

No Greater Love

A Family Guide for Celebrating Passion Week and the Resurrection!

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Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-10, Luke 19:28-44, John 12:12-19

Celebrate Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem by reading these following verses with your kids, putting their names in place of the word YOU.

Main Idea: We are the King's kids!

A Christian's Identity in Christ

Read these verses as a family.

You Are A Saint *To the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus. . . (Ephesians 1:1)*

You Are Blessed *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. (Ephesians 1:3)*

You Are Chosen *For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. (Ephesians 1:4)*

You Are Holy *Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. (Colossians 3:12)*

You Are Blameless *May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)*

You Are Loved *This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. (1 John 4:9-10)*

You Are Adopted *...he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will... (Ephesians 1:5)*

You Are Redeemed *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit. (Galatians 3:13-14)*

You Are Forgiven *For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Colossians 1:13-14)*

You Are Sealed *Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. (2 Corinthians 1:21-22)*

You Are An Inheritance *For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant. (Hebrews 9:15)*

You Are His Child *See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! (1 John 3:1)*

You Are A Priest *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9)*

You Are A Servant *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. (Colossians 3:23-24)*

You Are A Friend *Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. (John 15:13)*

You Are New *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! (2 Corinthians 5:17)*

You Are Reconciled *All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 5:18-19)*

You Are An Ambassador *We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. (2 Corinthians 5:20)*

You Are Righteous *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21)*

You Are Saved *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. (Ephesians 2:8:9)*

You Are Gifted *We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. (Romans 12:6)*

You Are Victorious *But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:57)*

You Are Not Condemned *Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus... (Romans 8:1)*

Contributed by 1C13P Team Member J.L. Martin

**My Child, this is who you are in Christ.
In the space provided, insert your child's name and a photo.**

You Are Holy

You Are Saved

You Are Gifted

You Are Sealed

You Are Blessed

You Are Forgiven

You Are Chosen

You Are A Priest

You Are A Friend

You Are An Ambassador

You Are Loved

You Are Adopted

You Are His Child

You Are New

You Are A Saint

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You Are Righteous

You Are Victorious

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You Are An Inheritance

You Are Not Condemned

Question: Knowing this, how does your child describe himself?

Contributed by 1C13P Co-founder Lori Wildenberg

Monday

Matthew 21:12-17, Mark 11:15-18, Luke 19:45-48

Jesus in righteous anger clears the temple that was filled with money changers and traders. God desires his church to be a house of prayer.

Main Idea: Prayer and worship are important to Jesus.

Prayer

Dear Jesus,

That day is fast approaching
There is no place to hide.
That day filled with your suffering
My tears well up inside.

It happened on a Friday
How can we call it good?
When you obeyed our Father's way
Upon the cross of unyielding wood.

Now your cross is my cross
I feel your awful agony.
The thorns, the nails, the total loss
Upon that bitter tree.

But Jesus I must now recall
That you really died for me.
You gave your very life your all
To bring our Easter victory.

.....Rockman, Lent 1994

Question: How can you make your home a house of prayer?

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Note: Rockman is Lori's dad.

Tuesday

Matthew 21:23-24:51, Mark 11:27-13:37, Luke 20:1-21:36

Jesus's authority is questioned. He teaches in the temple.

Main Idea: Jesus is God's Son.

Easter is a time of rebirth! It's a beautiful time to celebrate the gift of Jesus, his death and resurrection, and the recommitment of our lives to our Savior. The colors of Lent and Easter are reminders of this amazing gift of eternal life and rebirth through belief in the only One who can save us.

