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- Cut out & carry with you.
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- Read at bedtime.
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Prayer for this Week:

Risen Lord Jesus, replace my fears with boldness, my doubts with certainty, and my unbelief with faith. Amen. (Luke 24:4-12)

For Throughout the Day:

Risen Lord Jesus, rise anew in me. Amen.

A Blessing to Share:

May the resurrection of Jesus give you joy and hope. May he live within you, this day and always. Amen.

Mealtime Refrain:

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- Share about a time when you received some amazing news. How did you react?
- Jesus' followers reacted in different ways to the news that he had risen from the dead (read Luke 24:4-12). If you were there, how do you think you would have reacted?
- Is the resurrection of Jesus important to you? Why?

Devotional Practices:

During the seven weeks of Easter, many churches light Paschal Candles to remind churchgoers that the Risen Jesus is in their midst. Choose a candle to serve as your Resurrection Candle for the Easter Season (you may wish to use a brightly colored one). Light the candle when you gather for your home devotion times. Say the following Refrain as it is lit:

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Christ's resurrection means that God is alive and at work in our world. Invite household members to share where and how they have seen God at work in the past day (e.g. "I saw God at work in the beautiful sunrise", "I saw God at work in mother's cooking", "I saw God at work in the fun we had together.")

Service:

Flowers are signs of life and joy, and are often used to symbolize Easter. Make up or purchase a bouquet of "resurrection flowers" to give to someone who is sick, in hospital, or going through a difficult period.

Rituals and Traditions:

Easter Sunday is the most important day of the church year, but the celebration of Easter does not end there. It continues for a full fifty days, right through until Pentecost. The Great Fifty Days of Easter are a wonderful opportunity to explore and celebrate Easter more fully than we can possibly squeeze into a single day.

Make up a large cross out of poster board, cardboard or wood. Cut out 50 "flowers" from sheets of color paper. Each morning or evening of the Easter Season, ask a household member to share something they saw or experienced during the day which gives cause to say "Alleluia" and then have them place a "flower" on the cross. On Pentecost Sunday you will have a colorful reminder of God's good work in your lives.

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