

Family Worship Good Friday

Read

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (John 19:28-30 ESV)

¹⁸ For you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life inherited from your fathers, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of an unblemished and spotless lamb. (1 Peter 1:18-19 CSB)

Main Idea: Jesus paid the full penalty of God's wrath in our place on the cross, redeeming us from our old and empty way of life.

Preschool: We all disobey God. This means we deserve to be punished by God! But because God loves us so much, he sent his son, Jesus! Jesus always obeyed God, and he took the full punishment in our place on the cross.

Kids: Whether it's not listening to your Mom or Dad, being mean to your friends, or telling a lie to get out of trouble, we all have not listened to God and deserve to be punished. God offers us forgiveness of all our sins because of what Jesus did on the cross. If we trust in Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection and if we make him the boss of our lives, the Bible says God will forgive us and help us to obey him more and more!

Students: Jesus paid the full price of our penalty on the cross. It is finished! We do not have to earn our way to God. Jesus made the way! We no longer have to look for satisfaction and identiy in the things of earth—popularity, success, athletics, or the fleeting pleasures of sin. Jesus has bought us back so that we may leave the emptiness of this world and have abundant life with him that endures forever.

Couples: Reflect on the cross tonight as a couple. Let it humble you and move you to forgiveness. If there is conflict in your relationship, seek reconciliation, just as Christ reconciled you to God. Christ has paid the penalty for whatever sin might have occurred, and he is moving you away from the emptiness of hard-heartedness to the abundant life of his grace and mercy.

Pray

Confess your sins to God in prayer and to one another, forgiving each other as God forgave you in Christ Jesus.

Sing

Listen to "Lamb of God" by Vertical Worship: bit.ly/MBsong1

"It was my death You died. I am raised to life. Hallelujah, the Lamb of God!"





Family Worship Holy Saturday

Read

⁴ Indeed, we groan while we are in this tent, burdened as we are, because we do not want to be unclothed but clothed, so that mortality may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now the one who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave us the Spirit as a down payment. ⁶ So we are always confident and know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord.
⁷ For we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ In fact, we are confident, and we would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ Therefore, whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to be pleasing to him. (2 Corinthians 5:4-9 CSB)

Main Idea: In this life, we expect tough times. But, whether we are in good or tough times we walk but by faith, not by sight, confident in our future hope as we seek to please the Lord each day.

Preschool: We know that if we no longer live on this earth, we can live with God in heaven. While we live on earth, we can look forward to living in heaven if we believe what the Bible says about Gods love for us and try to live a life that's pleasing to God.

Kids: Things in this life don't always go as planned. Right now, school has changed, sports have changed, activities have changed. But one thing for certain, God has not changed. He sees us and knows us and loves us. In Him, we can have total hope and peace. Tell God anything that is bothering you or causing you fear. He will always hear you and will always care!

Students: The "groaning" is felt right now for sure. This time of suffering and discomfort reminds us that this is not our home. God is working and we can trust Him! Set your hope on the future He has for us, and rest in Him today! Imagine what it will be when we finally get to see His face—I can't wait! Praise Him for the hope that He has given to us who are in Christ!!

Couples: As a family, you may be in tough times. Your retirement plans may have changed, your business may be suffering, you may be sick, you may be grieving, or you may be experiencing any number of other hardships. Whatever your situation, Holy Saturday reminds us that in our darkest days, God has not abandoned us. We have a secure hope. Sunday came for Jesus. Sunday is coming for all those in Christ! Remind one another of the hope you have and present your needs to God in prayer.

Pray

Ask your family to share what is burdening them, and carry your family's burdens to Christ. Ask the Spirit to help you walk by faith, not sight, and to live in a manner pleasing to the Lord.

Sing

Listen to "Is He Worthy" by Andrew Peterson: bit.ly/MBsong2

"Is all creation groaning? (It is) Is a new creation coming? (It is)"





Easter Morning

Good News

Have a child or family member read the following passage at breakfast or before the live stream worship service.

¹ On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came to the tomb, bringing the spices they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb. ³ They went in but did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men stood by them in dazzling clothes. ⁵ So the women were terrified and bowed down to the ground.

"Why are you looking for the living among the dead?" asked the men. ⁶ "He is not here, but he has risen!

(Luke 24:1-6 CSB)



Easter Lunch

A Greater Feast to Come

Read the following passage before lunch and pray.

(If you are eating with unbelieving family members, this is an opportunity to briefly highlight the good news of Christ.)

⁶ Then I heard something like the voice of a vast multitude, like the sound of cascading waters, and like the rumbling of loud thunder, saying, Hallelujah, because our Lord God, the Almighty, reigns! ⁷ Let us be glad, rejoice, and give him glory, because the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has prepared herself. ⁸ She was given fine linen to wear, bright and pure. For the fine linen represents the righteous acts of the saints. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Write: Blessed are those invited to the marriage feast of the Lamb!" He also said to me, "These words of God are true." (Revelation 19:6-9 CSB)

Father,

Thank you for this food you have provided for us. We long for the day where we will break bread and drink from the cup in your presence with our Lord, Jesus Christ. May this food you have blessed us with remind us of your goodness and grace in these times.

Amen.





Family Worship Easter

Read

Death has been swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵ Where, death, is your victory? Where, death, is your sting?

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! ⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:54b-58 CSB)

Main Idea: The resurrection changes everything. Death and sin have been defeated, and by God's grace, the victory has been shared with us through Christ. We now live radically different because of the hope we have in Jesus.

Preschool: God loves us so much that He sent Jesus to die on the cross and rise from the grave so that we might be forgiven and receive everlasting life. When we believe God's good news, he makes us strong, so we can stand firm when life gets tough.

Kids: You know one thing that everybody has in common? We all like to win! On Easter morning, Jesus won the greatest victory ever! He defeated death and the grave! And if we have a relationship with Jesus, then we, too, are winners. Isn't that wonderful!

Students: The perfect love of Christ destroys any reason we have to fear. The power of sin and the sting of death has been wiped away and He lives in victory! Followers of Christ now have the freedom to run the race God has for us with everything in us. No Retreats, No Reserves, No Regrets!

Couples: We have been set free from the fear of death and judgment. Discuss together where your confidence or effort is waning, and encourage one another to action with this passage. Your endurance in the trial and the labor is not in vain!

Pray

Go around encourage each family member to thank God for one thing in prayer. Keep going around until it falls silent, and wrap up the prayer praising God for the victory given to us in Christ.

Sing

Listen to "Psalm 34" by Brooklyn Tabernacle: bit.ly/MBsong3

"This poor man cried, and the Lord heard me And saved me from my enemies! The Son of God surrounds His saints. He will deliver them. He will deliver them!"