Jelly Bean Colors and the Passion Week

Yellow: fear of the disciples

Red: represents Jesus's shed blood

Black: represents sin

White: holiness (Mark 9:3, Isaiah 18:18c)

Pink: new tomorrow

Green: new life

Purple: royalty (Mark 15:16-20)

Orange: represents heaven

Pastels: new growth (Song of Solomon 2:12, Genesis 1:11-12)

Activity: Jelly Bean Wreath

Materials: wreath form

pastel jelly beans

gold & white ribbon

hot glue gun-glue sticks

wire

Directions: Twist the wire in place to be the hanger for the wreath. Tie ribbon on wreath form, glue in place. Begin next to the ribbon with jelly beans, gluing each bean on with the hot glue. Continue around the entire wreath, front and sides. Let glue cool before hanging the wreath.

Question: Who do your kids say Jesus is?

Contributed by 1C13P Co-founders Lori Wildenberg & Becky Danielson

Wednesday

Matthew 26:14-16, Mark 1:10-11, Luke 22:3-6

While the disciples rest, the plot against Jesus forms.

Main Idea: Jesus loves all but not all love him.

Watch a faith based movies with your kids. Here are a few ideas.

The Nativity

The Passion (for older kids, rated R)

The Son of God (in theaters, PG 13)

God's Not Dead (in theaters, PG)

Heaven is for Real (coming Easter weekend)

We watched:

Our favorite part was:

One thing we learned about Jesus is:

Question: How do you interact with those who reject Jesus?

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Maundy Thursday

The Last Supper

Matthew 26: 17-29, Mark 14:12-25, Luke 22:7-20, John 13:1-38

Jesus shares his last meal with the disciples and prepares them for his death.

Main Idea: The last supper is where our celebration of communion comes from.

The Twelve Eggs and Symbols

Create a paper that has 12 squares on it. Number the squares. Set it aside.

1. Triumphant Entry. Symbol: Palm branches. Use leaves or cutout leaves from paper and color them green.
2. Money changers. Symbol: Four coins.
3. Last Supper. Symbols: Bread, grape or raisin.
4. Jesus Praying in the Garden. Symbol. Find a picture of Jesus praying or draw a pair of praying hands.
5. The Trial. Symbol: Crown of thorns. Use a small twig or pipe cleaner to make the crown.
6. Jesus carries the cross. Symbol: A cross. Use jewelry in the shape of a cross or make a cross using sticks or toothpicks and string.
7. Jesus dies for our sins. Symbol: Nails.
8. Jesus placed in a tomb. Symbol: Linens. Thin strips of white cloth or white paper towels.
9. Jesus is risen. Symbol: Rock
10. Angel tells Mary Jesus is risen. Symbol: Picture of an angel or yellow pipe cleaner in the shape of a halo.
11. Road to Emmaus. Symbol: Cut a piece of brown paper or felt to look like a path.
12. Ascending into the clouds. Symbol: cotton balls.

Add the corresponding numbers to the outside of each egg.

Egg Hunt Activity!

Hide the eggs. The kids hunt for the eggs until all twelve are found. Open the eggs and lay each item on the appropriate square on the paper, then a family member reads the story on the next page.

The Easter Story (Matthew, Mark, Luke & John):

The disciples brought Jesus a donkey to ride into the city of Jerusalem. They put their coats on the donkey to soften the ride. As Jesus road into Jerusalem people put coats and (1) palm branches on the road. They shouted “Hosanna.” Inside the city walls, Jesus went to the temple and turned over the tables of the money changers. (2) Money fell all over the ground. Jesus was mad that the merchants were overcharging people. The night before he was arrested, Jesus had a big supper with his friends. (3) Jesus took bread and wine, gave it to his friends and said, “Whenever you eat this bread and drink this wine, remember me.” That night, Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane to (4) pray. While Jesus and his disciples were praying, the Roman soldiers came and arrested Jesus. Jesus was given a quick trial. He was whipped and they put a (5) crown of thorns on his head. Jesus needed help from a man named Simon to carry his cross (6) to a hill called Golgotha. Jesus was (7) nailed to the cross and died as an innocent man to pay the price for our sins. Jesus’ body was (8) wrapped in linens and placed in a tomb. Three days later when Mary came to the tomb, the (9) rock was rolled away and Jesus was gone! An angel (10) told Mary that Jesus is risen! Later, on the (11) road to a town called Emmaus, Jesus appeared to two disciples. After talking with all the disciples, Jesus said, “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.” Then he ascended into the clouds (12) and now he sits in heaven at the right hand of the throne of God.

