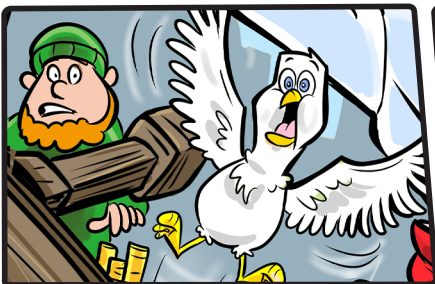


KIDS

COUNTDOWN TO

EASTER



*God so loved the world that he gave his
one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him
will not die but will have eternal life.*

John 3:16

Hello Friends!

Easter. A time of year when we pause to reflect and celebrate all that Jesus did for us. In a world full of distractions and pressures, we want to partner with you in creating a memorable Easter that focuses on the final week of Jesus's life: Holy Week. Seven days that paved the way for the greatest day in history, Resurrection Sunday!

This devotional was created as a "Family Time" that will help you navigate many of the great events that occurred during these seven history-making days that included Jesus' death and resurrection.

Our prayer is that this Holy Week Family Devotional will be a blessing to your family. We pray that you take time to focus your child's heart on Him during a season where society focuses on Easter bunnies and eggs. Connecting with your kids through scripture reading, prayer time, family activities and question answering is a key component to bringing the story of Jesus alive! Your child needs you.

Realizing that every family is different, we have included many options for creating meaningful Holy Week experiences for your family. We can't encourage you enough to set aside time to help your child grow in their knowledge of Jesus and most importantly, taking time to pray as a family.

While we would love for you to do everything in this devotional, just engaging in a portion of it will be a transformational step in helping your child to gain a small glimpse of the great love Jesus has for them.

We are thankful to be on this journey with your family. We can't wait to hear of the many ways that God worked in your family this Easter season.

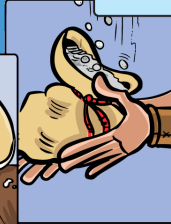
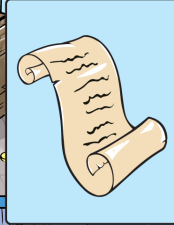
Thanking Him for you,



SUNDAY

MATTHEW 21:1-11
SYMBOL: PALM LEAF

JESUS RECEIVES A
ROYAL WELCOME



READ THIS:

Matthew 21:1-11 Easy-to-Read Version (ERV)

Jesus Enters Jerusalem Like a King

21 Jesus and his followers were coming closer to Jerusalem. But first they stopped at Bethphage at the hill called the Mount of Olives. From there Jesus sent two of his followers into town. 2 He said to them, "Go to the town you can see there. When you enter it, you will find a donkey with her colt. Untie them both, and bring them to me. 3 If anyone asks you why you are taking the donkeys, tell them, 'The Master needs them. He will send them back soon.'" 4 "This showed the full meaning of what the prophet said: 5 "Tell the people of Zion, Now your king is coming to you. He is humble and riding on a donkey. He is riding on a young donkey, born from a work animal.'" 6 The followers went and did what Jesus told them to do. 7 They brought the mother donkey and the young donkey to him. They covered the donkeys with their coats, and Jesus sat on them. 8 On the way to Jerusalem, many people spread their coats on the road for Jesus. Others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 Some of the people were walking ahead of Jesus. Others were walking

behind him. They all shouted, "Praise to the Son of David! 'Welcome! God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord!' Praise to God in heaven!"

10 Then Jesus went into Jerusalem. All the people in the city were confused. They asked, "Who is this man?" 11 The crowds following Jesus answered, "This is Jesus. He is the prophet from the town of Nazareth in Galilee."

ASK THIS:

Questions for Your Family:

Preschool & Special Needs:

- Who Enters like a King?
- What animal did Jesus ride?
- What did people say to praise Jesus?
- How can you praise Jesus?

K - 3rd Grade & Special Needs:

- Jesus rode into town on what animal?
- The people covered the road with what two items?
- Did the people of the town know who Jesus was?
- Who do you think Jesus is?

4th - 5th Grade & Special Needs:

- Why do you think Jesus chose to ride a donkey into the town?
- What is something you can do in your own life to show humility?



Do This:

Family Activity

Craft Handprint Palm Branches

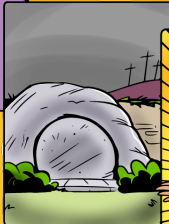
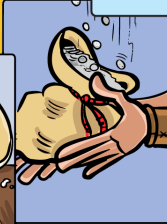
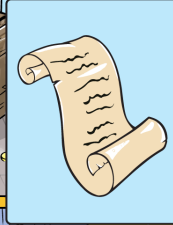
- Make handprint cutouts from green paper and attach to craft sticks.
- Work together as a family to make the branches and wave them in celebration of Palm Sunday.

