



2024

Holy Week
Family
Devotional





Happy Easter from RC Kids!

The week before Easter gives families the perfect opportunity to stop and reflect on the life of Jesus. Our prayer is that your children will gain a better understanding of the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross and that gospel conversations will take place within your family. We are praying for you as you prepare your hearts and minds for Easter.

Don't forget to use #RCKidsEaster and tag Rocky Creek on social media to share how your family celebrates Easter!

Rocky Creek Family Ministry Team



THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Palm Sunday

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:28-40

THE STORY

When Jesus finished teaching, He began the journey to Jerusalem. As he got closer, He pulled aside two of His disciples and told them to head into the village to find a colt tied up there. He instructed them to take the colt and bring it back to Him. Jesus said to tell anyone that asked what they were doing to let them know that the Lord needs it. The disciples were obedient and brought the colt to Jesus. They threw their cloaks on the colt, and Jesus rode the colt all the way into town. The disciples spread their cloaks on the ground ahead of Him as he rode, and a large crowd gathered to welcome Him. The crowd rejoiced and praised God with loud voices. They shouted, “Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!” Can you picture it in your mind? Can you hear the voices of the crowd yelling praises? Even with all the joy coming from the crowd, the Pharisees asked Jesus to make the people be quiet. His response let them know that nothing could stop them from praising God.

FAMILY DISCUSSION & ACTIVITY

- Why is Jesus worthy of praise?
- What are some ways we can show Jesus we love Him and that He is worthy of our praise?
- Read Zechariah 9:9. How does this Old Testament verse relate to what you read in Luke today?

Nothing can stop creation from praising the Lord! As a family, spend some time praising the Lord together. You can choose your favorite worship song or spend time in prayer as a family.

PRAYER

God, we praise you for how wonderful you are. We praise you for sending your Son, Jesus, here to rescue us. Amen.

JESUS WASHED THE DISCIPLES' FEET

Monday

SCRIPTURE

John 13:1-20

THE STORY

Before the Passover, Jesus gathered with all of His disciples and surprised them when He began to wash their feet. The disciples couldn't understand why Jesus would wash their feet and show them such a great act of kindness and love. Jesus washed all of the disciples' feet, including the feet of Judas. Jesus already knew that the end of His time on earth was coming and that Judas had already betrayed Him, but He showed Him love and mercy anyway. Jesus humbled Himself and served the disciples that day.

FAMILY DISCUSSION & ACTIVITY

What do you think of when you hear the word "feet?" Do you think about feet being stinky and dirty? In Bible times, people traveled dirt roads all day with sandals on, and the feet of the disciples were probably stinky and dirty just like you imagined. Washing the feet of someone at your table was usually the job of a servant, and the disciples were shocked when Jesus began to do that for them. Some of the disciples even tried to stop Him. Jesus demonstrated how to humble yourself and be a servant. He didn't consider Himself better than others. His example shows us that we should also be servants.

- What does it mean to serve?
- Who can you serve today?
- Work together as a family to come up with a plan for how you can serve others. It can be something big or small, but make it your goal to follow the example of Jesus.

PRAYER

God, thank you for the example Jesus set for us on how to be a servant. Help me to humble myself and serve others with love. Help our family to serve one another and to serve others. Amen.

THE LAST SUPPER

Tuesday

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 26:17-30

THE STORY

Jesus sat at the table to have a Passover meal with the 12 disciples. As they were eating, He revealed to them that one of them was going to betray Him. As they were eating, Jesus took the bread, blessed it and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then He took the cup and gave thanks and said, "Drink of it, all of you for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." The arrest and death of Jesus was coming even though He had done nothing wrong, but He died to rescue us from our sin and to fulfill the Old Testament prophecies.

FAMILY DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS

Do you ever get really excited about a meal? Jesus eagerly awaited this final meal with His disciples, but not the same way we look forward to the meal you may be thinking about. He knew that this would be the last time He gathered with His disciples and that He would face death soon. The next time we have communion at church, think about the body of Jesus that was broken for you and the blood that was shed. He died on the cross so that we can live forever with Him in heaven one day. For more information on communion, check out the "WHAT IS COMMUNION? RESOURCE on YouTube by Kids on the Move.