If you want to hunt for more than twelve eggs, then just put numbers on the twelve and add more eggs as desired. Repeat the egg hunt and have the kids tell the story using the symbols.

Finish by memorizing this: **Easter reminds me,
That Jesus died and rose,
To set me free.**

Good Friday

Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 22:66-23:56, John 18:28-19:37

Jesus is crucified following betrayal, arrest, illegal trials, beating, and mockery.

Main idea: Jesus lived the life we should have lived and he died the death we should have died.

Sins on the Cross

Activity for Older Kids

Get two pieces of wood. Make a cross. Give each person a nail, a hammer and a piece of paper. Write your sins on the private paper and nail them to the cross. Have a time of family communion. Rip the paper from the cross, burn it up, and say, "I am forgiven." The left-over *cooled* ashes can be used to put a cross on a family members hand or forehead, like on Ash Wednesday.

Question: How does knowing you are forgiven change you in the way you make decisions and relate to others?

Resurrection Rolls

Activity for Younger Kids

Materials: large marshmallows sugar/cinnamon mixture
 melted butter prepared crescent rolls

Directions:

1. Open can of crescent rolls and separate into triangles. **The rolls represent the linen wrapping used in covering the body.**
2. Dip and roll one marshmallow into melted butter. **The butter represents the oils used in anointing the body.**
3. Roll the marshmallow in the sugar/cinnamon mixture. **The mixture represents the spices used in burials.**
4. Place the marshmallow in the center of the crescent triangle.
Fold and pinch the edges tight. Put each crescent wrapped marshmallow on parchment paper.
5. Bake the rolls as directed on the package. **The oven represents the tomb.**
When cooked, the marshmallow melts leaving only the puffed crescent roll. **This demonstrates how Jesus rose from the dead. All that remained in the tomb were the linen wrappings. He is risen! He is risen indeed!**

Question: How do you think the disciples felt when they found the tomb empty?

Contributed by 1C13P Co-founders Lori Wildenberg & Becky Danielson

Saturday

Matthew 27:57-66, Mark 15:42-47, Luke 23:50-56, John 19:31-42

Jesus was buried on Friday. He lay in the tomb for three days.

Main Idea: Death has no hold over Jesus.

Conversation in the Garden

Focus your attention on the resurrection garden your family made during the first week of Lent. Find direction online at www.1Corinthians13Parenting.com (Resurrection Garden). Read John 19-20.

As a family talk about:

1. How do you think the disciples felt after Jesus died?
2. What would you have done on Saturday? Jesus promised he was coming back.
Would you have waited in Jerusalem?
3. Jesus told his disciples, "Do not be afraid." many times. When you are scared, how can you rest in Jesus's words?



Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:30-31

Contributed by 1C13P Co-founder Becky Danielson

Resurrection Sunday

Easter Day!

Matthew 28, Mark 16:1-8, Luke 2:1-49, John 20

Women went to the tomb and discovered the stone that covered the entrance had been rolled away. Jesus first appeared to Mary Magdalene. He was in his resurrected body for 40 days before ascending into heaven and was seen by over 500 people.

(Acts 1:1-5, 1 Corinthians 15:3-6)

Main Idea: The tomb is empty.

The story of the Passion Week and Jesus's resurrection is true.