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MONDAY

JESUS
CLEARS
OUT THE
TEMPLE



MATTHEW 21:12-17
SYMBOL: FLIPPED OVER TABLE



READ THIS:

Matthew 21:12-17 *Easy-to-Read Version (ERV)*

Jesus Goes to the Temple

12 Jesus went into the Temple area. He threw out all those who were selling and buying things there. He turned over the tables that belonged to those who were exchanging different kinds of money. And he turned over the benches of those who were selling doves. 13 Jesus said to them, "The Scriptures say, 'My Temple will be called a house of prayer.' But you are changing it into a 'hiding place for thieves.'" 14 Some blind people and some who were crippled came to Jesus in the Temple area. Jesus healed them.

15 The leading priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he was doing. And they saw the children praising him in the Temple area. The children were shouting, "Praise to the Son of David." All this made the priests and the teachers of the law angry. 16 They asked Jesus, "Do you hear what these children are saying?" He answered, "Yes. The Scriptures say, 'You have

taught children and babies to give praise.’ Have you not read that Scripture?” 17 Then Jesus left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night.

ASK THIS:

Questions for your family:

Preschool & Special Needs:

- Where did Jesus go?
- What did Jesus call the temple?
- Who did Jesus heal?
- Do you think Jesus can still heal today?

K - 3rd Grade & Special Needs:

- What did Jesus call His Temple?
- Did Jesus like what the people were doing in the temple?
- What did Jesus do in the temple?
- Why were the priests and teachers angry?
- What were some other things you think made Jesus angry?

4th - 5th Grade:

- Why did Jesus turn over the tables when he saw what people were doing in the temple?
- What is something you see going on in the world today you think Jesus would change?

Do This:

Family Activity

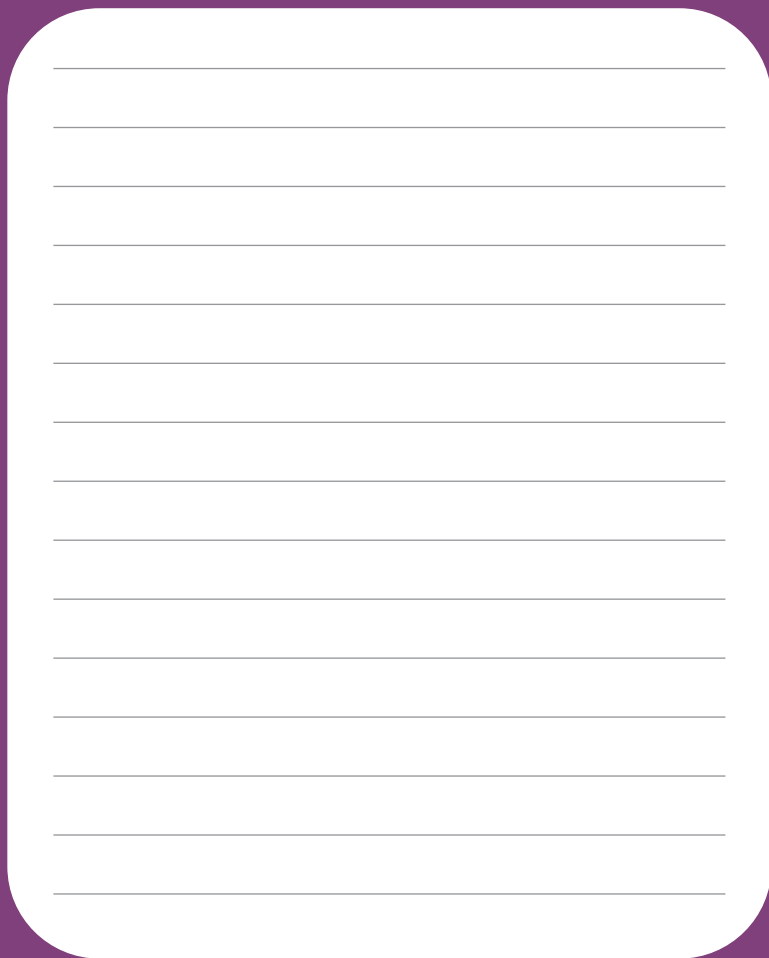
Build a temple out of blocks or Legos. Discuss the following as you are building:

- Think of something that is special to you. How would you feel if someone broke it or filled it with garbage?
- Think about things that make us angry and why Jesus was angry.

For older kids bring garbage from your house into the living room. Discuss how it is out of place and how it makes you feel to have garbage where it doesn't belong.



