



# APRIL FAMILY GUIDE

## BABIES & TODDLERS

### APRIL 1 & 2

**PRAYER IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE  
(MATTHEW 26)**

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### APRIL 8 & 9

**JESUS IS CRUCIFIED & RESURRECTED  
(MATTHEW 27-28)**

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### APRIL 15 & 16

**ROAD TO EMMAUS  
(LUKE 24 & ACTS 2)**

**BIG IDEA:** After Jesus rose from the grave, He appeared to His disciples and reminded them that everything happened as it was supposed to and promised to send the Holy Spirit.

### APRIL 22 & 23 / 29 & 30

**PETER IS RESTORED (JOHN 21)  
GOD IS WITH US (ACTS 2, LUKE 24, MATTHEW 28:16)**

**BIG IDEA:** Even though Peter denied Jesus 3 times, Jesus forgave Peter because Jesus is merciful. Jesus forgives us too! Just as Jesus promised, after He ascended to heaven, all those who believed in Him received the Holy Spirit, God with us. God is with us too!



**KEY VERSE:**  
**JOHN 14:6,**  
**NIRV**



**GOD STATEMENT:**  
**Jesus is the Way, the**  
**Truth, & the Life**



#### MORNING TIME:

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.



#### MEAL TIME:

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!



#### CAR TIME:

Use car time to hide God's Word in your hearts. Play your favorite worship song OR check out Seeds Family Worship on Spotify/Apple Music and have a karaoke singing session in the car!



#### BED TIME:

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.



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**APRIL MISSION FOCUS:**  
**Give a Goat with**  
**Compassion International**



### MORNING TIME:

What better way to start the day than in God's Word? Use erasable markers to write verses (ex: Psalm 139:14 or Joshua 1:9) on the mirrors of your kids' bathrooms so they can see God's Word every morning as they get ready.



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FOR MORE INFO ABOUT OUR CURRENT MISSION FOCUS OR TO ACCESS EACH WEEKEND'S LESSON GUIDES, GO TO: [WOODMENVALLEY.ORG/KIDS-CURRICULUM](http://WOODMENVALLEY.ORG/KIDS-CURRICULUM)