

Children's Address:
Happy Easter

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Happy Easter, kids!

Today is a happy day, isn't it! But have you ever been outside when it got really dark and you saw lightning, heard thunder, and rain and hail came down? Were you happy? Afraid? What could you use to keep from getting soaking wet? Well, a raincoat would help, and so would an umbrella and a flashlight. But what if the wind was really blowing, almost knocking you over, and the hail was really big? What could you do? How about finding a safe place to shelter from the storm? We'd call that place a "refuge."

In Psalm 16, we hear about King David facing danger. What did he do? Where did he go for refuge? He ran to God. He prayed, "Preserve me [keep me safe], O God, for in You I take refuge" (Ps 16:1). David trusted that God would protect him and be his refuge whenever trouble came. He believed that God was with him.



Have you ever been so scared that you started to shake? King David said that because God was at his right hand, right next to him, he would not be shaken (16:8).

God promises to be with us always, our refuge, no matter what storms or troubles we face. God loves us very much. We know that because He sent His Son, Jesus, to be put to death to take the punishment for our sins. And now on Easter, Jesus came back to life. He promises that because He rose from the grave, we, too, shall live even after we die.

King David believed that God wouldn't leave him dead but would at the end of the world bring his body back to life and take him to heaven, where there would be no more fear, crying, sickness, pain, sin, storms, darkness, or death. There will be joy and pleasures forever (16:11).

Until Jesus takes us to heaven, He promises that because He's alive again, He'll be with us always. And when Jesus is with us, all will be well. When we're scared and alone, there's always one safe place we can go: Jesus, our Refuge. He invites us to call on Him as David did when we're afraid, and He'll be there to help us. So today we can say, "Happy Easter," because Jesus' resurrection guarantees He'll never leave us, He's always with us, and one day we'll be with Him forever in heaven.

Thank You Jesus for dying and rising for me. I know that You are always with me, and I look forward to the day when I shall see You face to face and rejoice forever in Your presence! Amen.