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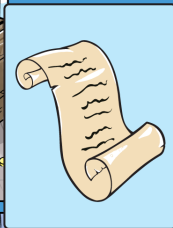


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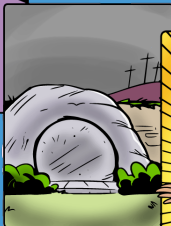
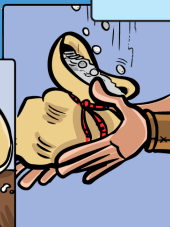


TUESDAY

JESUS TEACHES
TRUTH IN THE TEMPLE



MATTHEW 21:23-27
SYMBOL: SCROLL



READ THIS:

Matthew 21:23-27; 42-44 Easy-to-Read Version (ERV)

Jewish Leaders Doubt Jesus' Authority

23 Jesus went into the Temple area. While Jesus was teaching there, the leading priests and the older leaders of the people came to him. They said, "Tell us! What authority do you have to do these things you are doing? Who gave you this authority?" 24 Jesus answered, "I will ask you a question too. If you answer me, then I will tell you what authority I have to do these things. 25 Tell me: When John baptized people, did his authority come from God, or was it only from other people?" The priests and the Jewish leaders talked about Jesus' question. They said to each other, "If we answer, 'John's baptism was from God,' then he will say, 'Then why didn't you believe John?' 26 But we can't say John's baptism was from someone else. We are afraid of the people, because they all believe John was a prophet." 27 So they told Jesus, "We don't know the answer." Jesus said, "Then I will not tell you who gave me the authority to do these things. 42 Jesus said to them, "Surely you have read this

in the Scriptures: 'The stone that the builders refused to accept became the cornerstone. The Lord did this, and it is wonderful to us. 43 "So I tell you that God's kingdom will be taken away from you. It will be given to people who do what God wants in his kingdom. 44 Whoever falls on this stone will be broken. And it will crush anyone it falls on.

ASK THIS:

Questions for Your Family:

Preschool, K - 3rd Grade & Special Needs

- Who was teaching in the temple?
- Who questioned the teacher?
- Where did Jesus say we get truth?
- What has God given us to help us know the truth?
- How has the Bible helped you?

4th - 5th Grade & Special Needs

- Why did Jesus call himself the Cornerstone?
- How can you make Jesus the most important part of your life?

Do This:

Family Activity

Listen to this song as you're getting ready for bed:

"Jesus" by Chris Tomlin

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to listen on Youtube!

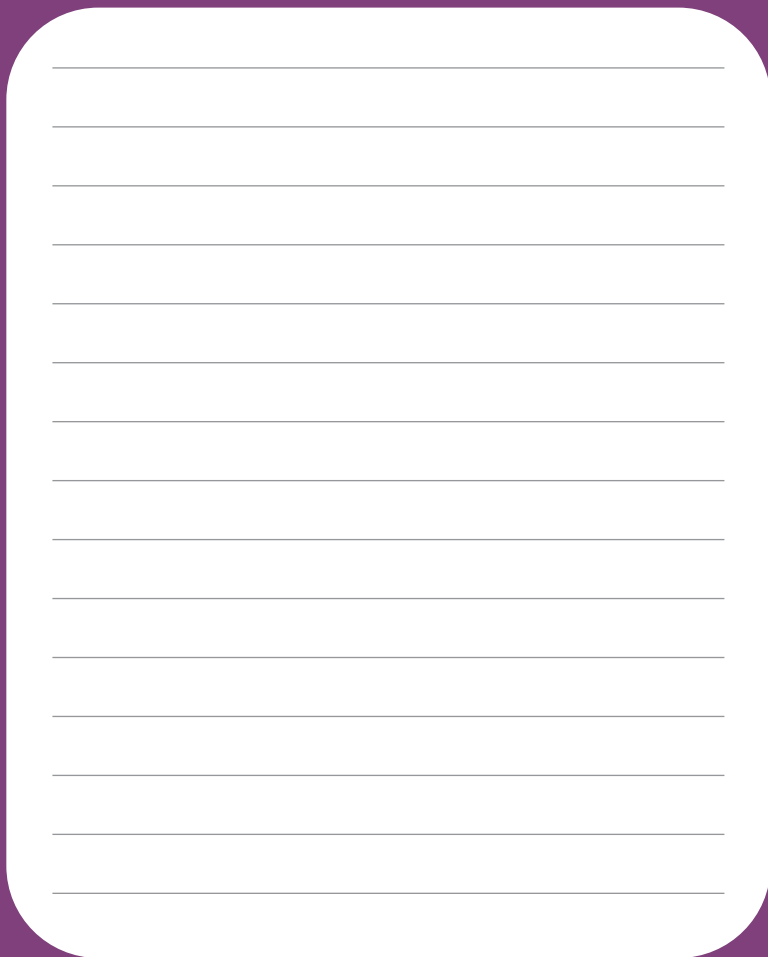
- Play two truths and a lie with older kids.
- Ask younger kids to tell something that they know is true.

