

Home Lesson: Holy Week and Easter - Luke 11:1-11

Date: April 12, 2020

PRAY: Dear God, we praise you on this Easter day. Show us your awesome power in the Resurrection; in Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Warm Up Activity:

SAY: Early Sunday morning the women went to the tomb where Jesus was buried. They wanted to prepare his body for burial with spices they had made.

(Younger Elementary Puzzle):

Color the squares in the grid by using the code at the bottom. You will discover a picture of what the women found early that Sunday morning.

(Older Elementary Puzzle):

Fill in the Sudoku puzzle by drawing one of the four pictures (crosses, tomb, angel or cup and bread) in each square. Each section of squares, diagonals, lines across and lines down should have four different pictures. Start with the section with two pictures and work from there.

(parents: you will find the answer at the end of the resources)

EXPLORE

Learn the Bible Story (Luke 24:1-12)

Have the children get out their Bibles and find the book of Luke. They can use the table of contents if they are not sure where it is. Ask if it's in the old or new testament to aid in recognition.

SAY: Find the book of Luke and we'll read about Jesus' Resurrection.

- Read Luke 24:1-12
- (There is a video that you can watch that might appeal mostly to the younger elementary kids [Vimeo Easter Story](#))

Questions to ask and discuss:

Why did the women go to the tomb? What do you imagine they were thinking when they saw the stone was rolled away?

What emotion do you think they felt when they saw the angels?

What did the angel tell the women?

Why do you think the disciples didn't understand what Jesus had told them about his death and resurrection? What does the phrase, "Seeing is believing," mean to you?

What traditions do you have to celebrate Easter with your family?

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Loving God, Loving Neighbor – Family Activity

(supplies: Easter eggs, pieces of paper and pencils or pens)

SAY: Easter is a good time for thinking about others. We should remember what Jesus did for us and we should take time to think about our neighbors at church and in the community. Think about the needs our friends and neighbors have that we can pray for. Take 2-3 small pieces of paper and write the prayer requests you thought of. Fold up the papers so the words can't be seen and put them into a plastic egg.

- Have one person collect the eggs and hide them in a room where the family can hunt for them. When ready, have the remaining members of the family search for the eggs.
- Read the prayer requests and include them in your prayers every day this week!

***Check out some of the other ideas below for crafts, games or other ways to celebrate Easter!**

Prayer: Dear God, we praise you for giving us Jesus. Help us celebrate him as king every day of our lives; In Jesus' name, Amen

Holy Week Activity Ideas:

1. If you haven't made a palm yet, check out the Palm Sunday lesson on the website for ideas!
2. The Road to Easter – activity for kids to either glue preprinted on the road as they occurred or to write specific word in each space. [Activity sheet](#)
3. Some cool Holy Week activities including having kinds 'plant' their worries, various crosses you can make, and experiments: <https://childrensministry.com/10-holy-week-activities/>
4. DIY Resurrection eggs: <https://lifeyourway.net/diy-ressurrection-eggs-easter-story-book-printables/>

Crafts and Other options:

1. This website has a large variety of crafts you can do! Anything from salt paintings, clay crosses, tissue paper suncatchers (they also have links to Easter egg crafts and bunnies) [Crafty Morning](#)
2. Another website that has a variety of activities such as a DIY resurrection garden, stained glass crosses, etc. [Godly Woman](#)
3. Easter [Word Search](#):
4. Maze and other puzzles and activities: [Church house collection](#)
5. Easter Bingo game for preschool/early elementary: [Christian Preschool Printables](#)

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FOOD

I primarily include this for the resurrection rolls and cookies but there are other ideas here as well! <https://www.icanteachmychild.com/christ-centered-easter-activities-and-crafts/>

One recipe for making unleavened bread with kids. [Bread recipe](#)

This is one of the easiest Hot Cross Buns recipes I could find. Doable with kids [Recipe](#)

Music:

[Saved](#) by Go Fish