



Dear Mom and Dad

How wonderful that you get to teach your children about the first Easter! As you know, the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus makes up the foundation of our incredible Gospel. It is an awesome and holy thing to teach.

We encourage you to pray beforehand and prepare your own heart to present these precious truths to your beloved children.

We are here to help you every step of the way.

With Love

3CK Team

Friday was Sad – But Sunday was Glad

Praise and worship

We would like to encourage you to start your time together with praise and worship as we become mindful of the goodness and faithfulness of God toward us every day of our lives.

Psalms 100:4 (NLT): “Enter His gates with thanksgiving; go into His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and praise His name.”

Praise and worship is more than singing songs. It is an expression of our love and adoration, our thanksgiving and admiration of God – who He is and for all that He has done.

Ask each child what they are thankful for. Let them start by saying... “I thank God for...”

Help them by using examples...

- for waking us up today
- for helping me play nicely with my brother/sister
- for providing for us
- for protecting our nation

You can choose from a variety of 3CLive songs to continue in praise and worship. Allow the children to choose two of their favourite songs. Make it fun as they do their own dance moves to the faster song. The important thing is that the children are mindful to praise and worship the Lord with you.

Our top choices for the week:

- Halalela
 - Joy
 - All through His blood
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Declaration for the week

Teach the children our declaration for the week and have them declare it throughout the lesson today:

Jesus is the Saviour of the world.

Memory Verse

Teach the children our memory verse for the week and have them repeat it throughout the lesson today:

John 3:16 NIV

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Lesson Time

In preparation to teach the lesson please read over these chapters: John 19-20

- One Friday, a long time ago, Jesus gave His life for us.
- What does it mean that He gave his life for us? – it means Jesus died for us.
- Jesus was beaten and bruised; He had a crown of thorns put on His head.
- He was made to carry a cross and He was nailed to the same cross He carried.
- Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins.
- Sin is when we do something that is wrong, that God does not like or approve.
- Have you ever sinned? (wait for the children to answer)
- Everyone has sinned and done wrong. Jesus died knowing that everyone would sin.
- On the same day Jesus died, His friends buried Him in a tomb.
- Jesus' tomb was like a little cave with a big rock rolled in front of it.
- Everyone who loved Jesus was sad: His disciples, His family and His friends.
- On the Sunday after the Friday, Jesus rose from the dead.
- What does that mean? It means Jesus was not dead anymore. He was not in the tomb.
- On Sunday some people who were friends of Jesus came to the tomb.
- The tomb was empty and they were confused
- A woman named Mary was there, crying outside the tomb.
- When she looked inside the tomb, she saw two angels.
- The angels told her that Jesus wasn't there anymore, but that He was ALIVE.
- When Mary turned around, she saw Jesus. He was alive again.
- Mary was very glad.

Main points

- Jesus died for everyone's sin so that when we are truly sorry for the wrong we have done, God can forgive us and act like it never happened.
 - That's right, He forgets what we did!
 - Now that does not mean we should make the same mistake again, because by doing that, it would be like we are hurting Jesus all over again.
 - We can be glad too that Jesus rose from the dead
 - Because of what Jesus did, we can be a part of God's family and live with Him forever.
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Ask the children if they would like to be part of God's family.

Ask the children if they know of someone, they can pray for to be part of God's family.

Pray together:

"Father God, thank you for loving me. Thank you for sending Jesus to die on the cross and take my sin and the sin of the world. Please forgive me my sin. Thank you for making me part of your family. I also pray for my friend _____ that she/he may know you and be part of your family too. In Jesus name. AMEN"

Activities

Pre-School (3-6 years):

- **Easter egg colouring sheet**

Colour the egg according to the colours indicated

- **Jesus is alive maize**

Lead Mary Magdalene to the tomb of Jesus

Junior Primary (7-10 years):

- **Cross and grave colouring sheet**

Colour the cross and the grave landscape

- **Jesus is risen tombstone activity**

Complete the sum and find the hidden message of the angel

Senior Primary (10-12 years):

- **Easter ABC's**

Write something that has to do with Easter that starts with each letter of the alphabet.

- **Easter word search**

Search for the many words that relate to the story of Easter

Life Application

3-6 YEAR OLDS:

- Which day did Jesus die on the cross?
- Who was sad when Jesus died?
- What happened after three days?

7-11 YEAR OLDS:

- What does it mean that Jesus gave His life for us?
 - Where was Jesus laid after He died on the cross?
 - Who was looking for Jesus on Sunday morning?
 - Why should we be glad that Jesus rose again?
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Proclamations

PROCLAIM: By the blood of Jesus we have been redeemed from the power of the enemy.

PROCLAIM: By the blood of Jesus we are forgiven of all our sins.

PROCLAIM: Because we spend time with other Christians, the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all our sins.

PROCLAIM: By the blood of Jesus we are justified and God sees us as if we have never sinned.

PROCLAIM: By the blood of Jesus we are sanctified and set apart for God's holy purpose.

Let's Pray

Dear God, Thank You for being our Father and loving us so much! Thank You for sending Your only son, Jesus, to die on a cross for us so that we may be forgiven of our sins. We trust You and we know that You are always with us no matter what!

In Jesus' name

Amen

Fit and Fab Me

Find a partner that you can do these exciting exercises with.

Choose your set of exercises by doing the Rock, Paper, Scissors challenge and enjoy!

Family Fun

Have a delightful chocolate egg hunt with the family this weekend!