SCROLL:

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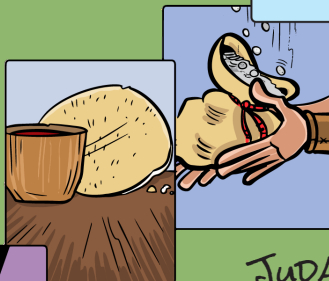
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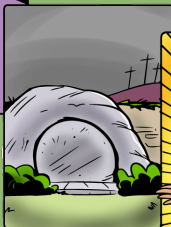
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WEDNESDAY



JUDAS DECIDES TO
BETRAY JESUS



MATTHEW 26:1-5:14-16
SYMBOL: SILVER COINS

READ THIS:

Matthew 26:1-5; 14-16 Easy-to-Read Version (ERV)

The Jewish Leaders Plan to Kill Jesus

26 After Jesus finished saying all these things, he said to his followers, 2 “You know that the day after tomorrow is Passover. On that day the Son of Man will be handed over to his enemies to be killed on a cross.” 3 Then the leading priests and the older Jewish leaders had a meeting at the palace where the high priest lived. The high priest’s name was Caiaphas. 4 In the meeting they tried to find a way to arrest and kill Jesus without anyone knowing what they were doing. They planned to arrest Jesus and kill him. 5 They said, “We cannot arrest Jesus during Passover. We don’t want the people to become angry and cause a riot.” *Judas Agrees to Help Jesus’ Enemies* 14 Then one of the twelve followers went to talk to the leading priests. This was the follower named Judas Iscariot. 15 He said, “I will hand Jesus over to you. What will you pay me for doing this?” The priests gave him 30 silver coins. 16 After that Judas waited for the best time to hand Jesus over to them.

ASK THIS:

Questions for Your Family:

Preschool & Special Needs:

- Who was planning to kill Jesus?
- Who was not a real friend to Jesus?
- How does God want us to treat our friends?

K - 3rd Grade & Special Needs:

- Why didn't the priests and leaders want to arrest Jesus on Passover?
- Who pretended to be a friend to Jesus but turned out to be his enemy?
- How much money did they pay Judas for handing Jesus over to the priests?
- Are there any friends you have may have mistreated? How could you make it right?

4th - 5th Grade & Special Needs:

- Judas betrayed Jesus, has anyone ever betrayed you?
- Judas valued money over his friend Jesus. Is there anything you value more than your friends?

Do This:

Family Activity

Have your family collect coins from around the house. Kids can check banks, parents can check wallets/purses. Have one person collect all the change. Talk about why money has value and how we can use it for good and not evil.

For older kids make a list of five close friends. Pray for them and ask God how you can bless them your friendship.



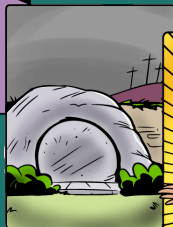
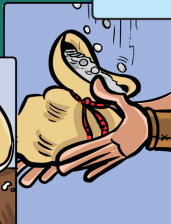
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THURSDAY



JESUS HAS
THE LAST SUPPER



MATTHEW 26:20-46; 69-75
SYMBOL: CUP+BREAD

READ THIS:

Matthew 26:20-46; 69-75 Easy-to-Read Version (ERV)

20 In the evening Jesus was at the table with the twelve followers. 21 They were all eating. Then Jesus said, "Believe me when I say that one of you twelve here will hand me over to my enemies." 22 The followers were very sad to hear this. Each one said, "Lord, surely I am not the one!" 23 Jesus answered, "One who has dipped his bread in the same bowl with me will be the one to hand me over. 24 The Son of Man will suffer what the Scriptures say will happen to him. But it will be very bad for the one who hands over the Son of Man to be killed. It would be better for him if he had never been born." 25 Then Judas, the very one who would hand him over, said to Jesus, "Teacher, surely I am not the one you are talking about, am I?" Jesus answered, "Yes, it is you."

The Lord's Supper

26 While they were eating, Jesus took some bread and thanked God for it. He broke off some pieces, gave them to his followers and said, "Take this bread and eat it. It is my body." 27 Then he took a cup of wine, thanked God for it, and gave it to them. He said, "Each one of you drink some of

it. 28 This wine is my blood, which will be poured out to forgive the sins of many and begin the new agreement from God to his people. 29 I want you to know, I will not drink this wine again until that day when we are together in my Father's kingdom and the wine is new. Then I will drink it again with you." 30 They all sang a song and then went out to the Mount of Olives.

Jesus Says His Followers Will Leave Him

31 Jesus told the followers, "Tonight you will all lose your faith in me. The Scriptures say, 'I will kill the shepherd, and the sheep will run away.' 32 But after I am killed, I will rise from death. Then I will go into Galilee. I will be there before you go there." 33 Peter answered, "All the other followers may lose their faith in you. But my faith will never be shaken." 34 Jesus answered, "The truth is, tonight you will say you don't know me. You will deny me three times before the rooster crows." 35 But Peter answered, "I will never say I don't know you! I will even die with you!" And all the other followers said the same thing.

