

WEEK OF APRIL 09, 2023



CHOSEN

PREPARE



**BEFORE
YOU BEGIN**

TALK TOGETHER

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT EASTER?

It's easy to think about candy flavors or Easter egg hunts, but Easter has a far greater meaning. Easter reminds us of the chosen Savior, Jesus.

Jesus's arrival on Earth changed the world forever. A week before His death, people celebrated Him while He rode through the streets on a donkey. But the night before His death, His disciples followed him to a garden where He prayed. Jesus knew something terrible was about to happen.

Jesus, the perfect Son of God, knew He would soon die on the cross. This was a horrible way to die. Most people would have done anything to escape this fate; but Jesus told His Father, *"not my will, but Yours, be done."* (Luke 22:42)



TALK TOGETHER

Family conversations with God's Word.



MORE TO EXPLORE

Discover how this conversation fits into God's Big Story.



THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.



COLORING PAGE

Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.



Every step that brought Jesus closer to death brought us closer to life. Jesus could do what no one else could: pay for our sins and offer us eternal life.

Our sinless Savior died in our place, but the story of Jesus doesn't end on the cross. If it had, we would have no reason to celebrate Easter. Thankfully, Jesus' story was far from over.

Take a moment to learn more about Jesus' death and resurrection. Read Luke 23:32-46 and Luke 24:1-9.

Three days after Jesus died and was buried, two women visited Jesus' tomb. When they reached it, the ground shook from an earthquake! An angel, wearing clothes white as snow, appeared like a flash of lightning! He rolled a heavy boulder away from the tomb's entrance, but Jesus' body was not there. Then the angel said these words: *"Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said."* (Matthew 28:5-6)

What would you think after hearing the news that Jesus was alive? Imagine their excitement when people heard Jesus rose from the dead! **Jesus, God's chosen Savior, defeated sin and death!**

Jesus came from Abraham's family, was a descendant of King David and was preached about by the chosen messenger, John the Baptist. He made salvation from sin available to ANYONE who believes.

He is the King worthy of all our praise, the Messiah promised from ancient times, the perfect sacrifice to save us from our sins: Jesus Christ.



GOD'S BIG STORY

CREATION



EVERYTHING
GOD CREATED
WAS GOOD.

FALL



ADAM & EVE SINNED,
AND SIN PASSED TO
ALL PEOPLE, EVEN
YOU AND ME.

REDEMPTION



THOUGH ALL OF
US ARE SINNERS,
CHRIST DIED
FOR US.

RESTORATION



JESUS WILL
COME AGAIN.

FIND IT IN THE BIBLE:

LUKE

This week's story comes from the book of Luke. Luke is the third of four books known as the Gospels. The author of this book is a man named Luke, a physician. It was written so all would know that Jesus came to seek and to save the lost.

OT-NT CONNECTION

When Jesus rose from the dead and visited the disciples, they thought He was a ghost! But the Old Testament promised a chosen Savior of the world, and Jesus showed the disciples He was that Savior! **Read Luke 24:44-47.**

- What is one Old Testament reference Jesus made in these verses?
- Why are you thankful Jesus made salvation available to ANYONE who believes?

WHY WOULD JESUS CHOOSE TO DIE FOR MY SINS WHEN HE HAD NEVER SINNED?

Jesus knew He was the only One who could save humanity from the curse of sin. He lived a perfect, sinless life; submitted Himself to God the Father's will; and chose to sacrifice Himself to save us from sin. **(Luke 22:42)** This is a love so great we humans struggle to understand it. **John 15:9** says Jesus loves us just like God the Father loves Him.

HOW CAN I ACCEPT JESUS'S GIFT OF SALVATION?

The Bible is very clear on this. All you have to do is believe. **Acts 16:31** says: "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved. ..." Believe Jesus died and rose again to pay the penalty for the sins you committed. Accept Him as your Savior. Know only He can forgive your sins. It's not about what we can do; it's about what Jesus already did.

JOURNAL

In your journal or a notebook, create a timeline of the events that took place between Palm Sunday and Jesus rising from the grave. Write down some of these events on dyed Easter eggs.

Ask an adult if they can hide the eggs around your house or yard for you to find. Once they are all found, help your family arrange the eggs in the order the events occurred.

READ



Spend some time in God's Word this Easter. Read all of **Luke 23 and 24** to learn more about the death and resurrection of the Savior of the world, Jesus.

Share one thing you learned with a family member or friend!

★ THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

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♥ MEMORIZE

LOOKING TO JESUS, THE FOUNDER AND PERFECTER OF OUR FAITH, WHO FOR THE JOY THAT WAS SET BEFORE HIM ENDURED THE CROSS, DESPISING THE SHAME, AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE THRONE OF GOD.

HEBREWS 12:2

Q: WHO DIED ON THE CROSS FOR US?

A: A CHOSEN SAVIOR.

FIND

This week's verse is found in the book of Hebrews. Help your child find the book of Hebrews. Is this book in the Old or New Testament? How many chapters are there?

SHARE

How did you celebrate Easter as a child? Tell your child about some of your family's Easter traditions. Next, ask your child to help you think of a new family tradition that celebrates Jesus.

WATCH



Help your child learn their verse by watching this week's Memory Melody video!

