

# FAMILY CONNECTIONS

A MAGAZINE FOR STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AT RHBC

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## HOLY WEEK

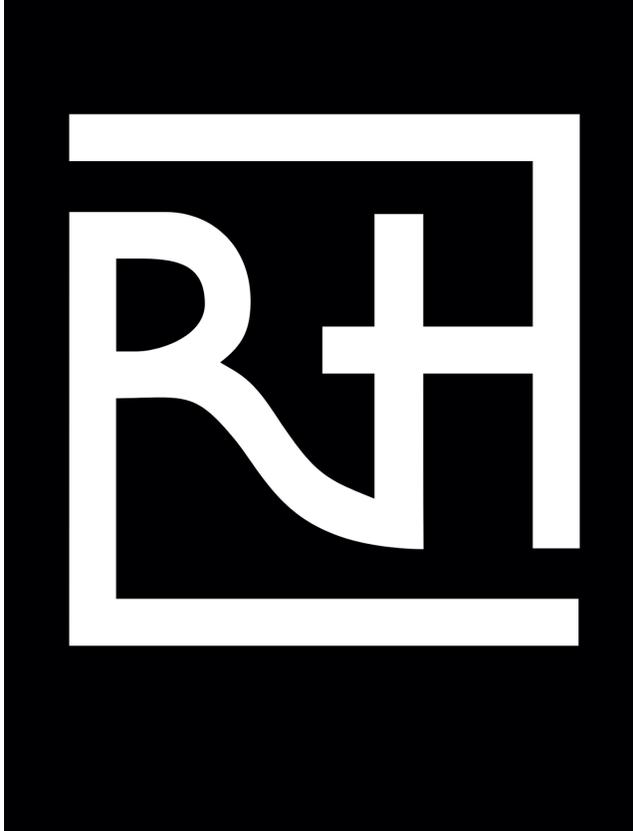
THE FAMILY AND CHURCH PARTNERSHIP

A strategy for centering your family on Christ during Holy Week.

HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONAL  
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# WELCOME

We are excited to be partnering with you and your family as you pass faith on to the next generation!

Welcome to the first issue of Family Connections magazine at RHBC. This magazine seeks to equip, encourage, and empower families as they seek to center their homes on Christ and His greater purpose for their lives.

One of the goals of Rock Hill Baptist Church is to help families pass on a Biblical worldview to their children. Parents have the amazing responsibility of being the primary faith shapers in their homes. Deuteronomy 6:4-9 encourages parents to impress the truths of God on their children, making faith real and active in the home. We desire to help you on this journey! We want to come alongside your family and provide you with practical ways to take the lead in your home!

We hope this will bless you and your family!

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# FAMILY PLAY CALL

A Family Play Call is an intentional plan that a family uses to host faith conversations in the home. In Deuteronomy 6:6-7 Moses addresses the Israelites saying, "the words of God should be on your heart and you should teach them diligently to your children." RHBC provides family play calls throughout the year for you to use at home to lead intentional faith conversations with your children. To find out more about how you can create your own family play calls see our Intentional Faith Talks Guide at [rockhillbc.com/milestones](http://rockhillbc.com/milestones).

# Holy Week Play Call

## **Best Use:**

To create story stones that will act as a companion to the Holy Week Family Devotional.

## **Purpose:**

Assists parents in their call to fulfill their responsibility as the primary faith shaper in their children's lives. Guiding families to have fun and engaging faith conversations in their home.

## **Advanced Preparation:**

Gather seven river rocks, paint pens, clear spray sealant, and a copy of your Easter Devotional Guide. (or attend Family Zone at the Palm Sunday Picnic.)

## **Play Action:**

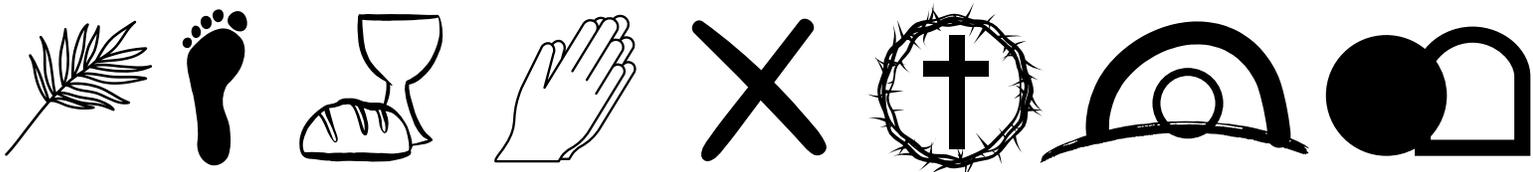
Using the paint marker, draw a picture on each stone to symbolize a part of the Easter story. Open your Easter Devotional Guide from Lifeway Christian Resources. For each day of the devotional, you can either create a symbol to paint on your story stones or you can use the symbols provided on the next page of the play call!