Jesus Prays Alone

36 Then Jesus went with his followers to a place called Gethsemane. He said to them, "Sit here while I go there and pray." 37 He told Peter and

the two sons of Zebedee to come with him. Then he began to be very sad and troubled. 38 Jesus said to Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, "My heart is so heavy with grief, I feel as if I am dying. Wait here and stay awake with me."

39 Then Jesus went on a little farther away from them. He fell to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, don't make me drink from this cup. But do what you want, not what I want." 40 Then he went back to his followers and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, "Could you men not stay awake with me for one hour? 41 Stay awake and pray for strength against temptation. Your spirit wants to do what is right, but your body is weak." 42 Then Jesus went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if I must do this and it is not possible for me to escape it, then I pray that what you want will be done." 43 Then he went back to the followers. Again he found them sleeping. They could not stay awake. 44 So he left them and went away one more time and prayed. This third time he prayed, he said the same thing. 45 Then Jesus went back to the followers and said, "Are you still sleeping and resting? The time has come for the Son of Man to be handed over to the control of sinful men. 46 Stand up! We must go. Here comes the one who will hand me over."

Peter Is Afraid to Say He Knows Jesus

69 While Peter was sitting outside in the yard, a servant girl came up to him. She said, "You were with Jesus, that man from Galilee." 70 But Peter told everyone there that this was not true. "I don't know what you are talking about," he said.

71 Then he left the yard. At the gate another girl saw him and said to the people there, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

72 Again, Peter said he was never with Jesus. He said, "I swear to God I don't know the man!" 73 A short time later those standing there went to Peter and said, "We know you are one of them. It's clear from the way you talk." 74 Then Peter began to curse. He said, "I swear to God, I don't know the man!" As soon as he said this, a rooster crowed. 75 Then he remembered what Jesus had told him: "Before the rooster crows, you will say three times that you don't know me." Then Peter went outside and cried bitterly.

Ask This:

Questions for Your Family:

Preschool & Special Needs

- What were the friends called who followed Jesus?
- What do we call the special meal Jesus had with his friends?
- What foods did they eat?
- What could we do at mealtime that would honor Jesus?

K - 3rd Grade & Special Needs

- How many followers were at the table with Jesus?
- What does the bread at the meal represent?
The juice?
- Jesus goes away to pray alone, what are his friends doing when he comes back?
- Why do you think Peter told the people that he didn't know Jesus?
- Why do you think people would keep knowing Jesus a secret?

4th - 5th Grade & Special Needs

- Why do we still remember the Lord's Supper by eating bread and drinking juice?
- Why did Jesus want his disciples to stay awake in the garden?
- How do you honor Jesus with your life each day?

Do This:

Family Activity

Dinner Table Talk

- Have kids serve the grown-ups, as Jesus served the disciples.
- While eating dinner, allow each kid to ask a question or make a comment about today's reading. Pass around a fork or spoon to indicate who's turn it is, giving everyone a chance to answer.

Optional Activity

Serve your family the Lord's Supper with bread and juice.

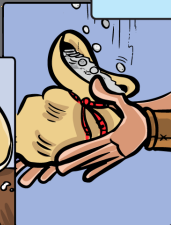
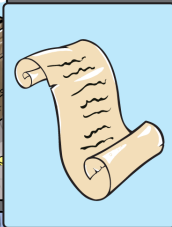
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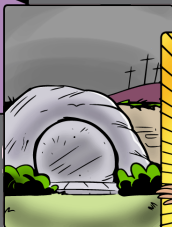
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FRIDAY



JESUS IS CRUCIFIED
AND DIES FOR OUR SINS



MATTHEW 27:26-61
SYMBOL: CROSS

READ THIS:

Matthew 27:27-61 *Easy-to-Read Version (ERV)*

Pilate's Soldiers Make Fun of Jesus

27 Then Pilate's soldiers took Jesus into the governor's palace. All the soldiers gathered around him. 28 They took off Jesus' clothes and put a red robe on him. 29 Then they made a crown from thorny branches and put it on his head, and they put a stick in his right hand. Then they bowed before him, making fun of him. They said, "We salute you, king of the Jews!" 30 They spit on him. Then they took his stick and kept hitting him on the head with it. 31 After they finished making fun of him, the soldiers took off the robe and put his own clothes on him again. Then they led him away to be killed on a cross.

Jesus Is Nailed to a Cross

32 The soldiers were going out of the city with Jesus. They saw a man from Cyrene named Simon, and they forced him to carry Jesus' cross. 33 They came to the place called Golgotha. (Golgotha means "The Place of the Skull.") 34 There the soldiers gave Jesus some wine mixed

with gall. But when he tasted it, he refused to drink it. 35 The soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross. Then they threw dice to divide his clothes between them. 36 The soldiers stayed there to guard him. 37 They put a sign above his head with the charge against him written on it:

" THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS."

