

Easter

# Starting Steps

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## Faith Activities for Families with Toddlers

*Starting Steps* is for families to use at home. It encourages you in your faith-journey and parenting. Use the ideas here and on the *Starting Steps* calendar throughout the week to extend and reinforce what your child learned.

### At This Age

A two year old will stare directly at a pair of shoes and not see them. While your child may often ask you to look for something, he will need to learn to look for objects. Here are some tips:

- Instead of finding your child's shoes, ask your child to search with you. When you see the shoe, draw an imaginary circle around it and let your child discover it.

- When you are missing an item, ask your child to help you search.

- Play "Hide the Button." Hide a large button on you (in a hand or under a leg). Let your child search until he finds the button.

### Time with God

Two year olds train parents in the art of seeking. How many times have you had to stop everything you were doing to hunt for a missing favorite toy or a lost blanket? Perhaps you had to crawl on your knees, stand on your tiptoes, or peer into insignificant crevices.

When Mary looked for Jesus, she didn't let guards, a boulder, an empty tomb, or even angels deter her. Proverbs 8:17 says,

*... and those who seek me find me.*

This Easter, search for your risen Lord with the same focus you look for a child's treasured object. You will find treasures of faith!

### Toddler Tickler

#### "2 Benjamin 16:22"

Our son Benjamin never tires of hearing Bible stories. There are so many characters and stories, however, that he sometimes gets them mixed-up. One day I heard him singing about Zacchaeus as he was playing outside. Then he suddenly peered up into our tree and yelled, "Rahab and Elisha, come down out of that tree!"

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# Time with Your Toddler



## Interactive Bible Story

based on John 20:10-18

Jesus wasn't there. His friends thought  
He wasn't coming back.

*(Make a sad face.)*



His friend, Mary, looked for Jesus in a tomb. He was not there.

*(Put your hand above your eyes, then shake head no.)*

Mary looked for Jesus. She saw two angels, but not Jesus.

*(Hold up two fingers, then shake head no.)*



Mary looked for Jesus. She saw a man.

*(Hold up one finger.)*



Mary looked for Jesus. The man was Jesus!

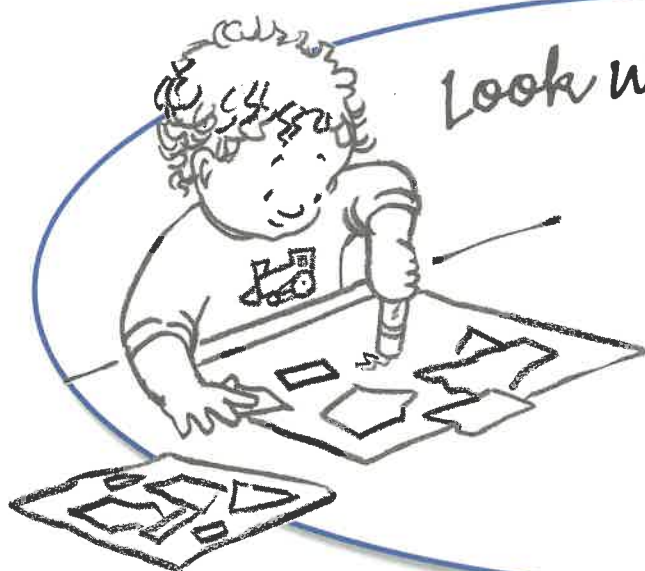
*(Put hand above eyes.)*

Mary looked for Jesus. Jesus is alive!

*(Clap hands.)*

These questions can be used to help your child review the Bible story.

1. Who looked for Jesus? (Mary)
2. Who did Mary look for? (Jesus)



*Look what I made!*

Today your child made a collage with construction paper. As you talk with your child about his masterpiece, ask your child how he got the papers to stick together.