After you have painted a symbol for each day on a stone, seal the stones with the clear sealant spray. Let dry. Place the stones in a container that you will pull out each night at dinner. A container that guarantees the stones will be pulled out in order is best (tennis ball container), but any container can work.

## **DO:**

During your family devotional time, pull out the container that holds the story stones. Take turns each night pulling out the story stone that goes with your family Devo. As you pull out the stones for the night, place them in order in a spot where you can see them and recap each night. Use the stones to piece the story of Holy Week together! Before you read the family Devo each night have each family member who pulled the story stone the previous night recap the story.

On Resurrection Sunday, you may pack up your story stones to store for next year, OR you can place your stones near the dinner table where they can be seen. Each night as you get ready to eat with your family pick, or allow one of your kids to pick, a stone of remembrance to place on the table. Discuss what the stone helps you remember, and thank Jesus for His Life, Death, Burial, and Resurrection!



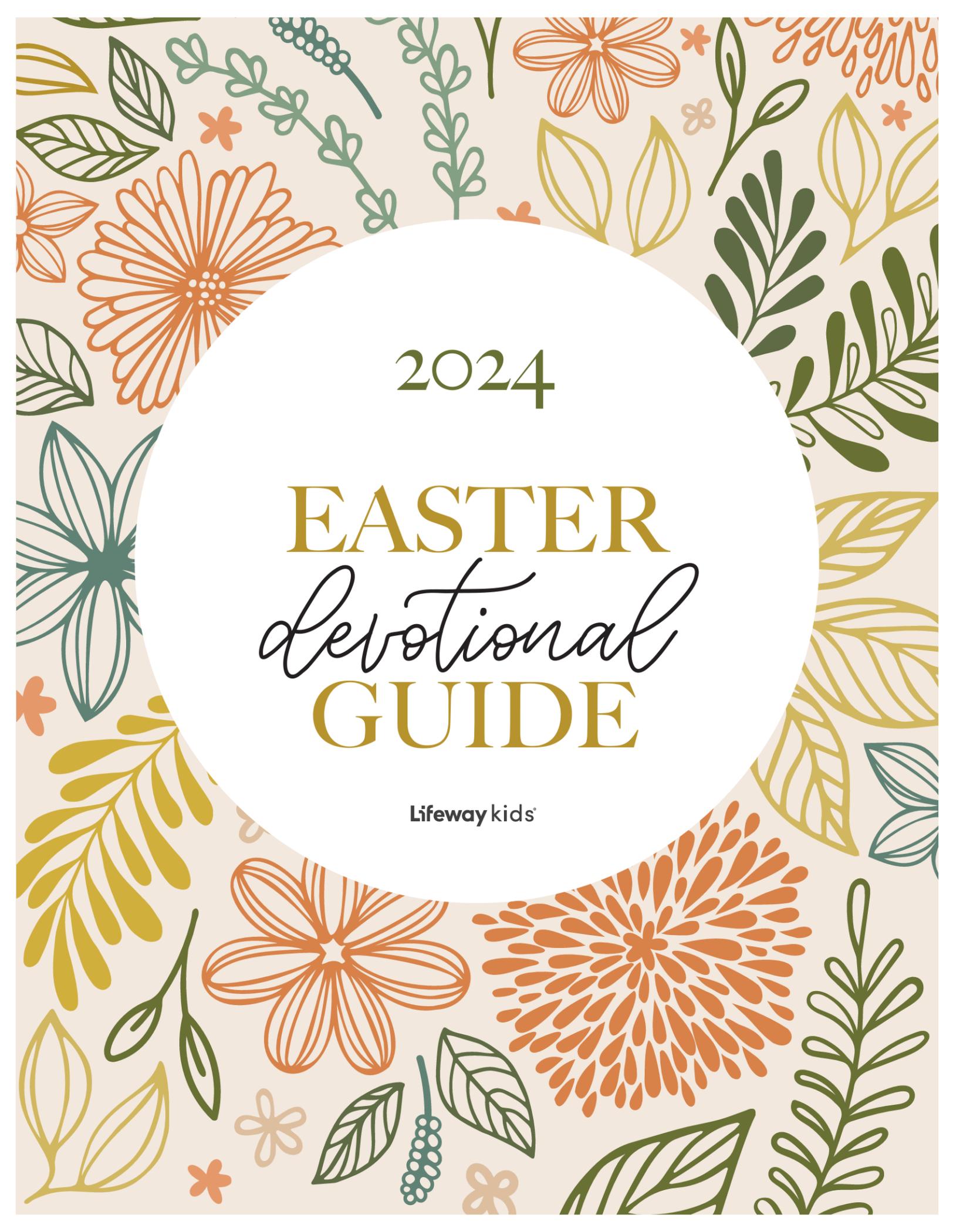
# 2024 HOLY WEEK DEVO

## LIFEWAY KIDS

This year we are partnering with Lifeway Family Resources to provide families with an Easter devotional guide.

Each night use this family devotional to spend time focused on Christ during Holy Week. Read through the stories of Holy Week, lead family discussions, and spend time in prayer together.

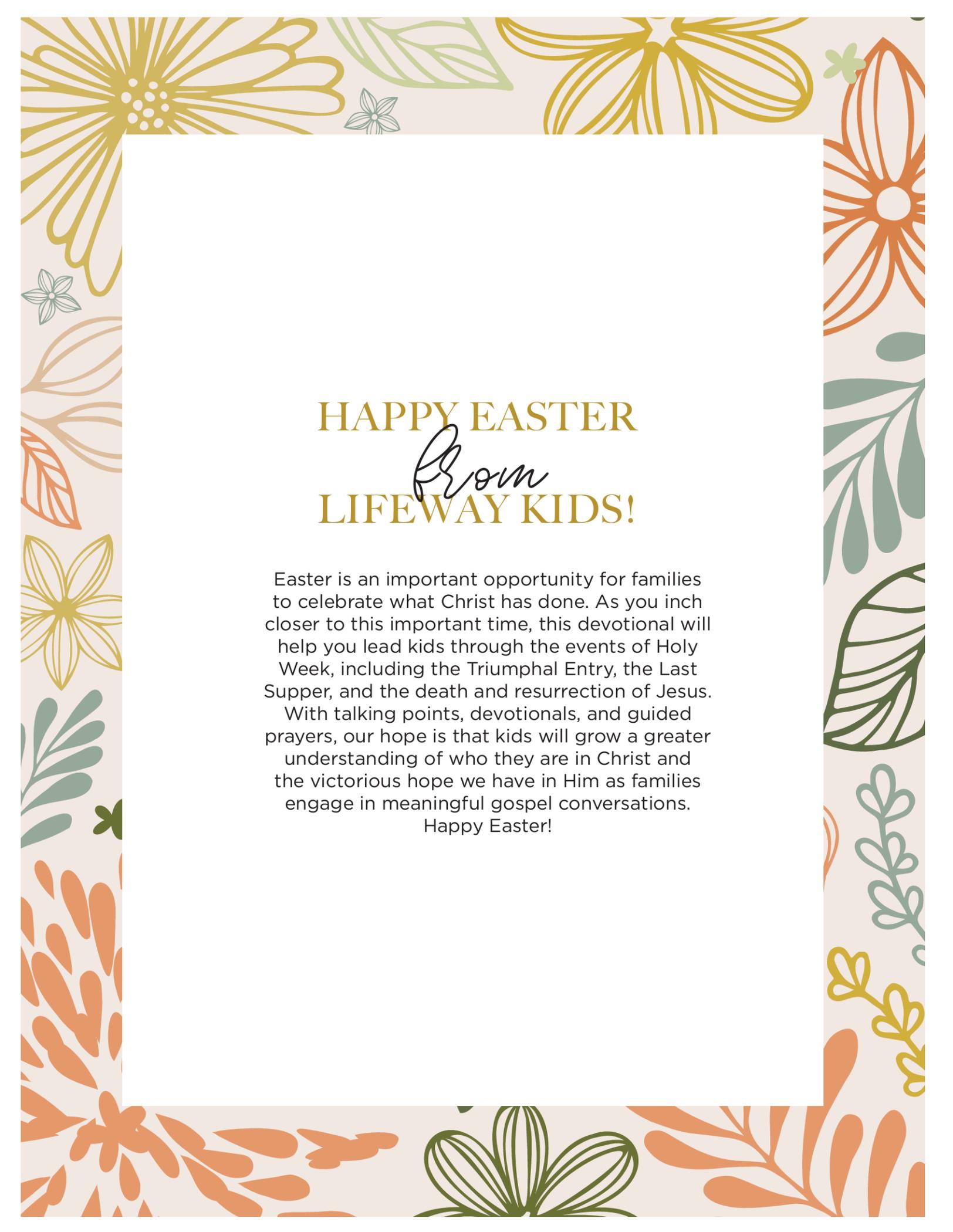


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EASTER  
*devotional*  
GUIDE

