

The Story of Easter

On April 7th, followers of Jesus will celebrate Easter.

This is the story of Easter.

God is Holy and has no sin. People sin, do bad things, and make mistakes. All of these things give us an unclean heart. We are separated from God because we are unclean and God is holy.

Long ago, people sacrificed an animal, like a sheep, for their sin. They had to do it over and over again because people keep sinning.

God loves people. God sees our problem.

God sends Jesus. Jesus is the only one without sin.

Jesus sacrifices his life.

Jesus dies on the cross, one perfect sacrifice.

After 3 days, Jesus is resurrected! (Rises from the dead)

People see him alive again and then God brings him back to heaven.

Now, when a believer prays, God hears us and forgives our sins, the bad things we do, and our mistakes.

Easter celebrates that Jesus died for us and God forgives us.

Easter celebrates God's promise to take believers to heaven.

Suggestions: This is a written component to go with storytelling.

You could start by asking your Somali friend what he or she knows about Jesus. Ask to tell what you know and if you could share about your holiday.

Tell the story of Jesus. Use simple, but accurate and fluent language. Ask your friend to tell the story back to you. Ask if he or she would like to hear it in their native language. Use the bible.is app to play the story in Somali.

Give out this paper copy after storytelling, bridging oral to literacy.