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SERIES OVERVIEW

Sin brings death, but God brings life. Amazingly, we don't have to wait until Jesus' resurrection to see where God has power over death. From bringing dry bones to life and saving a prophet swallowed by a fish in the Old Testament to the raising of a man dead and buried in the New Testament, we see God as a God of resurrection. This Easter series culminates with the greatest resurrection of all—Jesus! His death and resurrection mean that sin will never have the final say. We can be risen and experience new life too because of Him!

RISEN ELEMENTARY SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

	Lesson Title	Scripture	Wonder Truth	Word of Wonder
Mar 3	Ezekiel and the Dry Bones	Ezekiel 37	God Has Good News for His People	He saved us. It wasn't because of the good things we had done. It was because of his mercy. He saved us by washing away our sins. We were born again. The Holy Spirit gave us new life. —Titus 3:5 (NIV)
Mar 10	Jonah	Jonah 1–4; Matthew 12	God Has Good News for the Whole World	
Mar 17	Lazarus	John 11	Jesus Has Power over Death	
Mar 24	Triumphal Entry: Jesus Enters Jerusalem	Mark 11	Jesus Is King	
Mar 31	Crucifixion and Resurrection	Matthew 27–28	Jesus Is Risen!	

SERIES INVITATION

The anticipation of a long-awaited event is so exciting, right? Maybe it's the arrival of a new baby, time for that dream vacation, or being able to feast on a meal that you've spent all day preparing. Finally partaking of that which you've been looking forward to makes you feel like a child on Christmas morning!

Over the next five weeks, you will meet people filled with anticipation. Whether in a valley of dry bones, in the belly of a huge fish, in the thick of pain and grief, on the side of a Jerusalem road, or outside of Jesus' tomb, they were about to experience new life that awaited them on the other side.

They longed for the Promised One who would rescue the world from sin. Each story is filled with twists and turns that point to God's power over death.

As Easter nears, you will reflect on Jesus' death and resurrection. Death could not keep Jesus in the ground. He is too powerful! The power that raised Him is the same power that dwells within you! Because of Jesus' love and sacrifice, you can experience newness of life!

- How might you experience Jesus in a new, fresh way this Easter?
- What does new life in Jesus mean to you?

Celebrate—He is risen. He is risen indeed!

—Kathie Phillips

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