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## “Better Than Candy: Resurrection Power”

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<b>What</b>	Easter is full of candy and excitement, but the true meaning of Easter, Jesus' death and resurrection, might feel confusing for kids. In this script, three children ask honest questions and, through playful dialogue, explore what it really means that Jesus died, rose again, and offers salvation. We break down big theological ideas in a way kids can understand, without watering down the truth of the Gospel.  Themes: Easter, Resurrection, Salvation, Hope, Eternal Life, Kids
<b>Who</b>	Parker Lily Max
<b>When</b>	Present Day
<b>Costumes</b>	Casual clothing
<b>Props</b>	Three Easter baskets Candy / Easter Eggs / Toys - specifically Peeps
<b>Why</b>	Luke 24:5-7, John 11:25, Mark 16:6, Romans 6:8-9, Philippians 3:10-11
<b>How</b>	Simple setup - just three kids and their precious candy baskets. This can be memorized or read aloud straight from the script as a way to start an honest conversation about Easter and Jesus' resurrection.
<b>Time</b>	3-4 minutes

Lights up as **Max** and **Lily** enter, excited. They both hold Easter Baskets overflowing with stuff.

**Max:** Yeah, my basket's overflowing. I'm clearly the Easter Bunny's favorite. What did you get?

**Lily** is still vibrating with excitement, and possibly a sugar overload.

**Lily:** Candy! Sooooo much candy. I think I still have a sugar high. *(She shows us her shaking hand)*

**Max:** Me too! I got chocolate, jellybeans, and *seventeen* Peeps.

**Lily:** *(very serious)* That's too many peeps.

**Max:** *(equally serious)* There's no such thing.

**Parker** enters with a modestly-filled Easter basket.

**Lily:** Parker! What did you get for Easter?

**Parker:** I got resurrection power.

*Beat.*

**Max:** What?

**Lily:** I didn't know the Easter Bunny could bring that.

**Parker:** He didn't.

**Lily:** So *who* did?

**Parker:** Jesus did.

**Max:** So... no candy?

**Parker:** I got candy, too. But Easter isn't really about what's in the basket.

**Lily:** Then what *is* it about?

**Parker** *thinks for a beat, choosing his words carefully and lovingly.*

**Parker:** Okay, you know how sometimes people mess up?

**Max:** All the time.

**Lily:** Especially him. (**Lily** nods toward **Max**)

**Max:** Hey!

**Parker:** Well, the Bible says *everyone* messes up. We do things that hurt God and hurt other people all the time. That’s called sin.

**Lily:** So... Easter is about being in trouble?

**Parker:** No, not at all. Easter’s about how God fixed the problem of sin.

**Max:** With candy?

**Parker:** (*smiling/chuckling*) No, with Jesus.

**Lily:** But Jesus died, right? That part always makes me sad.

**Parker:** It *is* sad. Jesus died on the cross because He took the punishment for our sin, so we wouldn’t have to.

**Lily:** So... He took our place?

**Parker:** Exactly.

**Max:** But He didn’t stay dead, right?

**Parker:** Right. Three days later, Jesus came back to life.

**Max:** Like a Zombie?!

**Parker:** *(laughing)* No, not like a zombie. Like a real person.

**Lily:** And that’s the resurrection part?

**Parker:** Yep. The resurrection means that Jesus defeated death. And that’s why we celebrate Easter.

**Lily:** I’ve heard that in church before... that “Jesus defeated death.” But I don’t really get it. What does that mean for us?

**Parker:** Well... it means that death isn’t the end of our story. When we believe in Jesus, we don’t just get forgiven, we get new life. And that life doesn’t stop when our bodies do.

**Lily:** So even when we die... we’re still alive? With Jesus?

**Parker:** Yep. We get to be with Jesus forever.

**Max:** *(working through what this means)* So this resurrection power... it isn’t just about Jesus coming back to life two thousand years ago...

**Parker:** Right. It’s also what He gives us right now... life that lasts forever.

**Max and Lily** think for a beat and take in the gravity and exciting promise of this truth.

**Lily:** That’s kind of amazing.

**Max:** Yeah. That’s way bigger than an Easter basket.

**Parker** chuckles.

**Parker:** Candy’s fun. Easter baskets are fun. But the best part of Easter is the reminder that because Jesus is alive, we can live with hope, now and forever.

**Max:** So... Jesus forever, candy today?

**Parker:** Let's dig in.

**Max:** I love Peeeeeeps!!!!

**Max, Lily, and Parker** reach into their baskets and pull out candy. **Max** holds up a pack of Peeps like Simba from the Lion King.

*Lights out.*

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