Lifeway kids®



# HAPPY EASTER

*From*

# LIFEWAY KIDS!

Easter is an important opportunity for families to celebrate what Christ has done. As you inch closer to this important time, this devotional will help you lead kids through the events of Holy Week, including the Triumphal Entry, the Last Supper, and the death and resurrection of Jesus. With talking points, devotionals, and guided prayers, our hope is that kids will grow a greater understanding of who they are in Christ and the victorious hope we have in Him as families engage in meaningful gospel conversations.

Happy Easter!



## The Triumphal Entry

Jesus was traveling to Jerusalem. As He came to the Mount of Olives outside of a town called Bethany, He gave a special task to two of His disciples. Jesus told them to go into the village and find a young donkey that had never been ridden. The disciples were to untie the donkey and bring it back to Jesus. He told the men that if anyone asked what they were doing, they should say that the Lord needs it.

The disciples did what Jesus told them and found the donkey. While they were untying the donkey, the donkey's owners asked what they were doing. The disciples answered as Jesus had told them and said that the Lord needed it.

Then the disciples laid their robes on the donkey for Jesus to sit on. As Jesus rode along the road, many people spread out their robes on the road in front of Him. Other people spread leafy branches cut from trees. They were honoring Jesus the same way they would honor a king. They joyfully praised God. They shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd were upset by what was happening. They told Jesus to tell His followers to stop shouting. Jesus replied, "If they were to keep silent, the stones would cry out!"

Luke 19:28-40, Mark 11:1-10

**The Point:** God wants people to worship Him.

### Devotional: Praise Him

A great crowd gathered to praise Jesus and honor Him. They were so excited! One day they would understand more about who Jesus was and the mission He was given. On this day, they praised what they knew and understood about Him at that time: He was a miracle worker. He brought the dead to life. He was the promised Messiah. They praised Him for what they understood, and that praise was good.

We don't always understand everything about who Jesus is and the work He is doing in our lives. In those moments, we can praise Jesus for what we do understand about Him. What can you praise Jesus for today?

### Prayer:

Jesus, we praise You for who You are, and we praise You for being greater than we can fully understand. Amen.



## Jesus Washed the Disciples' Feet

It was just before the Passover meal. Jesus knew that it was almost time for Him to leave this world and be reunited with God, His Father. Jesus loved His disciples and wanted to show them how much He loved them. Jesus also knew that Judas Iscariot was going to betray Him. Jesus did something that surprised His disciples. He got up from the table and tied a towel around His waist. He poured water into a bowl and began to wash His disciples' feet. He then dried them with the towel wrapped around His waist.

Simon Peter didn't want Jesus to wash his feet. Jesus said that if He didn't wash his feet, Peter would have no part with Him. Peter asked that his hands and head also be washed! Jesus told Peter that someone who has bathed doesn't need to wash anything except his feet. He told Peter that he was clean but not all the disciples were clean, knowing that one of His disciples would soon betray Him. When He finished washing their feet, Jesus asked the disciples if they understood what He had done for them. He told them that He did that for them to set the example. He wanted them to wash each other's feet.

John 13:1-17

**The Point:** People obey Jesus as a response to His love.

### **Devotional: Are You a Servant?**

What does the word servant mean? Does it make you think of someone who is lower than you or someone who has to do everything you command? Would you think of Jesus when you hear the word?

A servant is someone who serves others with love and humility. Jesus was a servant. He did not consider Himself better than others. He wanted to show His disciples He loved them by washing their feet. He wanted to give His disciples (and us) a clear example of serving others.

Who can you serve today? Is there someone at school, at church, or in your community that you can serve? It doesn't have to be something big or expensive—just a smile can brighten someone's day. Make it a point to follow Jesus' example and serve others with love today.

### **Prayer:**

God, thank You for sending Your Son Jesus to be the ultimate Servant.  
Thank You for the example He set. Help me to serve others  
with humility and love. Amen.



## The Last Supper

In those days, the Jewish people gathered for feasts such as the Feast of Unleavened Bread and the Passover. People gathered to remember how God had rescued His people out of Egypt. On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, Jesus told the disciples to go into the city and tell a certain man that Jesus was going to celebrate Passover at his home with the disciples.

