

# From Cross to Crown

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***Dedication: To Sarah***

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You'll find something for children of all ages in this resource book of recitations, choral readings and three short plays. The recitations cover the Easter experience, from Jesus' entry in Jerusalem to the resurrection, and beyond. With simple themes and words for the very young, and more advanced concepts and vocabulary for older boys and girls, these verses will allow your entire Sunday school to participate in your Easter program.

Your older pre-teens will enjoy these three short Easter-themed plays which require minimal adult direction. The pre-teens can do it all - design simple sets, costumes, props and act. As they work and perform together, your young people will get the message of Jesus as living Savior, then convey it to their audiences whether they're standing on a "street corner" as in "There's Room for You, Too" (9 speaking parts with extras) or coloring eggs in "Monograms of Christ" (6 parts plus extras) or making gifts in "Color It Caring," (8 parts). Optional suggested songs from hymnals can enhance your production.

If you've been searching for materials to delight and enlighten young performers and their audiences, you'll find them here.

## **Recitations for Younger Children**



### **WHY HE ROSE**

I know why my Lord rose,  
It's quite plain to see.  
He rose to take care of,  
And walk beside me.

### **WHERE CAN HE BE?**

*(A Reading for One or Two Children)*

Where did they take Him?  
Where can He be?  
The stone is rolled back;  
The tomb now empty.

I know where He is!  
He'll never depart,  
From the secret place lying  
Inside my heart.

**THREE CROSSES**

Three crosses are there on the hill,  
Three crosses, mighty, tall;  
Three must die, but only one  
Sheds blood, dies for them all!

**LITTLE CHICK**

Little chick, little chick,  
Peeping from the shell,  
Chirping out the story  
That you have to tell.  
How you were in darkness,  
Waiting, patiently,  
To come out, just like Jesus,  
Arising new and free.

**ALL JOY LIVES ON**

*(A Reading for One or Two Children)*

Bunnies, chicks and colored eggs,  
In all the stores I see;  
It's Easter time, a time of joy;  
That's what they're telling me.

Happily, I look around,  
And, then, my eyes go toward  
The heavens where all joy lives on;  
He's risen, Christ the Lord!

### **THORNS AND PEARLS**

A crown I see upon His head,  
A crown of thorns;  
He's dead! He's dead!

A crown I see His Father gives,  
A crown of pearls;  
He lives! He lives!

### **THE STORY**

*(A Reading for One or Two Children)*

The Bible tells the story  
That each one of us knows,  
How Jesus died to save us  
And then, on Easter, rose;  
It's more than just a story,  
Like others told to you;  
I can tell, with all my heart,  
It's God's Word, and it's true!

### **A NEW DAWN**

To Your throne You've arisen;  
The sky's now Your lawn,  
Where man looks and waits,  
For the promised New Dawn.

### **THE ANGELS**

Happy the angels that sang at His birth,  
Trumpeting tidings of peace to the earth;

Grieving the angels that cried near the cross,  
Thundering sorrow and shame for the loss;

Joyous the angels that praised as He rose,  
Cheering the promising wonder it shows.

### **THE LILIES**

Look at all the lilies  
Blooming in the field;  
Think about the winter,  
When they were concealed;  
Now, like Christ at Easter,  
They rise and are revealed.

### **ARISE!**

Angels are playing their trumpets and harps,  
Their cymbals and tambourines, too;  
Their music, triumphant, they want to be heard;  
Each note's meant for me and for you!

Angels are singing their heavenly tune,  
The voices ring out with each chord;  
They sing of the wonder of this special day;  
Arise! He is risen, the Lord!

### **UMBRELLAS**

Clouds move through the heavens,  
Umbrellas in the sky,  
Protecting earth from angels' tears;  
They know the Lord must die.

Sunbeams break their movement;  
The angel band now knows,  
He lives, forever, God with us;  
Umbrella clouds can close.

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