

## EASTER: JESUS LIVES!

### MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS UNIT

"He is not here; he has risen!" (Luke 24:6, NIV\*).

### OBJECTIVES OF THIS UNIT

This unit will help the children:• Learn that Jesus, the Son of God, lives.

### THE REASON WE TEACH THIS UNIT

The children will learn that Jesus shared a special dinner with his disciples. They will study the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

They will understand that Jesus overcame death and rose again with power. They will know that Jesus lives and reigns forever because He is the Son of God.

Have you ever felt hopeless, when everything you've believed in seemed to fall apart? Surely that was what the disciples of Jesus felt in the days leading up to the crucifixion of their teacher.

Those doubts and despair are precisely what make the resurrection of Christ a wonderful fact. When everything seemed lost, Jesus rose gloriously to restore the joy and faith to those men; but not only to them, but to those who are blessed with the privilege of being his followers today.

Through this series of lessons, we will walk with Jesus to share the last supper with his disciples, listen to the cries of the crowd when the Master makes his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and follow him on the path of Calvary until he reaches the foot of the cross.

And above all, we will be amazed with Mary when she discovers the empty tomb.

Can you feel the anguish of the moment? Close your eyes and imagine the confusion of John and Peter when they saw the folded linen. This Holy Week, celebrate with joy because Jesus, the Son of God, lives! Recognize that the same power that raised him triumphant from the grave can transform the lives of your children.