When evening came, Jesus was sitting at the table with the disciples. Jesus said that one of the disciples would betray Him. He was talking about Judas Iscariot. While they were eating, Jesus took the bread, gave thanks, and broke it. He gave it to His disciples and said, "Take and eat it; this is my body." In the same way, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to His disciples. Then He said, "Drink from it, all of you." He told the disciples that His blood would be shed for many for the forgiveness of sins. Jesus would be arrested and sentenced to be crucified. Jesus had done nothing wrong, but He died so that the Old Testament Scripture might be fulfilled.

Matthew 26:17-30

**The Point:** Jesus is the Messiah and Savior.

### Devotional: Ultimate Hero

Have you ever known someone that you really looked up to? Maybe he was great at basketball? Maybe your hero is your mom or dad? Heroes come in all shapes, sizes, and ages. But there's only one hero that will never fail you; Jesus. He's the ultimate Hero because He's God. He's the only One that can save you from your sins.

Jesus died on the cross as a sacrifice for us. He came to earth willingly because He wanted to save His people. Messiah means "Promised One." Throughout the Old Testament, we read of God's promises to send His Savior. God planned from the beginning of time to send Jesus, His only Son, to be the Savior and to die for sinful people. How beautiful is it that our God loves us that much?

### Prayer:

God, thank You for always keeping Your promises. Thank You for delivering us from death by sending your Son, Jesus. I love You and praise You for Your goodness. Amen.



## Jesus Prayed in the Garden

Jesus and His disciples celebrated the special feast called the Passover. After the Passover feast, the disciples went out with Jesus to a garden called Gethsemane. Jesus asked His disciples to stay awake and wait for Him while He went farther to pray. Jesus prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." When He came back to His disciples, He found them sleeping. He asked them again to stay awake and pray, but His disciples kept falling asleep. This happened three times. Soon, Judas arrived with soldiers who arrested Jesus! Jesus was taken to unfair trials. He was beaten and mocked.

Matthew 26:36-51

**The Point:** Jesus prayed to God.

### Devotional: Trusting His Plan

After Passover, Jesus went to a garden to talk with God in prayer. He knew what was about to happen. Jesus knew He was going to suffer and die on the cross for our sin. Before going to the cross, Jesus spent time talking with God the Father and preparing for what came next. Jesus is human, so He was deeply concerned about what was about to happen, just like many of us can be sometimes. But even though it was difficult, Jesus fully trusted God's plan and obeyed His will.

Where do you go when things feel hard or scary? Where do you look when you need answers to things you don't understand? Jesus teaches us that God wants us to come to Him. When we pray, we can be honest with God. We can tell God what scares us or worries us. We can ask for His help. God wants us to spend time in prayer with Him, trusting Him no matter what.

### Prayer:

God, thank You that we can spend time with You in prayer. Please help us to trust Your plans and to obey You in all things.  
Thank You for loving us. Amen.



## Peter Denied Jesus

Two disciples followed Jesus as the soldiers took Him to the high priest. One disciple knew the high priest and went inside. He spoke to a servant who allowed Peter inside the courtyard. The servant girl asked if Peter was one of Jesus' disciples. Peter lied. He said, "I am not."

Peter joined the other people standing around a fire. They asked him, "You aren't one of his disciples too, are you?" Peter lied again, saying, "I am not!" One man who had seen Peter in the garden when Jesus was arrested asked, "Didn't I see you with Him in the garden?" As soon as Peter denied knowing Jesus a third time, the rooster crowed.

Later, after Jesus had been crucified and raised from the dead, Jesus met with Peter. Jesus showed Peter that He still loved him. He restored Peter by giving him the chance to acknowledge his love for Jesus three times, the same number of times he had denied Jesus.

John 18:15-18, 25-27, 21:15-17

**The Point:** God will forgive me if I ask Him.

### Devotional: Impossible Love

Think of the last time a friend said or did something hurtful to you. Even remembering a moment like that can bring back sad feelings. It's hard to show love to those who have hurt us, even if they didn't mean to do it.

Many of us have denied knowing Jesus in our lives. We often feel like Jesus couldn't possibly love us because of our sins and how we disobey Him. But there is good news! The Bible tells us that just like Jesus loved and forgave Peter, He loves and forgives us too when we believe in Him! Even when we make mistakes or disobey, Jesus is there to forgive us, calling us to repent and turn back to Him. He covers our sin with His impossible love.

### Prayer:

God, thank You for Your forgiveness. Thank You for Your love for me that covers all my sin. You are a great God and You are bigger than my mistakes. Help me to follow Your truth. Amen.



