



**Kids at Home - Discipleship**  
Palm Sunday through Easter

In preparation for Easter, we have prepared an extra special set of scripture reading, lessons, crafts, and activities for you family to use. Throughout this week, we will walk through what Jesus did in the week leading up to Easter. We hope this creates a real tangible way for you to talk through Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection with your kids. We are praying that this would help them to see truth in who Jesus is and give you tools as parents to talk to them about giving their life to Christ as we celebrate Him giving His for our forgiveness this Easter season. Our next Kids at Home material will resume on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Scripture Memory**

Christ died for our sins  
*(make cross with arms)*  
according to the Scriptures.  
*(hold hands like a book)*  
He was buried,  
*(bow down)*  
and He was raised  
*(stand up and raise arms)*  
on the third day.  
*(hold out 3 fingers)*  
1 Corinthians 15:3-4  
*(hold hands like a book)*

**Weekly Worship Songs**

Glorious Day - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=du8S2XFqjuo>  
I Found Love - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0k\\_NMMsozW0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0k_NMMsozW0)  
Happy Day - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pi3laKTODc0>

## **The Greatest Commandment (Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>)**

Matthew 22:34-40

### **Conversation Starter:**

- 1. What does it mean to love God with all your heart, soul, and mind?** (Answer: Thinking about God, feeling love for Him, doing things for others to show Him we love Him)
- 2. How can we love others as we love ourselves?** (Answer: looking out for their needs and wants, protecting them, caring for them)

## **Forgiven and Thankful (Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>)**

Luke 7:36-50; Jesus Storybook Bible pg. 280-285 (Washed With Tears)

### **Conversation Starters:**

- 1. Have you ever done something really bad or something that hurt someone?** (Use this as an opportunity to talk about conviction—knowing when you’ve done the wrong thing; repentance—turning from sin; and forgiveness—not getting the punishment your sin deserves.)
- 2. What does it mean to be forgiven? How does it feel to be forgiven when you do something wrong?** (Answers: forgiveness means your sin is not counted against you! It feels good to be forgiven—happy and thankful are good ways to describe it.)
- 3. Have you ever been so happy that you cried?**

## The Last Supper (Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>)

Matthew 26:20-29; John 13:1-7; Jesus Storybook Bible pg. 286-292 (The Servant King)

### **1. Gather as a family and watch this video:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SigoALSS1R8>

If you have kids of all ages encourage them to join in too and do this as a whole family.

### **2. Read the Scripture listed above.**

Allow your child to read aloud if they are able. Take turns reading parts of it. You can also read the pages in the Jesus Storybook Bible if you have preschoolers. Or do both! Whatever works for your family. And even if they struggle to be still, push through and do it anyway. You never know what they are picking up.

### **3. Discussion Questions. Talk with each other and answer together. Feel free to skip questions if you think they are over your child's head.**

-What is Passover? (Answer: Passover is a Jewish festival commemorating God's deliverance of the Israelites from Egypt. In the book of Exodus (the story of Moses) when God struck Egypt with plagues, the Jews were told to sacrifice a lamb, and paint the blood of the sacrifice on the doorpost of their house so that God would "pass over" the homes of His people and their firstborn sons would be spared. See Exodus 12:12.)

-Who was with Jesus for this special feast? (Answer: His 12 disciples—close followers)

-What does it mean to "betray" someone? (Answer: to put someone in danger or to break their trust)

-Who betrayed Jesus? (Answer: Judas, one of His disciples)

-Why did Jesus wash the disciples' feet? (Answer: to show His humility, to teach them to serve others, to show His love and care for them)

### **4. Activity - Foot Washing and Communion.**

At the Last Supper, the first thing Jesus did was to wash His disciples' feet. We encourage you as a family to do this together. It may get silly and that is ok, because it will be memorable.

Showing your children what they read in scripture is always a good way to help it stick. During this time, pray for each child as you wash their feet (see below). If your children are old enough and want to do it, allow them to wash your feet, or one another's.

Prayers for your children:

-Thank God for them and for specific things you love about them.

-Pray for their present (struggles, fears, whatever is going on now)

-Pray for their future (their salvation if applicable, their future spouses, their adult lives)

If your children have already committed their lives to Christ, consider doing communion with them as well once you are finished.

### **Praying in the Garden (Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>)**

Matthew 26:36-44; Jesus Storybook Bible pg. 294-301 (A Dark Night in the Garden)

#### **Conversation Starters:**

- 1. Have you ever prayed really hard for something you wanted and not gotten it?**
- 2. What do you think it felt like for Jesus to know what was coming on Friday (His crucifixion)?** (Answers: sad, hard, scary; "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death." V.37; Jesus was so worried and sad that He sweat drops of blood.)

### **Jesus' Sacrifice – Good Friday (Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>)**

Matthew 27:32-56; Jesus Storybook Bible pg. 302-309 (The Sun Stops Shining)

#### **1. Gather as a family and watch this video:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL8R158Ujp4>

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#### **2. Read the Scripture listed above.**

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#### **3. Discussion Questions. Talk with each other and answer together. Feel free to skip questions if you think they are over your child's head.**

- Why is it called "Good Friday" if Jesus died? (Answer: His death was for our good!)
- Why did Jesus die? (Answer: Jesus served as the sacrifice to cover sin.)
- Could God just forgive us without Jesus having to die? (Answer: Hebrews 9:22 says, "Without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness of sin." Because God is just, someone had to receive the punishment for sin. Jesus took on the punishment that our sin deserves!)

#### **4. Pray.**

- Thank Jesus for dying on the cross for sin.
- Ask God to forgive you for your sin.

## **Waiting – Silent Saturday (Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>)**

### **Discussion:**

During Easter, we think about Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. But we often forget that on Saturday, all was silent. At this point, Jesus had died and everyone had to wait. No one was certain Jesus would rise like He said He would. This can be an important lesson on waiting and trusting the God will do what He says. When are times you have had to wait? Discuss this as a family.

## **Jesus is ALIVE – Easter Sunday (Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>)**

Matthew 28:1-10; Jesus Storybook Bible pg. 310-317 (God's Wonderful Surprise)

### **1. Gather as a family and watch this video:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XOgKAAuEpcE>

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### **3. Celebrate that Jesus is Alive!**

-Sing together as a family.

-Pray and thank God for the miracle of Jesus resurrection!