

JESUS: DEATH & RESSURECTION

FAMILY TIME

READ: Mark 15:16-37, 16:1-6

THE POINT

Why did Jesus die? He wants you back.

THE STORY

- The soldiers mocked Jesus.
- They hit Him, spat on Him, and put a crown of thorns on His head.
- They nailed Him to the cross next to criminals.
- They gambled for His clothes.
- Jesus died on the cross.
- When Jesus died on the cross His physical body died, but at the same time His spirit was separated from God.
- He took all of the sin of the world on Himself.
- He bore the sins of the world, so we would not have to.
- Because He was separated from God, we do not have to be.
- Out of His love for us, He chose to take our place.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

1. Why did Jesus die on the cross?

(He died for our sins, He took the sins of the world on Himself, He took our place)

2. Because Jesus took our place, what do we do now?

(we accept His gift of love and receive what He did for us)

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Working At The Dish Wash!

THE POINT:

Jesus washes all the sin from our heart.

WHAT TO DO:

- This will be a great object lesson to do after lunch or dinner.
- Make sure you are eating something really messy, like spaghetti.
- You will have your kids wash dishes.
- If your children are too small to reach the sink, maybe set up a mini dish washing area.
- Get two large plastic tubs, both filled halfway with water, and one with soap. Use one to wash the dishes and one to rinse the soap away.

WHAT TO SAY:

- These dishes are very messy. Do you think we can just put them back on the shelf like this? No.
- The only way to get them clean is to wash them with the soap and water.
- This reminds me of us, before we asked Jesus in our heart.
- We were dirty with sin. The only way to get clean is to ask Jesus in our heart and He will clean our heart.
- Just like we are washing away all of the dirt from these dishes, Jesus washes all the sin from our heart.
- Jesus took our place on the cross and died for us.
- There was no way that we could clean our heart ourselves.
- Because Jesus was a sinless man He could take our place. By doing that, all we have to do is accept what He has already done and our life will be changed.

JESUS: THE TOMB IS EMPTY

FAMILY ACTIVITY

READ: John 20:4

"so they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulcher." (KJV)

THE POINT:

The disciples went looking for Jesus but He was not there. He had risen from the dead.

WHAT YOU DO:

- Set up and hide the eggs for your Easter Egg Hunt.
- Tell the kids its time BUT, have them look in an area where you DID NOT set up your Easter Egg Hunt.
- For instance: you set the eggs up outside, have the kids look inside.
- Give them 5 minutes to look and then call it.

GOAL:

Kids will be frantically searching, but not find anything.

WHAT YOU SAY:

Okay, you can stop now.

Well, did you find anything? No? Why not?

Well, I will tell you why you didn't find any Easter Eggs, because there weren't any hidden in the room.

This is what happened to the disciples after Jesus was crucified.

On the third day Mary came and told them that Jesus was not in the tomb.

They took off and the Bible says that they raced to the tomb to see Jesus and looked, but found nothing.

The tomb was empty.

Why was it empty?

It was empty because Jesus had risen from the dead and He wasn't there anymore.

Jesus had died, but He rose again.

He was alive.

He was not dead and in the tomb, because He was alive.

Now, let's go do our Easter Egg Hunt.

JESUS: ROSE FROM THE DEAD

FAMILY TIME

READ: Matthew 27:62-28:10

One of the core beliefs of Christianity is that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. According to Romans 10:9, believing in the resurrection of Jesus is what causes us to get saved, so how do we know that His resurrection really happened? We know from secular and Biblical history that Jesus lived about 2,000 years ago. Jesus ministered for three years, was arrested and crucified by the Romans. Almost everyone agrees with these facts. Christians, however, believe that not only did Jesus die on the cross, but that He rose from the dead. If Jesus did rise from the dead, then it proves that He is the Son of God.

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. Why did Pilate command the tomb be sealed? (people thought Jesus' disciples would steal his body)
2. Why were Martha and Mary afraid? (they thought Jesus was a ghost)
3. Why is Easter a special day? (celebration of Jesus raising from the dead)

FAMILY ACTIVITY

THE POINT:

Jesus died on the cross and He rose from the dead.

WHAT YOU DO: Read I Cor. 15:3-6

- With dinner have a special dessert.
- Have one family member taste the dessert and tell you how it was.
- Have another family member tell you how it was without tasting it. (One experienced the dessert and one did not.)

DISCUSS:

- One way we can know Jesus rose again is to see the fruit of Jesus in a person's life.
- How have you experienced Jesus?

PRAYER TIME

Prayer of Salvation: Romans 10:9 & 10

This is a great time to talk about the Prayer of Salvation.

Two things you can do:

- Lead family members in this prayer.
- Talk to your kids about how easy it is to lead others. Have them practice with you.

"Father God, thank you that you sent your son Jesus to die on the cross, I believe that Jesus rose from the dead and I confess Jesus as my Lord."