## Jesus' Trial and Death

After having a meal with His disciples, Jesus went to a garden to pray. While Jesus and the disciples were praying in the garden, Judas, one of Jesus' disciples, arrived with an armed crowd who arrested Jesus. Jesus' disciples were confused, but Jesus assured them that this is the way things must happen. First, they took Jesus to Caiaphas, the high priest, and then to Pilate, the Roman governor. The crowd wanted Jesus to be crucified.

Pilate's soldiers mocked Jesus by putting a robe on Him, a crown made of thorns on His head, and a staff in His hand. They spit on Him, beat Him, and led Him to Golgotha, where they crucified Him.

It became dark as night in the middle of the day. Jesus cried out to God, "Why have You abandoned Me?" Jesus cried out again; then He died.

*Matthew 26:47-50,54,57; 27:1-2,11,27-46,50*

**The Point:** Jesus died to pay the penalty for my sins.

### **Devotional: Out of Love**

Think about how much your parents love you. What if one day you accidentally broke something expensive in a store and had to pay for it? You probably would not be able to. Out of their responsibility and great love for you, your parents would choose to make that payment on your behalf, even though it was your fault.

This is like Jesus choosing to die on the cross for us. He knew He would suffer, and He still paid the price for our sins. He loves us more than our parents ever could. Jesus is God the Son. He is the only One who could ever save us from our sins. Jesus wanted us to be completely forgiven.

### **Prayer:**

Jesus, thank You for giving Your life for me on the cross.  
Thank You for loving me that much. Amen.



## Jesus' Burial

After Jesus died, when it was evening, Joseph of Arimathea went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in clean cloth, and placed it in a new tomb. He had a large rock rolled in front of the entrance. The chief priests asked Pilate to put guards at the tomb. On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to Jesus' tomb. The earth shook and an angel dressed in white clothes came down, rolled the stone away from the entrance, and sat on it. He told the women not to be afraid. The angel knew they were looking for Jesus. He told them, "He is not here. For he has risen, just as he said." The angel told the women to go quickly and tell the disciples that Jesus is alive!

Matthew 27:57–28:10

**The Point:** God cares when we are sad; He never leaves us alone.

### Devotional: God Is with You

Have you ever had a friend or a loved one move away? This can make you feel very sad and lonely because you miss them and wish you could see them. After Jesus died, Jesus' friends were very sad. They probably thought they would never see Him again.

But we know from the Bible that Jesus did not stay in the tomb. He rose from the dead! Jesus' friends didn't have to be sad anymore because He was with them. God raised Him from the dead. When you feel sad and lonely, God will always be there for you too.

### Prayer:

God, thank You for sending Jesus to die for our sins. Thank You for bringing Him to life again. Help me to remember that when I am sad, You are always with me. Amen.



## Jesus Is Alive!

After the Sabbath, early in the morning, on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and another Mary went to view the tomb where Jesus had been buried. Suddenly, a strong earthquake shook because an angel came down from heaven. The angel rolled back the heavy stone from the entrance of the tomb. The angel, who looked like lightning and was wearing a pure white robe, sat on the stone. The guards standing at the tomb were so afraid they were like dead men and could not even move!

The angel told the women not to be afraid. He knew they were looking for Jesus. The angel told them the best news ever. He said that Jesus was alive just as He had promised. The angel told the women to go quickly to the disciples to tell them the good news that Jesus has been raised from the dead! The women left quickly and joyfully. They ran to tell the disciples the good news that Jesus was alive. Suddenly, Jesus met the women and said, "Greetings!" The women ran to Him, took hold of His feet, and worshiped Him! Then Jesus told them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there."

Matthew 28:1-10

**The Point:** Jesus died on the cross and is alive.

### Devotional: The Best Surprise

Do you like surprises? Imagine on your birthday you are dropped off at a grandparents' house to mow their lawn or do a chore. You would probably feel disappointed and think your family had forgotten your birthday! But imagine you get back home and there's a surprise party waiting for you! Your parents had a plan to give you an amazing birthday the entire time.

The women went to the tomb feeling disappointed and sad that Jesus was dead. They got the best surprise ever when they found it empty! Even though the women didn't know it, God had a plan the entire time. The plan was for Jesus to defeat death so that we can forever have a relationship with Him. That's way better than a surprise party!

### Prayer:

God, thank You so much for sending Your Son to save us from our sin by dying on the cross and rising again. In Your name we pray, Amen.



