

DISCOVERY FAMILIES,

I am so honored to get to walk with you and your family in this unique season. It is my hope through this time, as individuals and families, we may learn how to more deeply "love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind". (Matthew 22:37)

I often face the reality of how my faith-walk example speaks most loudly to my kids, and how important it is that I be putting God first in my heart. As we make space for our families to seek God's face, my prayer is that we grow in our understanding of Christ's love for us, experience his transformational love, and establish a listen/response posture to his calling in our lives. This Easter devotional experience provides two options, depending on the needs of your family:

Option 1: Geared for younger kids, this devotional plan uses the "Easter Week -5 Minute Devotional" video series (Phil Vischer) and is found on the RightNow Media* platform. It includes discussion questions and prayer prompt.

Option 2: Geared for older kids, this is a scripture reading plan that follows the death and resurrection of Jesus with discussion questions for your family.

IN GRATITUDE,

KIRSTIN STAVE

*RightNow Media: If you do not yet have an account setup, contact me at kirstin@discochurch.com for next steps.



EASTER EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW

THE WEEK OF EASTER

PALM SUNDAY (APRIL 5TH)

Jesus is our King (Younger Kids) Palm Sunday (Older Kids)

MONDAY (APRIL 6TH)

Jesus is God's Promise (Younger Kids)
The Lord's Supper (Older Kids)

TUESDAY (APRIL 7TH)

Jesus Teaches about God's Kingdom (Younger Kids)
Jesus' Betrayal and Arrest (Older

Jesus Betrayal and Arrest (Older Kids)

WEDNESDAY (APRIL 8TH)

God Protects His People (Younger

Kids)

Jesus on Trial (Older Kids)

THURSDAY (APRIL 9TH)

Jesus is the Passover (Younger Kids)

Crucifixion (Older Kids)



EASTER EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW

THE WEEK OF EASTER

GOOD FRIDAY (APRIL 10TH)

Jesus is on Trial (Younger Kids)

Death of Jesus (Older Kids)

SATURDAY (APRIL 11TH)

Jesus Dies for our Sins (Younger Kids) Burial of Jesus (Older Kids)

EASTER SUNDAY

He is Risen! (Younger Kids)
Resurrection (Older Kids)

PALM SUNDAY (APRIL 5TH)

YOUNGER KIDS JESUS IS OUR KING

ZECHARIAH 9:9B
YOUR KING HAS WON A VICTORY, AND HE IS
COMING TO YOU. HE IS HUMBLE AND RIDES
ON A DONKEY; HE COMES ON THE COLT OF A
DONKEY

DISCUSS: WHY DID THE PEOPLE SHOUT HOSANNA AND LAY DOWN PALM BRANCHES FOR JESUS? WHAT DO YOU THINK IT WOULD HAVE BEEN LIKE TO SEE JESUS ARRIVE INTO JERUSALEM?

<u>PRAY:</u> LET'S THANK GOD FOR BRINGING JESUS AND HIS KINGDOM TO US! WHAT ELSE CAN WE THANK GOD FOR TODAY?

OLDER KIDS PALM SUNDAY

JOHN 12:12-15

DISCUSS: IMAGINE THE FACES OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE GATHERED TO SEE JESUS. WHAT DO THIER FACES TELL YOU ABOUT HOW THEY FEEL? IF YOU WERE ABOUT TO SEE JESUS, WHICH PERSON WOULD YOU BE MOST LIKE - AND WHY?

MONDAY (APRIL 6TH)

YOUNGER KIDS JESUS IS GOD'PROMISE

2 SAMUEL 7:13
HE SHALL BUILD A HOUSE FOR MY NAME,
AND I WILL ESTABLISH THE THRONE OF HIS
KINGDOM FOREVER.

DISCUSS: WHAT WAS THE AMAZING PROMISE WE LEARNED THAT GOD MADE TO DAVID? DO YOU KNOW THE NAME OF THAT SPECIAL PROMISE?

PRAY: WHAT ARE SOME PROMISES TO GOD WE CAN MAKE AS A FAMILY? LET'S THANK GOD FOR HIS PROMISES TO US!

OLDER KIDS THE LORD'S SUPPER

MATTHEW 26:17-30

DISCUSS: JESUS BROKE THE BREAD AND GAVE IT TO THE DISCIPLES, WHAT DID THE BROKEN BREAD REPRESENT? DID THE DISCIPLES UNDERSTAND THIS AT THE TIME? CAN YOU IMAGINE BEING AT THE LAST SUPPER AND WHAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN LIKE?

TUESDAY (APRIL 7TH)

YOUNGER KIDS

JESUS TEACHES ABOUT GOD'S KINGDOM

LUKE 13:18-19

JESUS SAID, "WHAT IS GOD'S KINGDOM LIKE? WHAT CAN I COMPARE IT WITH? IT IS LIKE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN SOMEONE PLANTS A MUSTARD SEED IN A GARDEN. THE SEED GROWS AS BIG AS A TREE, AND BIRDS NEXT IN ITS BRANCHES.

DISCUSS: WHAT KIND OF SEED DID JESUS SAY GOD'S KINGDOM WILL BE LIKE? WHY DID HE CHOOSE THAT SEED?

PRAY: LET'S ASK GOD TO SHOW US WAYS WE CAN SERVE IN HIS KINGDOM.

