough. These messages can make them question their abilities or even their worth. But, we can be the safe place they will always hear messages of acceptance, belonging, and encouragement. One morning this month, share how your teen inspires you and tell them about the potential you see in them. Don't underestimate the power this moment can have.

**THEIR TIME**

The next time your teen does something they shouldn't, try sharing about a time when you messed up. Let them know you don't expect them to be perfect. Ask about why they may be struggling to do the right thing—not to shame them, but to show them you are interested in their life. Tell them that you want to help them become the best version of themselves. Remind them that you're a safe person to talk to and that you love them.

**MEAL TIME**

Dinner is a great time to ask your student what they think about God. Try asking first, then listening closely, and then sharing your own thoughts.

Who do they think God is? What do they think God is like? Do they think God likes them?

Make it conversational and not like an inquisition or a lecture! A willingness to share your own thoughts or questions will create an environment where your teen will feel safer to do the same.

**BED TIME**

Read 1 John 4:9-10 NLT together as a family. Then, personalize the passage to your family by putting in the phrase "our family" or your family's last name throughout.

Write it down and post it someplace where you will all see it when you are getting ready for bed each night this month. Let it remind you of the way God's love is real and personal to your family.

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