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# Family

## **PASSOVER MEAL GUIDE**

CELEBRATE JESUS IN THE PASSOVER





# Seder Meal

## **PREP-WORK**

**Watch the below Video about Passover as a family.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1lwMt-KLkSE>

### **Prepare your table**

- Candles lit on the table: Representing Jesus, who is the light of the World.
- Food on table: Unleavened bread, boiled egg, bitter herbs (horseradish), Charoseth (a sweet mixture of apples, cinnamon, grape-juice, and walnuts), salt water, parsley, and grape juice.



# Seder Meal

## EXPLAIN THE FEAST

### Explain the Feast

- Read Exodus 12:14 - explain that this is a very special time for you and your family to remember Jesus

### WHAT TO SAY"

- *"We celebrate this feast to help us remember that God rescued the Israelites from bondage in Egypt. On the night before He delivered them, God told them to kill a lamb and to cover the top of their doorway with its blood. Every Israelite family who did what God said was protected from the plague of death in their home."*
- *"Many years later, Jesus (God's son) came to earth in human form and died on the cross- as a fulfillment of the Old Testament sacrifice. He became the ultimate sacrificial lamb. We no longer have to kill a lamb like they did under the Old Covenant for forgiveness of sin. Jesus' blood was shed so that all who receive Him as their savior are saved from sin and eternal death. This sacrifice was all-sufficient, once for all."*



# EXPLAIN THE FEAST

(CONTINUED)

## Read Isaiah 53: 3-12...

- *"Jesus was the lamb who was slain for all of our sins and by His stripes we are healed! Jesus lived the perfect life we couldn't live and died the death that we deserved. His payment of death allows us to have the opportunity to have a relationship with God. To do this we must believe that Jesus is who He said He is and did what He said He would do. Jesus offers us forgiveness from our sins when we confess Him as our Lord and Savior. To do this we must have a talk with Him about our sin, asking Him for forgiveness, and we must ask Him to be in charge of our lives. We must commit to Jesus we want to follow His way instead of our own way.*

**The night before Christ died, He celebrated the Passover dinner with His disciples but during the meal Jesus made clear that He was the Lamb to be slain for the salvation of the world.**

**Read John 3:16.**



# Lead the Meal

## **Leader Passes Out Elements of the Meal:**

At this time, the head of table passes each food item (one by one) and explains what they represent... (Eat as you go, or after everything is explained.)

**Unleavened bread** - (I made Gluten Free Matzo): Store bought Matzo can be used. We eat this to remind us that the Israelites didn't have time to wait for yeast bread to rise-rather they had to be ready to go when God said "GO." At the Last Supper Jesus told us that the bread would represent His body that was broken for us. We eat it in remembrance of His body that was slain for us.

**The Missing Lamb** - When the Jews ate this meal they ate lamb to remember the lamb's blood that protected them during the passover. Jesus came as the lamb to be slain for our sins. The Lamb is missing from our plate because not only did Jesus die, but he raised from the dead and is alive.

**Boiled Egg** - (In Jewish tradition it is a roasted egg) the egg stands for renewal. The Israelites were going to start a new life and we have new life in Christ because of what He did on the cross for us.

**Bitter herbs** -We serve horseradish as a reminder of the bitterness of the slavery in Egypt. Jesus suffered greatly for us that we may be saved. Remind them that on the cross He was given the bitter vinegar on the sponge to drink.



**Charoseth** - This is a mixture of chopped apples, walnuts, grape-juice (or wine), cinnamon, and brown sugar. Symbolizes the mortar and bricks the Israelites used in making the bricks for the king of Egypt.

**Karpas** – We use parsley for this. These plants stay green all year and represent everlasting life because of Christ’s resurrection.

**Small bowl of salt water** – Tears of the Israelites in bondage. Today can represent our tears for those who haven’t accepted Christ as their personal savior. Dip the parsley into the salt water bowl and eat it. Grape juice or wine poured in glasses.

**Grape juice** – At the passover meal there were four cups. The cups were used to remember God's promises to bring the Israelites out of Egypt, to free them from slavery, to make them a new kingdom, and to accept them as His people. Jesus came to fulfill all of these promises.

At the Last Supper Jesus showed us that the passover was a picture of what He came to do for the world. When we eat a passover meal or take the Lord's Supper we should remember who He is, what He has done for us, and remember that He is coming back. Point to the empty chair at your table. This chair helps us to remember that Jesus is coming back and that we should be ready to welcome Him when the time comes.



# EBENEZERS AREN'T JUST FOR SCROOGES

Setting up “Stones of Remembrance” to teach the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord.