38 Two criminals were nailed to crosses beside Jesus—one on the right and the other on the left. 39 People walked by and shouted insults at Jesus. They shook their heads 40 and said, "You said you could destroy the Temple and build it again in three days. So save yourself! Come down from that cross if you really are the Son of God!" 41 The leading priests, the teachers of the law, and the older Jewish leaders were also there. They made fun of Jesus the same as the other people did. 42 They said, "He saved others, but he can't save himself! People say he is the king of Israel. If he is the king, he should come down now from the cross. Then we will believe in him. 43 He trusted God. So let God save him now, if God really wants him. He himself said, 'I am the Son of God.'" 44 And in the same way, the criminals on the crosses beside Jesus also insulted him.

Jesus Dies

45 At noon the whole country became dark. The darkness continued for three hours. 46 About three o'clock Jesus cried out loudly, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" This means "My God, my God, why have you left me alone?"

47 Some of the people standing there heard this. They said, "He is calling Elijah." 48 Quickly, one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled the sponge with sour wine and tied the sponge to a stick. Then he used the stick to give the sponge to Jesus to get a drink from it. 49 But the others said, "Don't bother him. We want to see if Elijah will come to save him."

50 Again Jesus cried out loudly and then died.

51 When Jesus died, the curtain in the Temple was torn into two pieces. The tear started at the top and tore all the way to the bottom. Also, the earth shook and rocks were broken. 52 The graves opened, and many of God's people who had died were raised from death. 53 They came out of the graves. And after Jesus was raised from death, they went into the holy city, and many people saw them.

54 The army officer and the soldiers guarding Jesus saw this earthquake and everything that happened. They were very afraid and said, "He really was the Son of God!" 55 Many women were standing away from the cross, watching. These were the women who had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for him. 56 Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of James and John were there.

Jesus Is Buried

57 That evening a rich man named Joseph came to Jerusalem. He was a follower of Jesus from the town of Arimathea. 58 He went to Pilate and asked to have Jesus' body. Pilate gave orders for the soldiers to give Jesus' body to him. 59 Then Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a new linen cloth. 60 He put Jesus' body in a new tomb that he had dug in a wall of rock. Then he closed the tomb by rolling a very large stone to cover the entrance. After he did this, he went away. 61 Mary Magdalene and the other woman named Mary were sitting near the tomb.

ASK THIS:

Questions for Your Family:

Preschool & Special Needs:

- Who made fun of Jesus?
- How did they hurt Jesus?
- Why were the people sad about what happened to Jesus?
- What makes you sad?

K - 3rd Grade & Special Needs:

- What did the soldiers place on Jesus' head?
- Who was the man who helped carry Jesus' cross?
- Why did everyone make fun of Jesus?
- What happened when Jesus died?
- Where was Jesus buried?
- Why was today important to us?

4th - 5th Grade & Special Needs:

- Why did Jesus have to die on the cross?
- What was the importance of the temple curtain being torn when Jesus died?
- How does it make you feel to know Jesus did this for you?

