



FAMILY ADVENTURE FOR HOLY WEEK

Easter Family Devotion Guide (adapted from Children's Ministry Magazine, March/April 2016)

Palm Sunday Discovery

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40

Have family members each share their favorite way to celebrate a special occasion or event. It might be a party, family time, or going to a favorite restaurant. Talk about how your family will celebrate Easter this week.

Monday Discovery

Scripture: Mark 11: 15-19

Have family members each share their favorite thing about going to worship at church. Parents can share a favorite memory of going to church as a child. Talk about other places you go where you feel welcomed and special. Brainstorm how your family can help others feel welcome in your home, in the community, and at church.

Tuesday Discovery

Scripture: Mark 12: 41-44

Ask family members to each share about a time they've given up something. Ask about how it made them feel. Then talk about the sacrifice Jesus made for everyone at Easter and what kind of difference it's made in your lives.

Wednesday Discovery

Scripture: Mark 14: 3-9

Tell about a time you did something kind for someone else. Talk about how your kindness encouraged that person. As a family, think of a way you can show kindness to someone this week.

Thursday Discovery

Scripture: Mark 14: 12-25

Ask family members to talk about their best friend. Describe one way you could show friends they're important to you.

Friday Discovery

Scripture: Mark 15:33-41

Ask family members to share a story about a time they admitted a wrong choice. Encourage each other to admit when we are wrong and ask for forgiveness.

Saturday Discovery

Scripture: Mark 15:42-16:1

Have family members tell a memory about someone who has died. Talk about how you each keep Jesus alive in your lives every day.

Easter Sunday Discovery

Scripture: Mark 16:2-8

Share about a time you received or delivered great news about something or someone. How did that make you and that person feel? Discuss the good news of Jesus' Resurrection and why it's important to share this great news with others.

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"Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord', and she told them that he had said these things to her."

John 20: 18



SUNDAY MORNING ADVENTURE

On Sunday, March 4 we begin a new unit in Workshop Rotation. Our children in Pre-Kindergarten through the 4th grade will rotate through video, art, game and cooking workshops. They will experience the story of "Meeting Jesus at the Empty Tomb".

The unit verse is:

"Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord', and she told them that he had said these things to her." John 20: 18.

Our point for this unit is: "He is risen!"

Our toddlers, 2 and 3 year olds will be focusing on the Bible story from Mark

11: 1-11, "People Welcome Jesus". The point is: We welcome Jesus in the name of the Lord. Each week the children will come home with a Bible Story picture card so parents can engage them in what they are learning.

Fifth and Sixth graders continue using the "submerge" curriculum as they will dive deeper into the season of Lent. This month they will dive into: Session 1: Sharing Communion (The Last Supper); Session 2: Prayer (Jesus in Prayer); Session 3: Suffering (Jesus' Betrayal, Arrest, and Trial); Session 4: Death (Jesus Death).

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Our children Pre-K through 6th grade worship with their families in the sanctuary. Your child can grab a worship bag which will have a "My worship experience" page. This will help them to journal and draw about their worship time. Also we will have a "What do I experience in worship" sheet with pictures of items for them to look for and listen for. They may find a book, some stickers, and some model magic to manipulate. Children Pre-K through 2nd grade are dismissed to go to Children's Worship during the Hymn sung after the Pastoral prayer. Amanda Dukes, our Children's Ministry intern along with a volunteer will be leading them in a lesson about one of the Scriptures read in the worship service.

If your child is in first - sixth grades he/she can be an acolyte (one acolyte carries the Bible into the worship service and one lights the candle). If your child would like to participate in this ministry you can email Janet@firstbaptistathens.org and you will be added to the list.

SUNDAY MORNING ADVENTURE

| Workshop Schedule for March 4 - 25, 2018 | | | | |
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| Date | Video Workshop Room 115 | Game Workshop Room 116 | Art Workshop Room 117 | Cooking Workshop Room 118 |
| Week 1 March 4 | 3 rd & 4 th Grades | 1 st & 2 nd Grades | | PreK & Kindergarten |
| Week 2 March 11 | 1 st & 2 nd Grades | | PreK & Kindergarten | 3 rd & 4 th Grades |
| Week 3 March 18 | | PreK & Kindergarten | 3 rd & 4 th Grades | 1 st & 2 nd Grades |
| Week 4 March 25 | PreK & Kindergarten | 3 rd & 4 th Grades | 1 st & 2 nd Grades | |

MUSIC AND MISSION ADVENTURE

Our children's choirs are learning new music to sing during the season of Lent, Palm Sunday, and Children's Sunday. Please mark your calendar with the following dates:

Palm Sunday, March 25

The Brownie Bear Choir, Music Maker Choir, and Joyful Singer Choir will all process with palms and sing in the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will follow that service. The Next Steps luncheon and conversation will follow the Easter Egg Hunt.

Children's Sunday, May 6

The Brownie Bear Choir, Music Maker Choir, and the Joyful Singers Choir will all sing in the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The children will lead in prayers and litanies during this service as well as play instruments to accompany songs.

Teresa Granger, Children's Choir Coordinator



Mission Kids will be learning about the ministry of Cindy and Eddy Ruble and their refugee and disaster relief work in Malaysia. In this unit, children will learn that by telling stories of faith, help, rescue, and hope we can show others that God comes to our rescue. They will learn about the culture of Malaysia, and how Cindy and Eddy Ruble, CBF field personnel, work to give the people they minister to the help they need and

hope that comes from God.

Our mission project for the month of March will be to decorate Easter bags for the residents of Denny Towers. Our family mission project will be to deliver the bags to Denny Towers on Good Friday, March 30th.

SPECIAL ADVENTURES

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 25 immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, followed by the Next Steps lunch and congregational meeting.

Family Mission Event

Friday, March 30th

Deliver decorated and filled Easter bags to Denny Towers.

Vacation Bible School - FBC Studios

June 11-14, 9:00am to noon

Passport Kids Camp

July 11-14, Converse College, Spartanburg, SC

For Children in Grades 3-6, Cost is \$235.00 (scholarships are available)

Space is limited please email Janet@firstbaptistathens.org to sign up for camp

Fine Arts Camp

July 16-19 8:00 am to noon

Watch the website for details and registration.

REMODELING UPDATE

Thank you all for your understanding and patience during our remodeling of our children's space. We are on the last leg of our remodeling! Our flooring is in, cabinets are almost finished, dry erase boards are installed, and theming will happen this month. We hope to move into our newly remodeled space in April.

PARENT ADVENTURE

Through the month of March our children Pre-Kindergarten through 4th grade will be experiencing the story of Meeting Jesus at the Tomb.

The following are some suggestions for a family adventure time that will go along with what the children are learning in Sunday School. It is our hope that these suggestions will give you a resource to have spiritual conversations with your children. This is one way to discover God together with your children as you continue on this journey of faith.

On this "Great Adventure" with you,
Janet Cleland