PRAY

DEAR JESUS, THANK YOU FOR NOT ONLY DYING ON THE CROSS FOR MY SINS BUT ALSO RISING AGAIN SO I CAN BE SAVED! YOU SUFFERED GREATLY ON MY BEHALF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR NEVER-ENDING LOVE FOR ME. I LOVE YOU. AMEN.

INVITE

We can share the Good News of Jesus with our friends and family! Invite a friend to church on Easter Sunday.

Here are a couple of ideas:

- Make them a card that's Easter themed.
- Send them a text with a special greeting.

CRAFT

The cross was originally a symbol of death, but Jesus defeated the cross when He rose from the dead!

Gather:

- Paper plate
- Glue
- Pencil
- Dried rice or macaroni noodles
- Cinnamon

Outline a cross on a paper plate. Help your child fill the cross by gluing dried rice or macaroni noodles inside the outline. Once it's dry, drizzle glue on the cross and sprinkle cinnamon on the glue to color it brown like wood.

BAKE

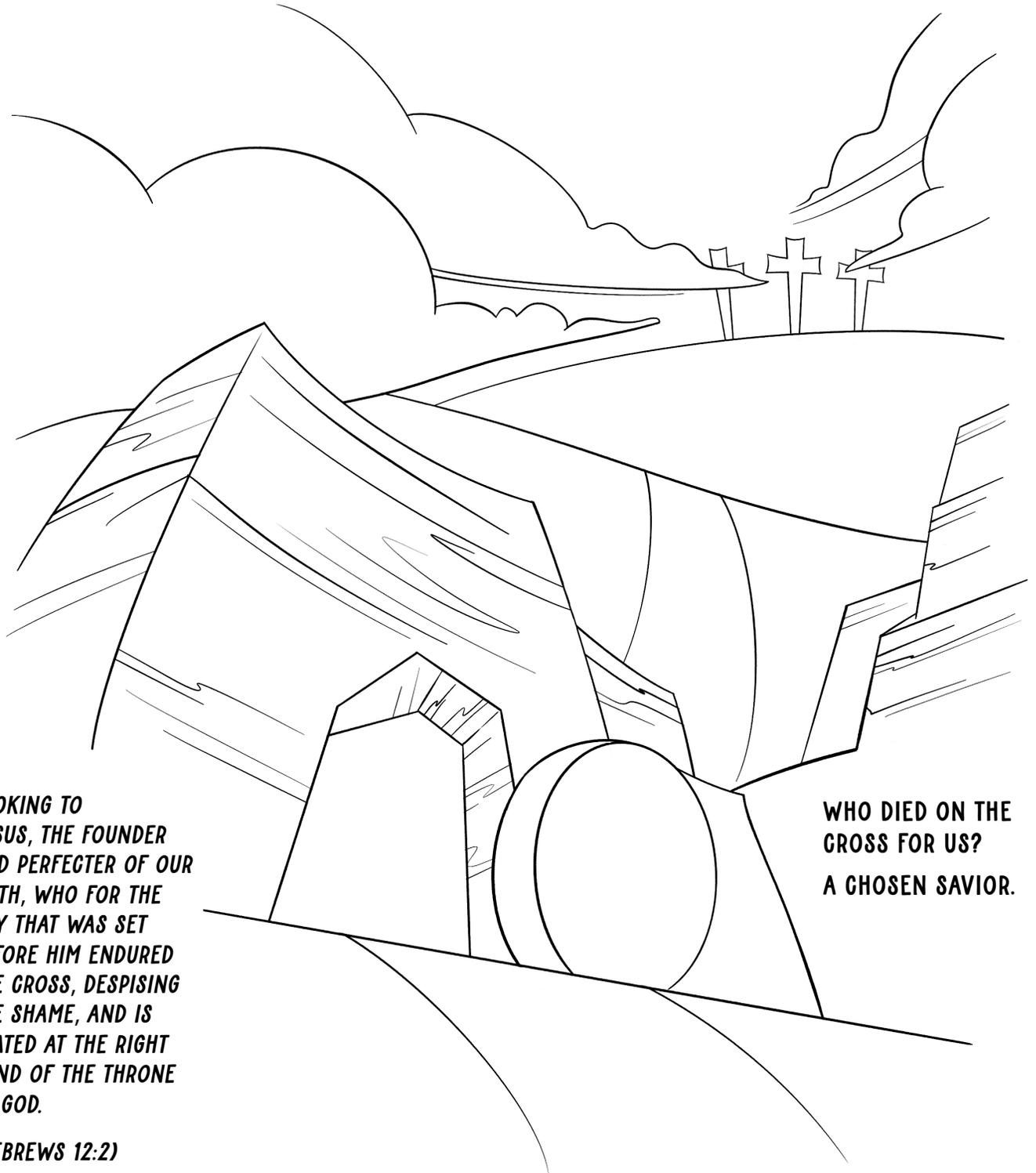
Help your child look up a recipe to make Resurrection Rolls. These yummy rolls start with a marshmallow in the center that disappears when they are baked! They remind us of how Jesus did not stay dead in His tomb; He rose from the grave!

SING



Listen to this playlist to praise God for our Savior Jesus Christ!

SCAN HERE TO LISTEN WHEREVER YOU ARE!



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NAME: _____