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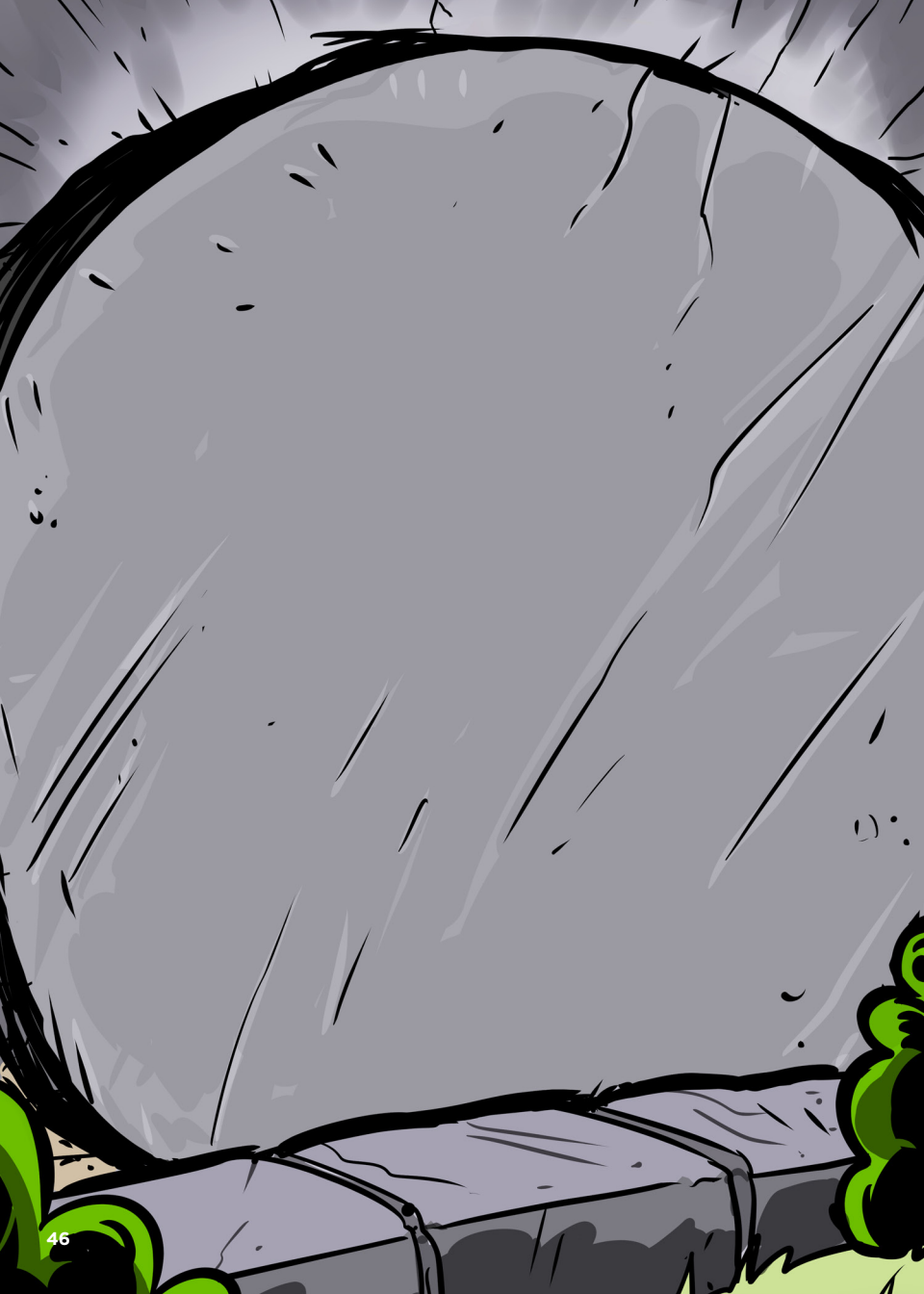
Family Activity

Have a Quiet Evening

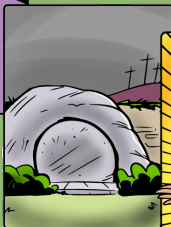
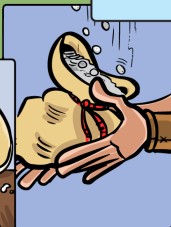
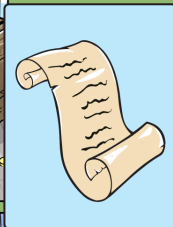
- Time a minute on your phone and turn out the lights to remember the cross and how the world went dark.
- Tonight, fast from tv, video games and technology and opt for quiet time/family reading.

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SATURDAY



JESUS IS QUIET
IN THE TOMB

SCRIPTURE: NONE
SYMBOL: SEALED TOMB

Ask This:

Questions for Your Family:

Preschool, K - 5th Grade, & Special Needs

- Where was Jesus on this day?
- Why were the people sad on this day?
- What do we know happens on the next day?
- What does it mean to wait?
- Is there ever a time when you feel God has been silent in your life?
- Is there something you have asked God to do that He hasn't done yet?

Do This:

Family Activity

Prepare your house for the celebration that's coming!
Dye Easter Eggs Together

- Think about this as a family. The hard shell of the egg represents the sealed tomb of Christ. Cracking the shell represents Jesus' resurrection from the dead. (But don't crack the eggs while dying them!)

Optional Activity

Gather or create things from around your house that will help you celebrate Resurrection Sunday (ribbons, musical instruments etc.).

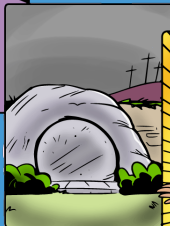
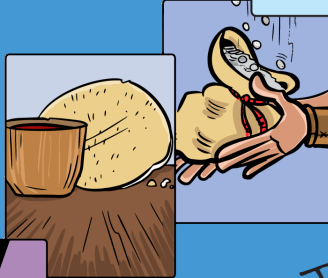
OUR FAMILY'S PRAYER REQUESTS:



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SUNDAY



JESUS RISES
FROM THE DEAD



MATTHEW 28:1-20
SYMBOL: JESUS

READ THIS:

Matthew 28 *Easy-to-Read Version (ERV)*

News That Jesus Has Risen From Death

28 The day after the Sabbath day was the first day of the week. That day at dawn Mary Magdalene and the other woman named Mary went to look at the tomb. 2 Suddenly an angel of the Lord came from the sky, and there was a huge earthquake. The angel went to the tomb and rolled the stone away from the entrance. Then he sat on top of the stone. 3 The angel was shining as bright as lightning. His clothes were as white as snow. 4 The soldiers guarding the tomb were very afraid of the angel. They shook with fear and then became like dead men. 5 The angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, the one who was killed on the cross. 6 But he is not here. He has risen from death, as he said he would. Come and see the place where his body was. 7 And go quickly and tell his followers, 'Jesus has risen from death. He is going into Galilee and will be there before you. You will see him there.'" Then the angel said, "Now I have told you."

