

puzzled week 2

read john 3:16

Jesus had to die so we could live with God forever. But ultimately, Jesus came back to life, didn't He?

With a parent's permission, go to the kitchen and get bowl and an egg. Crack the egg on the side of the bowl, and drop the yolk into the bowl. Now, try to scoop the yolk back into the egg and put the egg pieces back together again. You can't really do it, can you?

Only Jesus could die a painful death, but still rise up from the dead 3 days later—walking around, talking, and eating with the disciples! And if we believe in Him and who He says He is, we too can live forever.

thank God for sending Jesus to die and rise again!

day 1

read titus 3:5-8

Do you know what a tulip looks like? With a parent's help, try to find one outside, or look up a picture online.

We usually think of planting flowers in the spring, when the ground finally starts to warm up. But tulips actually have to be planted late in the summer and fall, then they stay buried in the cold soil all winter long before emerging to bloom in the spring. You may not think of tulips as being tough, but anything that can survive the harsh cold of winter—the time when most plants die—must be pretty strong!

If our God is strong enough to conquer death and bring Jesus back to life, we can believe that He can bring new life to us too, even when things seem dark and hopeless.

ask God to help you understand just how strong He really is!

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read acts 2:24

Have you ever tried to open a jar of something but it was really stuck? No matter how hard you twisted, you just couldn't make it budge. Did you call for help?

When Jesus died on the cross and was buried, it looked like the jar was sealed shut. End of story. An impossible situation. No one comes back from that, right? Thankfully, though, God is stronger than death, and He pried open the grip that death had on Jesus and freed Him! Death might have been strong, but God is stronger!

look at seemingly impossible situations in your life and remember that God is stronger than everything.

day 3

day 4

read psalm 107:19-20

Can you fill in the blanks for this rhyme?

Sticks and _____ may break my _____
But words will never _____ me.

We've all heard that rhyme, right? But is it true? No! Words are powerful, and they can hurt us all. But did you know that God's words are so strong, they can rescue us from death? That's what this passage says. God is so strong that He merely has to say the word, and death is defeated. Now that's a God that gives us reason to hope!

know that God's words are stronger than death.