

## JESUS LIVES ON

Easter is a time to celebrate the gift of salvation and eternal life that God gave us through Jesus. Jesus came to earth and lived with us, so that we could come to know God better. God knew that we would do wrong and sin, and we deserve consequences for our sins. He loved us so much that He wanted to give us forgiveness for our wrongs, so He sent Jesus to us.<sup>2</sup>

Jesus came to earth and lived with man. He brought us salvation, forgiveness, and healing. And then, He gave His life for us. Through His death and sacrifice, Jesus took the punishment for our sins and washed our sins away. Once we ask for His forgiveness and do our best to do what's right, God does not remember or hold our sins against us anymore.<sup>3</sup>

Jesus gave us His life because He loves us! His sacrifice brought us closer to God. If we open our hearts to Him and believe that He is our Savior, then He will live in our hearts.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Romans 3:23 and Romans 6:23.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See John 3:16.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Jeremiah 31:34.

On Easter we remember God's love for us and Jesus' sacrifice. We can celebrate the resurrection—when Jesus came back to life so that we can know God's amazing love that has conquered death. Through knowing Jesus, we can experience God's Holy Spirit in our lives.

Jesus lives on! He lives on in our hearts, in the beauty of the world around, and in the reflection of Jesus in us that we show to others. He promises that He will be with us always!<sup>4</sup>

## AN EASTER CAROL

Spring bursts today,
For Christ is risen and all the earth's at play.

Flash forth, thou Sun,
The rain is over and gone, its work is done.

Winter is past, Sweet Spring is come at last, is come at last.

— Christina G. Rossetti, "An Easter Carol"