OLDER KIDS JESUS' BETRAYAL AND ARREST

MATTHEW 26:14-16 & 47-56

DISCUSS: WHO ACCOMPANIES JUDAS? WHY, DO YOU THINK? WHY DOES JESUS SUBMIT TO THIS ARREST?

WEDNESDAY (APRIL 8TH)

YOUNGER KIDS GOD PROTECTS HIS PEOPLE

EXODUS 12:26-27

AND WHEN YOUR CHILDREN SAY TO YOU
'WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THIS SERVICE?' YOU
SHALL SAY, 'IT IS THE SACRIFICE OF THE
LORD'S PASSOVER, FOR HE PASSED OVER THE
HOUSES OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL IN EGYPT,
WHEN HE STRUCK THE EGYPTIANS BUT
SPARED OUR HOUSES.' AND THE PEOPLE
BOWED THEIR HEADS AND WORSHIPED.

<u>DISCUSS:</u> WHY DID GOD'S PEOPLE CELEBRATE THE PASSOVER?

PRAY: CAN YOU NAME SOME OF THE WAYS GOD HAS TAKEN CARE OF OUR FAMILY, LIKE HE TOOK CARE OF THE ISRAELITES? LET'S PRAY AND THANK HIM FOR HIS MANY BLESSINGS!

OLDER KIDS JESUS ON TRIAL

MATTHEW 26:57-68 & 27:11-26

DISCUSS: WHO WANTED JESUS TO BE PUNISHED? WHY DID THEY WANT HIM TO BE PUNISHED?

THURSDAY (APRIL 9TH)

YOUNGER KIDS JESUS IS THE PASSOVER

LUKE 22:19

JESUS TOOK SOME BREAD IN HIS HANDS AND GAVE THANKS FOR IT. HE BROKE THE BREAD AND HANDID IT TO HIS APOSTLES. THEN HE SAID, "THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU. EAT THIS AS A WAY OF REMEMBERING ME!"

DISCUSS: WHY DID JESUS SAY HE WAS GOING TO DIE? CAN YOU IMAGINE BEING AT THE LAST SUPPER AND WHAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN LIKE? PRAY: LET'S GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR HIS SACRIFICE.

OLDER KIDS JESUS ON TRIAL

MATTHEW 27:27-44

DISCUSS: IF YOU HAD BEEN JESUS' FRIENDS
THAT DAY, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D HAVE
SEEN? WHY DO YOU THINK JESUS' SACRIFICE
IS SUCH A SPECIAL GIFT TO US ALL?

GOOD FRIDAY (APRIL 10TH)

YOUNGER KIDS JESUS IS ON TRIAL

MARK 15:1-2
THEY TIED UP JESUS AND LED HIM OFF TO PILATE. HE ASKED JESUS, "ARE YOU THE KING OF THE JEWS?" "THOSE ARE YOUR WORDS," JESUS ANSWERED.

DISCUSS: WHO WANTED JESUS TO BE PUNISHED? WHY DID THEY WANT HIM TO BE PUNISHED? PRAY: LET'S THANK GOD FOR HIS SON JESUS AND THAT HIS SACRIFICE OFFERS US NEW LIFE.

OLDER KIDS DEATH OF JESUS

MATTHEW 27:45-56

DISCUSS: WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO DIE?

SATURDAY (APRIL 11TH)

YOUNGER KIDS JESUS DIES FOR OUR SINS

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21
FOR OUR SAKE HE MADE HIM TO BE SIN WHO
KNEW NO SIN, SO THAT IN HIM WE MIGHT
BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD.

DISCUSS: WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO DIE?
PRAY: LET'S THANK JESUS FOR HIS
SACRIFICE FOR OUR SIN, THE THINGS THAT
KEEP US FOR GOD. LET'S ASK GOD TO REMIND
US OF HIS LOVE FOR US.

OLDER KIDS BURIAL OF JESUS

MATTHEW 27:57-66

DISCUSS: JESUS' FRIENDS EXPERIENCED THE BITTER SADDNESS OF JESUS' DEATH. WHEN HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED SOMETHING BITTER?

EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 12TH)

YOUNGER KIDS HE IS RISEN!

1 CORINTHIANS 15:55-57

"O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O
DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?" THE STING
OF DEATH IS SIN, AND THE POWER OF SIN IS
THE LAW. BUT THANKS BE TO GOD, WHO
GIVES US THE VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST.

DISCUSS: WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT JESUS OVERCAME SIN AND DEATH? WHAT DO YOU THINK IT WOULD HAVE BEEN LIKE TO SEE THE RISEN JESUS?

PRAY: LET'S SAY THANKS AND CELEBRATE THAT JESUS ROSE FROM THE GRAVE, FREEING US FROM THE POWER OF SIN AND DEATH!

EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 12TH)

OLDER KIDS RESURRECTION

MATTHEW 28:1-10

DISCUSS: WHAT KIND OF POWER DOES JESUS HAVE TO DEFEAT DEATH AND ESCAPE THE TOMB? WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT JESUS OVERCAME SIN AND DEATH? WHAT DO YOU THINK IT WOULD HAVE BEEN LIKE TO SEE THE RISEN JESUS? WHEN YOU HAVE EXCITING AND UNEXPECTED NEWS, WHO WOULD YOU RUN TO TELL?