# Ebenezers aren't just for scrooges

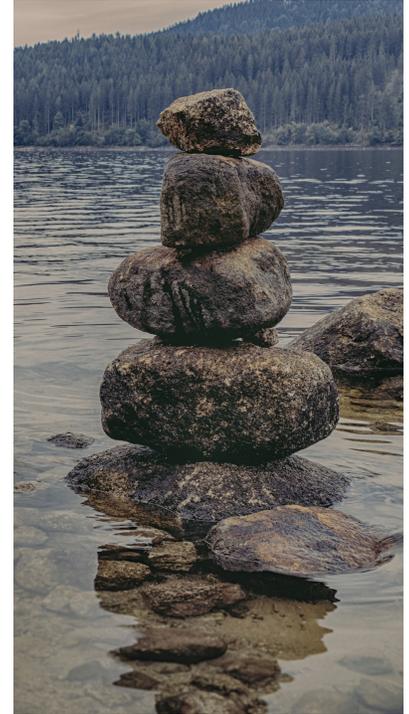
**The term Ebenezer means “stone of help” or “stone of remembrance.” Ebenezers are only mentioned three times in the Bible, but it is clear they are purposeful! Each story in the Bible that makes mention of raising an ebenezer does so to remember that they must rely on God. Each ebenezer tells a story from the past that helps them remember the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord.**

## Setting up your own ebenezer shelf.

Take time to think through moments in your life that help you remember you can rely on God. Think through key stories where God pulled you through and grew you in your understanding of Him. Write down all the stories. Find or make a small object you can place on a shelf that represents each story. Regularly pickup objects to remember and tell the story of what God has done.

*We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done. He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children,*

**Psalms 78:4**



## "EBENEZERS ARE A PHYSICAL REPRESENTATION OF GOD'S GOODNESS."

### How to use your ebenezers with your family?

Ebenezers are a great way to have a physical representation of God's goodness present in your home. However, if they just sit on a shelf and are never looked at they might as well be skipping stones.

Ebenezers are made to intentionally focus you on a story that helps you "remember the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord."

In order to for them to achieve this purpose, there must be a strategy to get them in front of you and your family often.

One of the best strategies I have seen for families who are looking to introduce ebenezers in their home is to highlight a different ebenezer each night. Whether before bed or at dinner time, these families have an intentional habit of gathering together either for dinner or for bed time blessings.

Each night one of the family members select an ebenezer off the ebenezer

shelf that they want to remember. If the family member is old enough they lead the family through the story that is represented by the ebenezer. If the family member is younger they bring the ebenezer to their parents, where the story behind the ebenezer is shared with the rest of the family. After the story the family prays a prayer of thanksgiving to God.

While this is a great strategy for using Ebenezers, it is not the only strategy. Develop your own rhythm or habit for your family that makes it easy and likely for you to continue.

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# LEGACY MILESTONES

## LEGACY MILESTONES (suggested ages)

**FAMILY DEDICATION** - (birth - 2 years) Make a commitment known to your faith family to raise your child in a Christ-centered home.

**INTENTIONAL FAITH TALKS** - (4+ years) Set aside and plan a recurring time to focus on spiritual truths with your child.

**BIBLE PRESENTATION** - (6+ years) Present your child with a Bible in front of their faith family to celebrate their new ability to read. Actively begin memorizing scripture together.

**WORSHIP TOGETHER** - (7+ years) Establish the practice of adoring God personally, at home, at church, and as a lifestyle.

**PREPARING FOR ADOLESCENCE** - (11+ years) A time for parents to celebrate and equip their child for the changes brought about by adolescence.

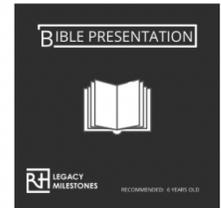
**RITE OF PASSAGE** - (16+ years) A special time for a parent to provide their child with a vision for the future as they accept new responsibilities and begin the journey towards adulthood.

**LAUNCHING** - (18 years+) Celebrate and encourage your child as they step into adult independence.

**LIVING DEPLOYED** - (18 years+) Living deployed encompasses all aspects of being a disciple of Christ. As you leave your parent's home commit yourself to living on mission as a disciple of Christ.

**\*\* BAPTISM** - After your child has come to trust Christ as their Lord and Savior guide them to make known the story of Christ through believers baptism.

**\*\* LORD SUPPER** - Throughout the year our church celebrates the Lord's supper to remember how Jesus changed the story of our lives through His death, burial, and resurrection. After your child has come to trust in Christ as their Lord and Savior, encourage them to observe the Lord's Supper.



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