- Why did Jesus share a special meal with His disciples?
- How can we remember and be thankful for the sacrifice Jesus made this week?

PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for the sacrifice you made for us on the cross. Help us to always remember what you did for us. Amen.

THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

Wednesday

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 26:36-46

THE STORY

After the Passover meal Jesus had with His disciples, He took them to a place called Gethsemane. Jesus asked the disciples to stay awake and wait for Him while He went to pray on His own. He prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.” When He returned to His disciples, He found them sleeping. He asked them one more time to stay awake and keep watch while He went and prayed, but they fell asleep again. He prayed for God’s will to be done. He prayed a third time and told His disciples that the time was at hand for Him to be betrayed.

FAMILY DISCUSSION & ACTIVITY

Do you ever have trouble staying awake and staying focused when you pray? Here is your challenge: As a family, try praying together in a way that keeps you alert and fully concentrated on your prayers. Pray while kneeling, say your prayers out loud, write down your prayers, or come up with another way that works for your family. Share how you prayed together as an encouragement to another family when you see them tonight at Midweek!

** If you haven’t taken your Invitation Eggs to a family yet, today would be a great day! Don’t forget to invite your friends and family to our Easter services at Rocky Creek.

PRAYER

God, thank you for listening to us when we pray. Please help us to trust you and your plans for us. Please help us to obey you in everything we do. Amen.

JESUS IS ARRESTED & PUT ON TRIAL

Thursday

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 26:14-16, 47-68

THE STORY

Before the Last Supper, Judas Iscariot met with the chief priests and offered to hand Jesus over to be arrested if they would pay him. They offered him a low price of 30 coins, but he greedily accepted the offer and began to look for an opportunity to betray Jesus. When Jesus and the disciples left the meal to go pray at Gethsemane, Judas gathered a crowd and the chief priests to take them to get Jesus. Judas told the leaders that the one that he greeted with a kiss was Jesus and the one to be arrested. The disciples were furious and ready for a fight, but Jesus saw to it that the scriptures were fulfilled and that He submitted to the will of His Father. They took Jesus to Caiaphas, the high priest, and later to Pilate, the Roman governor. Caiaphas and the religious leaders did not believe that Jesus was the Son of God and called for judgment by death for Jesus.

LET'S REVIEW

1. Where did Jesus go with His disciples to pray? *Garden of Gethsemane*
2. Which disciple betrayed Jesus with a kiss? *Judas*
3. Who was the high priest that Jesus was brought before? *Caiaphas*
4. What had Jesus done wrong, according to Caiaphas? *Jesus said He is the Messiah, the Son of God.*
5. Is Jesus worth more than the 30 coins Judas Iscariot accepted for His betrayal? *As a family, discuss your answers. What is Jesus worth to you, and what has he done for you?*

PRAYER

Jesus, you are worthy of all of our praise. Thank you for your love for me that covers all my sins. Please help me to live a life that is pleasing to you. Amen.

JESUS IS CRUCIFIED

Good Friday

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 27:24-44

THE STORY

After Jesus was arrested and handed over to be crucified, He was mocked and beaten and led away to be taken to Golgotha. They put a sign on the cross over Him that said, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." The crowd continued to gather and mock Him and told Him that if He was truly the Son of God He would save Himself. As Jesus approached death, He cried out and gave up His spirit. The curtain of the temple was torn in two, the earth shook, and the rocks split. The centurion watching over Jesus was filled with awe and believed that Jesus was who He said He was.

***Parents: A great way to gauge your child's understanding of the gospel is to have them retell the story of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection to you in their own words. Listen and see if they clearly understand the reason behind His suffering on the cross.*

FAMILY DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS

Today is a hard day to talk about, but it's important for us to understand that because of His death on the cross, we can be saved and live forever in heaven with Him. Even though His death makes us sad, it really is a good day. Without the death of Jesus, we would not be able to live eternally and have the hope that we possess.

- Who is Jesus? *Jesus is the Son of God who came to earth to save us.*
- Why did Jesus die on the cross? *Jesus died on the cross to rescue us from sin.*
- Why did Jesus have to die? *It was God's plan to rescue us. Jesus took our punishment for sin even though He never sinned. Take the time to pray now as a family.*

**** Don't forget to attend our Good Friday Worship Service tonight at 7:00PM!**

PRAYER

God, thank you for sending Jesus to die on the cross for us. Please help us remember the valuable cost of God's plan for salvation- His Son. Thank you for the gift of salvation that is possible because of Jesus. Amen.

