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- Cut out & carry with you.
- Say at each mealtime.
- Read at bedtime.
- Commit to memory.

Prayer for this Week:

Risen Lord Jesus, you have given me new life. Help me to share the good news with others. Amen. (Psalm 118:17)

For Throughout the Day:

This is the day the Lord has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it. Amen. (Psalm 118:24)

A Blessing to Share:

May the good news of Jesus' resurrection fill you with love, joy and hope. Amen.

Mealtime Refrain:

Christ is risen: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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Faith Talk:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you were really surprised.
- How do you think the women who went to Jesus' tomb felt when they heard that he had risen? (Mark 16:1-4) How do you think you would you have responded if you were with them that morning?
- What does Jesus' resurrection mean for you?

Devotional Practices:

Traditionally, Easter is celebrated for eight days, called the Octave of Easter, with the first Sunday after Easter called "Low Sunday". This was the day when those baptized on Easter Sunday took off their white robes and resumed their normal lives. Observe the Easter Octave in your home by beginning your family meals this week with these Easter refrains (the leader says the first part, the rest of the household the part in italics) – most are from the Psalm for Easter Sunday, and they reflect the joy of the resurrection.

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 Tuesday: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: *His love goes on forever.*" (Psalm 118:1)
 Wednesday: "The Lord is my strength and my song: *He has become my salvation.*" (Psalm 118:14)
 Thursday: "Shout with joy and victory: *For the Lord has done mighty things.*" (Psalm 118:15)
 Friday: "Lord, I give you thanks, for you have answered me: *You have become my salvation.*" (Psalm 118:21)
 Saturday: "The stone the builders rejected has become the most important stone: *The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.*" (Psalm 118:22-23)
 Sunday: "This is the day that the Lord has made: *We will rejoice and be glad in it.*" (Psalm 118:24).

Service:

Respond to the new life Jesus gives us with a "random act of kindness". Plan to surprise a neighbor or a church acquaintance with a visit, gift or good deed this week.

Rituals and Traditions:

Make symbols of new life to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Gather a paper coffee filter for each household member and prepare "paint" by mixing small amounts of water with various colors of food coloring. Use cotton swabs as paint brushes; dip these in the colored water and then "paint" the coffee filters. When dry, form these into butterflies by gathering the coffee filters in the middle and wrapping half of a black pipe cleaner around each one.

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