



## The True Story of Easter

**Big Idea: Jesus' death on the cross was the greatest act of LOVE that has ever been made!**

**Memory Verse: "But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8**

**Supplies needed: Bible (Luke 23:26-43), Wooden spoon or remote, a single die to roll**

This week we will be looking closely at Jesus' death on the cross and how it shows us how deeply and sacrificially Christ loves us!. Today is going to be different than the past few weeks, as you will actually be guided through an interactive teaching video.

Before we begin, click on the link for our first worship song below. For younger kids, click on Hosanna Rock. For older kids, click on Jesus You're All I Need.

**Songs:**

[Hosanna Rock](#)

[Jesus, You're All I Need](#)

Now, click on the following [video link](#) for a game of Easter trivia.

Worship together with one more song: [Find my Joy](#)

As a family read Luke 23:26-43.

Next, click on the [video link](#) for our interactive Bible lesson.

**Roll the Dice Family Activity (Older Kids Activity):**

1. Gather as a family and sit in a circle and one at a time roll the dice and answer the question appropriate to the roll.
  - #1. Share a time when you received a great act of love from someone else.
  - #2. Share a time you asked for forgiveness from someone, how did you feel afterwards?
  - #3. If there were no limits of \$ or quarantine restrictions, think of a great act of love you would like to do for someone. Share who you would love and how.
  - #4. Describe how you feel about the current situation in life using one word.
  - #5. What 3 things bring you comfort?
  - #6. Share 5 ways you have seen God at work during this time.

**Pray with your kids.** Praise Jesus for being so loving. Confess that you often forget to be thankful for His love and forgiveness. Thank him for dying on the cross to rescue you from your sins. Pray for someone else you know that is having a hard time right now.

At the end of this lesson you will find a Journey with Jesus document. It can be used as a Family Holy week Devotional. Another option for a Family Holy Week devotional can be found in your Clarity book on page 158.

## **Journeying with Jesus**

### **Holy Week 2020**

#### **Parent Introduction:**

For the next 7 days we invite you and your family to take a trip with us and Journey with Jesus. This 7-day experience is for each member of your family to individually remember the week before the Cross and process together the many moments Jesus experienced. We encourage you to be present for one another and to give space for what each member of the family is feeling and understanding. We pray the Holy Spirit will use each day to help all of you to flourish in His great love!

#### **Items needed for the week:**

- Bible (We recommend The Adventure Bible)
- Suitcase/bag
- Coat
- Wash cloth
- Juice box and crackers
- Leaves/twig
- Rope or handcuffs
- Nail (the larger the better)
- Black scarf/material or piece of paper

Each day you will be asked to add an item to your suitcase or bag. Give each member of the

family a chance to express what they know about the item and how it fits into the Easter Story.

Remember, each year your children are processing deeper thoughts and developing their understanding of who God is and how to respond to Him. Encourage your older children to

engage on a deeper level and listen to what they are thinking and feeling.

The suitcase is used to imply that you will be journeying (experiencing) a bit of what Jesus experienced the week leading to the cross.

Before You Begin:

- Find a suitcase or bag.
- Invite each member of your family to join in this experience.
- Pray for God to speak to each of you and draw closer to HIM. Ask God to help all of you understand HIM in a deeper way to grow in faith and love with Him.
- Place the suitcase/bag in a place where it can be seen all week. Let your kids look in it and talk about it all throughout the week.

Sunday (April 5th):

- Add a coat or jacket to the suitcase.
- Read Luke 19:28-30 and 19:35-38.

Process and Discuss These Questions Together.

1. What does this tell us about Jesus?
2. What does it tell us about ourselves?
3. How should we follow Jesus today because of this Scripture?
4. Who could you tell this story to?
5. Pray together.

Monday (April 6th):

- Add a washcloth to the suitcase.
- Read John 13:3-7.

Process and Discuss Together:

1. What does this tell us about Jesus?

2. What does it tell us about ourselves?
3. How should we follow Jesus today because of this Scripture?
4. Who could you tell this story to?
5. Pray together.

Tuesday (April 7th):

- Add a juice box and some crackers to the suitcase.
- Read Mark 14:22-24.

Process and Discuss Together:

1. What does this tell us about Jesus?
2. What does it tell us about ourselves?
3. How should we follow Jesus today because of this Scripture?
4. Who could you tell this story to?
5. Parents, please share with your children when you placed your trust in Jesus. Do

your children have a faith story yet? With each child, talk through what it means to follow Jesus. Scripture declares: If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is

Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. Read Romans 10:9.

6. Pray together.

Wednesday (April 8th):

- Add twigs and leaves to the suitcase.
- Read Matthew 26:36 -39.

Process and Discuss Together:

1. What does this tell us about Jesus?
2. What does it tell us about ourselves?
3. How should we follow Jesus today because of this Scripture?
4. Who could you tell this story to?

5. Pray together.

Thursday (April 9th):

- Add a rope or handcuffs to the suitcase.
- Read Mark 14:43-46.

Process and Discuss Together:

1. What does this tell us about Jesus?
2. What does it tell us about ourselves?
3. How should we follow Jesus today because of this Scripture?
4. Who could you tell this story to?
5. Pray together.

Friday (April 10th):

- Add a nail to the suitcase.
- Read Luke 23:33-34.

Process and Discuss Together:

1. What does this tell us about Jesus?
2. What does it tell us about ourselves?
3. How should we follow Jesus today because of this scripture?
4. Who could you tell this story to?
5. Pray together.

Saturday (April 11th):

- Add black material or paper to the suitcase.
- Read John 19:38-42.

Process and Discuss Together:

1. What does this tell us about Jesus?
2. What does it tell us about ourselves?
3. How should we follow Jesus today because of this scripture?

4. Who could you tell this story to?

5. Pray together.

Easter Sunday (April 12th):

- Before the kids get up, EMPTY THE SUITCASE.
- Let the kids discover the EMPTY suitcase.
- Read Matthew 28:1-6.

Process and Discuss Together:

1. What does this tell us about Jesus?

2. What does it tell us about ourselves?

3. How should we follow Jesus today because of this scripture?

4. Who could you tell this story to?

5. Pray together.