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- Hiding Easter eggs ...
- Preparing baskets of candy ...
- Dressing in your Sunday best ...
- Cooking dinner ...
- Traveling to Grandma's house ....

Are you finding that celebrating Easter requires a lot of work? We can easily get caught up in all the little details, such as making travel arrangements, preparing food, and shopping. But in the busyness of planning, we must not allow ourselves to take for granted the real reason for celebrating this holiday.

For the Christian, Easter is a significant holiday dedicated to celebrating Jesus' greatest act of obedience—His triumph over sin and death through His death, burial, and resurrection. Every blessing we

enjoy in Christ is a result of Jesus' obedience. Because of Him, we have eternal redemption and freedom. We are no longer powerless over fear, sickness, and poverty; and we have favor with God. Because of Jesus, we are absolute overcomers, destined for victory!

In light of what God has done for us, we should not allow Easter to become just another day of the year. Instead, we should honor our Heavenly Father for all He has given us in His Son. Many of us already honor God with our worship. We attend church,



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28:19–20 *NKJV*). What a great privilege we have!

This Easter, as you celebrate the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, remember those around you who don't yet know the joy and peace that comes from a relationship with God. There are many people in your workplace, neighborhood, and family who may not know Jesus. *But you know Him!* And you can share your knowledge of God with those around you.

Remember that as a believer, you have the power of God living in you. God wants to flow through *your* hands to heal the sick. He wants His Word to be released through *your* mouth to set people free. He's calling *you* to reach people with the Gospel. *You can do it!*

This Easter, take time to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others. Remember—by doing so, you are fulfilling Jesus' command and making a difference in this world! ♡

## Sharing Jesus is easier than you think!

You may be asking yourself, *How can I make a difference? I don't know how to witness.* Don't be discouraged! God has made the Good News simple enough for you to share with others. In a nutshell, the Gospel is this:

- The Bible says we all have sinned (Rom. 3:23; Gal. 3:22). And the penalty for sin is death (Rom. 5:12; 6:23).
- But the good news is that God sent Jesus, His only Son, to die for us and pay the penalty for our sins (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8).
- To be saved—to receive everlasting life—we must call upon the Name of the Lord Jesus. (Acts 2:21; Rom. 10:9–10,13).

To help someone accept Jesus, lead them in a simple prayer like this:

*God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. I admit that I have sinned. I ask You to forgive me and cleanse me. Thank You for sending Your Son Jesus to die for me. Jesus, I ask You to be my Savior and Lord. I receive everlasting life. Thank You for saving me!*

# Sharing Jesus

## The Dos and Don'ts of Sharing Your Faith

You don't need to be a Bible "expert" to share Jesus with others. All God requires is that you be willing and obedient. But there *are* some dos and don'ts that can help you share the Gospel effectively:

**1. Don't nag.** No one likes to be forced into something. And you certainly don't want to try to push others into a relationship with Jesus. When the Holy Spirit draws them and *they* choose to accept Jesus as their savior, then he will change their life.

**2. Don't argue.** Truth doesn't need to be proved; it's the truth. You don't have to win a debate with others. Just look for opportunities to share simple Bible truths.

**3. Do live what you believe.** People say, *A picture is worth a thousand words.* That's a great way to think of evangelism, because the most effective way to influence others for Christ is to let them see Jesus in your life.

**4. Do pray.** The Holy Spirit knows *exactly* what it's going to take to reach an individual. And He wants to share that inside information with you. So pray, and then do as the Holy Spirit instructs you.

**5. Do be loving.** When people know you genuinely care about them, they'll listen to what you say. Show them you care by smiling, being respectful, offering help, and listening to them.

pray, and offer praises. But there is an additional way to honor God for the sacrifice of His Son. We can share Jesus with someone.

God loves all people, and He wants us to share His Good News. After Jesus rose from the grave, He instructed His disciples—and us—to share this news with others: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you . . ." (Matt.