**Easter Sunday talk**

What were the good surprises in the story?

The women meeting an angel of the Lord, the empty tomb, the angel telling the women that Jesus had risen from the dead, the women actually meeting the risen Jesus....

What were the bad surprises in the story?

Initially the empty tomb when some of the women thought that Jesus’ body had been taken...

Which bit of the story did you like best?

The empty egg reminds us that on the very first Easter day the tomb was empty because Jesus was no longer dead, but alive.

So, what does it mean that Jesus was raised from the dead?

The first thing is that it means that **Jesus is who He said He is.**

Jesus is the Son of God.

He is the Messiah, God’s King.

Jesus tells us the truth, so we can trust Him.

The second thing is that it means that **love is much more powerful than hate.**

Jesus loved people and He loved so much that He was willing to give up His life for them.

Some of the people hated Jesus so much that they were willing to kill Him,

But love is much more powerful than hate and so Jesus didn’t stay dead but was raised to life again.

There are 3 words beginning with the letter F why we can smile this Easter Day.

The first F is **Forgiven.**

Because Jesus died for our sins, we can be forgiven when we do wrong.

The second F is **Fathered.**

Jesus has made it possible for us to have a fresh start with Father God.

We can now come into Father God’s presence without fear and receive His love any time we want to.

And the third F is **Forever.**

Jesus is alive and is here with us today.

We cannot see Him, but He is here by His Spirit.

We are never alone.

Not only that but we have the promise that we will live with Jesus forever.

This is the Christian hope.

On Good Friday, Jesus’ body was broken on the cross.

That was a very bad surprise for His disciples.

On Easter Day, Jesus rose again from the dead and He offers us **forgiveness,** a fresh start with **Father** God and a life with Him **forever.**

That is a very good surprise for everyone.