



How We Know God Loves Us

An Easter Object Lesson

Matthew 27:11-54

During this time together, you are going to ask the children a lot of questions.

Begin by asking them if they saw the sunrise this morning. No? How do they know the sun is up? It's light outside; the sun is coming through the windows; you can SEE your shadow on the ground; it's warm outside.

Do you think the ocean is still out there? Can you hear it? Have you ever seen the ocean? How do you know it's there? Someone told you about it? (Or, substitute a famous landmark near you or a mountain — whatever works for your area.)

Do you think your parents love you? How do you know that your parents love you? They tell you, they take care of you and you can feel their love. Even when they are not playing with you or reading you a story or even when you are not with them, you know they love you.

What about God? How do we know God loves us? Because other people have told us, because of this beautiful world God created and because God's Son, Jesus, came to live among us.

Perhaps we know God loves us because Jesus died for us and rose again on Easter.

Even though we cannot see the ocean, we know it's there.

So, too, we know God loves us.

Then close with a prayer:

"Thank you, God, for giving us Jesus and the joy of new life because of Easter. Amen."