THE BURIAL OF JESUS

Saturday

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 27:57-66

THE STORY

After the death of Jesus on the cross, a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, offered to take the body of Jesus for burial. Pilate allowed him to take the body and Joseph rushed to get His body prepared for the burial before the Sabbath began. He took the body and wrapped it in clean linen and laid it in the tomb that he had cut in a rock. He rolled a large stone in front of the entrance as Mary Magdalene and two other women watched. The chief priests reminded Pilate that Jesus said He would rise from the dead after three days and asked for the tomb to be secured so that no one could try to take His body. Pilate told the chief priests that the guards could go and make it as secure as possible. The stone at the entrance was sealed and a guard was left there to keep watch.

FAMILY TIME

Gather your family together to play a game where one person hides a cloth, and the other family members search and find it. You can make it more challenging by allowing them to search in the dark. Talk about how Jesus' friends wrapped His body in a linen cloth to prepare it for burial. After the game, take the time to talk about how the followers of Jesus may have been feeling on this day after the death of Jesus. Take the time to sit in darkness for a few minutes in silence or with quiet worship music playing and really think about what that day must have been like thinking that the Savior was truly dead. Tomorrow, we celebrate.

- Why is the death of Jesus important to talk about?
- Why do you think the religious leaders wanted the tomb to be secured and guarded?

PRAYER

God, thank you for sending Jesus to die for our sins. Thank You that He is alive, and we can worship Him and live with Him in heaven for eternity. Thank you for turning the sadness of His death into joy. Amen.

JESUS IS ALIVE!

Easter Sunday

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:1-12

THE STORY

Followers of Jesus went to the tomb early the next day and were met with a big surprise. The stone at the entrance of the tomb was rolled away! They entered the tomb, but didn't find the body of Jesus in there. Can you imagine their reactions? As they were trying to find out what happened, two men appeared next to them in dazzling apparel. They were scared and bowed to the ground as the men began to speak. They asked them why they were looking for someone living among the dead. What do you think they meant by that? The angels told them that Jesus was alive just as He had promised and to go quickly and tell the disciples the good news. The disciples had trouble believing the news, but it was true. It was the best news ever. Jesus is alive!

FAMILY DISCUSSION & ACTIVITY

- Where was the body of Jesus placed? *In a tomb that was sealed with a stone and guarded*
- What did the angel tell the women at the tomb? *Jesus is not here. He is alive!*
- Why do we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at Easter? *We celebrate because He is alive! He took on the punishment for our sin and paid the ultimate price to conquer death for us.*

Jesus is alive! He has risen! Get excited! When you go to church today, share in the joy with others by celebrating the Risen Savior! Don't let this day pass by without sharing what Jesus has done for us with others. God sent Jesus to live a perfect life and to be the perfect sacrifice. Take the time to talk through God's plan for salvation with your children. A reference for the steps to salvation are on the next page.

** Come celebrate with your Rocky Creek family at our services at 6:30AM, 9AM, 10:30AM, 5PM & baptism at 6:30PM!

PRAYER

God, we praise you for how wonderful you are. We praise you for sending your Son, Jesus, here to rescue us. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

God's Plan for Us

Can you match the pictures with each step of God's Plan?



GOD RULES

God created everything, and He is in charge of everything.

Read Revelation 4:11.

WE SINNED

Sin is anything we think, say, or do that isn't pleasing to God.

Everyone sins, and our sin separates us from God. Read

Romans 3:23.

GOD PROVIDED

God sent His Son, Jesus, to take on the punishment for our

sin. Read John 3:16.

JESUS GIVES

Jesus gave His own life so that we don't have to pay the price

for our sin. It's the best gift ever! Read 2 Corinthians 5:21.

WE RESPOND

How will you respond to the gift Jesus gave to you? Will you

trust Jesus as your Lord and Savior? Read Romans 10:9-10.



“Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, as He said.”

Matthew 28:5-6

Thank you for celebrating our Risen Savior with Rocky Creek!