Easter Dinner

MENU

Roast Lamb with Apple Mint Jelly

Twice Baked Potatoes with Herb

Scalloped Pineapple

Tabouli Salad

White Chocolate Berry Pie

Mandarin Orange Cake

Lamb Chops with Apple Mint Jelly

lamb chops, 2-3 per guest

2 tsp. fresh rosemary

2 tsp. fresh thyme

2 garlic cloves, finely minced

salt and pepper to taste

olive oil

apple mint jelly

Drizzle chops with olive oil. Combine rosemary, thyme, garlic, salt, and pepper. Sprinkle half of this mixture on the chops. Turn chops over, sprinkle with remaining herb mixture. Allow chops to marinate and come to room temperature.

Roast lamb chops uncovered at 375° for 10-12 minutes. Check for doneness. Do not overcook. Cover with foil and allow the meat to rest 10 minutes. Serve with apple mint jelly.

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Twice Baked Potatoes

6 potatoes
1 C sour cream
1 C finely shredded cheddar or Colby jack cheese
salt and pepper to taste
2 Tbsp. parsley flakes

Bake potatoes until almost done. Cool. Cut in half and carefully scoop out centers. Reserve potato in a medium bowl. Cut tip off bottom of potato so it will stand.
Mix potato, sour cream, cheese, salt, pepper, and parsley flakes. Carefully scoop mixture into potato shells. Set upright in a greased baking dish. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

Honey Glazed Sea Salt Carrots

1 package Short Cut carrots
3 Tbsp. butter
3 Tbsp. honey
sea salt

Steam carrots until tender. Transfer to a serving dish. Melt butter in microwave safe bowl. Add honey, mixing the two well. Drizzle over carrots. Sprinkle with sea salt.

Tabouli Salad

2 C bulgar wheat
1 tsp. salt
2 bunches fresh flat leaf parsley
1 bunch green onions
6 tomatoes
½ C fresh mint
¾ C olive oil
¼ C lemon juice
1 tsp. pepper
2 cloves garlic, minced

Place bulgar wheat in a bowl with 3 C boiling water. Sprinkle with salt. Set aside.
Coarsely chop parsley leaves. Seed and dice tomatoes. Chop onions. Mix mint leaves, olive oil, lemon juice, pepper, and garlic in a blender or food processor. Pulse until smooth. Adjust to taste with salt and pepper.
Drain bulgar wheat of any water. Combine wheat, parsley-tomato mixture, and the dressing. Chill.

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White Chocolate Berry Pie

1 Pillsbury Pie Crust, baked and cooled
5 squares of Baker's White Chocolate
2 Tablespoons of milk
4 oz. cream cheese, softened
1/3 cup powdered sugar
1 tsp. grated orange peel
1 cup whipping cream, whipped
fresh raspberries and strawberries

Microwave 4 squares of white chocolate and milk for approximately 2 minutes. Stir until melted completely and cool to room temperature.

Beat cream cheese, powdered sugar, and orange peel in a small bowl with electric mixer on low speed until smooth. Beat in the white chocolate mixture.

Fold the whipped cream into the white chocolate mixture and spread in the bottom of the cooled pie shell.

Arrange fresh berries on top. Melt the last square of chocolate and drizzle over the berries. Cool at least one hour prior to serving. This is a pie I make every Easter, truly a family favorite.

Contributed by 1C13P Team Member Sherri Crandall

Mandarin Orange Cake

1 pkg. yellow butter cake mix
4 eggs
3/4 cup oil
1-11 oz. can Mandarin oranges (not drained)

Grease and flour 3 (8-inch) round cake pans. In large bowl, blend all ingredients well. (I usually add the oranges at the end so they are not as diced up. I like some orange chunks in my cake.) Pour into prepared pans. Bake 20-25 minutes until done at 350 degrees.

Pineapple Frosting

1-3 oz. pkg. instant vanilla pudding
1 can crushed pineapple
8 oz. Cool Whip

Drain pineapple, reserving juice, and add to pudding. Bring Cool Whip to room temperature and add with 1/2 reserved juice. Blend thoroughly. Chill 4-6 hours before applying to cake.

Keep cake in refrigerator.

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