8 So the women left the tomb quickly. They were afraid, but they were also very happy. They ran to tell his followers what happened. 9 Suddenly, Jesus was there in front of them. He said, "Hello!" The women went to him and, holding on to his feet, worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid. Go tell my followers to go to Galilee. They will see me there."

Report to the Jewish Leaders

11 The women went to tell the followers. At the same time, some of the soldiers who were guarding the tomb went into the city. They went to tell the leading priests everything that happened. 12 Then the priests met with the older Jewish leaders and made a plan. They paid the soldiers a lot of money 13 and said to them, "Tell the people that Jesus' followers came during the night and stole the body while you were sleeping. 14 If the governor hears about this, we will talk to him and keep you out of trouble." 15 So the soldiers kept the money and obeyed the priests. And that story is still spread among the Jews even today.

Jesus Talks to His Followers

16 The eleven followers went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. 17 On the mountain the followers saw Jesus. They worshiped him. But some of the followers did not believe that it was really Jesus. 18 So he came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth is given to me. 19 So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach them to obey everything that I have told you to do. You can be sure that I will be with you always. I will continue with you until the end of time."

Ask This:

Questions for Your Family:

Preschool & Special Needs:

- Who is alive?
- Who opened the tomb?
- Where did Jesus meet his friends?
- Do you think Jesus is alive today?
- Where does He live?

K - 3rd Grade & Special Needs:

- Who rolled away the stone in front of Jesus' tomb?
- Describe the angel
- What did the angel say to the women?
- What were the soldiers paid to say to the people?
- What did Jesus say to His followers?
- How can you be a follower of Jesus?

4th - 5th Grade & Special Needs:

- Why is it important for us to remember that Jesus rose from the dead?
- As followers of Jesus Christ, what is our mission on this earth?

Do This:

Family Activity

Listen to these songs when you wake up, eat breakfast or as you prepare for church.

"This is Amazing Grace"

by Phil Wickham

CLICK HERE

to listen on Youtube!

"What A Beautiful Name"

by Hillsong Worship

CLICK HERE

to listen on Youtube!

For Little Ones

Watch this fun video
on Holy Week.

CLICK HERE

to watch on Youtube!

Parents: If your child has not accepted Christ, following is a guide for you to lead them and have the best Easter ever!

THE GOSPEL

GOD'S PLAN FOR ME

gos-pel - noun. good news. the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation.



GOD RULES.

The Bible tells us God created everything, including you and me, that He is in charge of everything. *Genesis 1:1; Revelation 4:11; Colossians 1:16-17*



WE SINNED.

We all chose to disobey God. The Bible calls this sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. *Romans 3:23, 6:23*



GOD PROVIDED.

God sent Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. *John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9*



JESUS GIVES.

He lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. *Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 2:8-9*



WE RESPOND.

Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus. *John 14:6; Romans 10:9-10, 13*

MY RESPONSE

We can respond to the Good news by understanding who God is (a holy God) and who we are (sinners). We may frame our response to God using the ABCs of Salvation.

A-ADMIT. Admit to God that you are a sinner.

Tell God you know you messed up and you are sorry for doing your own thing and turning away from Him through your thoughts, words and actions.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”
Romans 3:23

Repent, and turn away from your sin (Acts 3:19). Repent doesn't just mean turning away from doing bad things to doing good things. It means turning from sin and even from you own good works, and **turning to Jesus, trusting only in Him to save you.**

B-BELIEVE. Believe that Jesus is God's Son and accept God's gift of forgiveness from sin.

(Romans 5:8). In order to repent, you must believe that only Jesus can save you, and you cannot save yourself from your sin problem --not even by praying to God, going to church or reading your Bible.

“Jesus told him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’” *John 14:6*

“For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift -- not from works, so that no one can boast.” *Ephesians 2:8-9*

C-CONFESS. Confess your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Tell God and tell others what you believe. If Jesus is your Savior, you are trusting only Him to save you. Jesus is also Lord, which means He is in charge and calling the shots in your life. You can start by following Him and doing what he says in the Bible. You are born again into a new life and look forward to being with God forever!

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth resulting in salvation...**For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**"
Romans 10:9-10, 13.

PRAY THIS:

***"I believe in my heart that Jesus alone saves.
I repent, choose to turn away from my sin
and to trust Jesus to be my Lord and Savior."***

Name

Date

