



APRIL FAMILY GUIDE

OLDER KIDS



WHAT ARE WE LEARNING THIS MONTH?

APRIL 5 & 6

LESSON TOPIC: Do Not Worry
PASSAGE: Matthew 6:25-34

LESSON GOAL: For kids to understand that God is in control of everything and we don't need to worry. Even when it might not look the way we want, we need to trust that God is in control.

GOD STATEMENT: God is in Control

APRIL 12 & 13

LESSON TOPIC: Palm Sunday
PASSAGE: Mark 11:1-11

LESSON GOAL: For kids to celebrate the triumphal entry of our King, Jesus, while understanding the way He came to earth to die on the cross for our sins.

GOD STATEMENT: Jesus is Our Example

APRIL 18 (Good Friday)

LESSON TOPIC: Jesus is Crucified
PASSAGE: Luke 23:26-56

LESSON GOAL: For kids to understand that we are all born sinners and make mistakes. Sadly, this sin separates us from God and we need to be rescued from our sin by believing that Jesus died on the cross for us.

GOD STATEMENT: Jesus Saves

APRIL 19 & 20

LESSON TOPIC: Jesus' Resurrection (EASTER)
PASSAGE: Matthew 27:62-28:10

LESSON GOAL: For kids to understand that Jesus, God's Son, came to earth and died on the cross for each one of us. We can choose to accept Jesus as our own savior who rescues us from our sin.

GOD STATEMENT: Jesus Saves

APRIL 26 & 27

LESSON TOPIC: Jesus Appears to Thomas
PASSAGE: John 20:24-31

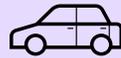
LESSON GOAL: For kids to understand that followers of Jesus are called to have faith in Him. This means believing Jesus is alive even though we haven't seen Him.

GOD STATEMENT: Jesus is Alive



IN THE MORNING:

Start off the morning reflecting on the good news of Easter by listening to "Living Hope" by Phil Wickham (slower) or "Glorious Day" by Passion (faster). Show your little ones how to praise God by raising your hands, dancing, or clapping. Then, pray over the day together.



IN THE CAR:

Use car time to share stories about your own childhood with your kids. Encourage them to ask you any questions about what you were like at their age and share about it!

Question Ideas: What was your favorite activity? Did you have pets? What were you afraid of? What did you love?



DURING DINNER:

As you sit together during mealtime, play 20 Questions Easter Edition. One person thinks of a person, place, or thing related to Easter. Then, everyone else must take turns asking yes/no questions to guess what they are thinking of!



IN THE EVENING:

In this season of Lent, a time to intentionally remember/reflect on events leading up to Jesus' Crucifixion, use bedtime to do just that. As you lay with your little one, talk about the Easter story together or read through it each night from a children's Bible.

KEY VERSE:

Romans 5:8 (NIRV)

MISSION FOCUS:

Teacher/Staff
Appreciation



JESUS SAVES

WORSHIP SONGS

Scan the QR codes below to sing these songs with your child

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me this I know,
For the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but He is strong,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so.



JESUS IS ALIVE

Jesus is alive
And it makes me happy.
Jesus is alive,
Let's celebrate!
Jesus is alive,
And it makes me happy.
Let's dance and give Him praise!



HOSANNA ROCK

Hosanna Ho, ho hosanna
Hosanna Ho, ho hosanna
Hosanna Ho, ho hosanna
Hosanna Ho, ho hosanna



OH, HAPPY DAY

And oh, happy day, happy day
You washed my sin away
Oh, happy day, happy day
I'll never be the same
Forever I have changed



ACTIVITIES

Play these fun activities with your child

ROLLING AWAY THE STONE

SUPPLIES: Plush or soft ball or baby-safe item that rolls

DIRECTIONS: Find a space on the floor for the child to sit (or have them sit on your lap). Lay the baby-safe "rock" (plush or soft ball) on the floor in front of the baby. Gently roll it towards the child and help them roll it back to you.

SAY: "The stone was rolled away from Jesus' tomb. Now we have hope because Jesus is alive! He saves us from our sins!"

THE EMPTY TOMB

SUPPLIES: Several empty boxes

DIRECTIONS: Find a space on the floor for the child to sit (or have them sit on your lap). Place a small item inside the box and allow the child to explore the box by touching it, reaching inside or gently tapping it. Remove the item, then have the child explore the box again, noticing that it is now empty.

SAY: "Look, the box had something in it but now it's empty. That's just like the tomb where Jesus was. It was empty because He is alive!"

READ OVER YOUR CHILD

VERSE

"While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8, NIRV)

BLESSING

"You were created in God's image and are a part of God's plan. Jesus died to save you from your sins!"