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A Parent Resource from the Children's Ministry of Faith Bible Church, DeSoto, TX

Holy Week Services April 2014
Palm Sunday: Apr. 13, 9am & 10:30am
Good Friday: Apr. 18, 7pm
Easter Sunday: Apr. 20, 9am & 10:30am

A Meaningful Holy Week

Here are a few suggestions:

1. Make sure to prioritize attending church as a family during Holy Week. Kids can appreciate and better grasp the story of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, to His resurrection on Easter Sunday, if they participate in the special services.
2. Read the Bible together as a family. The foundation of the Christian faith is built on the events that took place Good Friday and Easter Sunday over 2,000 years ago. Take time during Holy Week to read the biblical accounts of what happened on these important days. Mark 14:12-26 (Last

Supper), John 18 (Jesus arrested) Matthew 27: 32-66 (the crucifixion and burial of Jesus), and I Peter 1:3-5.

3. Explain why Christ had to die. We all are sinners, and young children need to know that Christ took the punishment for their sins. Use age-appropriate language to explain what happened, but kids need facts. Don't sugarcoat a child's sin or Christ's death.



4. Teach Bible truths in the kitchen. Make Resurrection Cookies. Each step connects with an aspect of the Easter story. Make them the night before Easter because they turn into "empty tombs" on Easter morning. (See page 2 for the recipe.) Dyeing eggs can also be a teaching moment. Explain that the eggs are the promise of new life just as Jesus' death and resurrection has promised us new and eternal life.
5. Reach out as a family. Many people truly do not understand what Easter is all about. Work with your kids to make a treat to share with a neighbor or someone living alone.

Upcoming Events

Can't wait for summer?

Neither can we. Join us!

Summer Camps 2014

Faith Adventure Camps:
June 16-19, June 30-July 2,
and July 14-15

NEW!

Lil' Kids Camp: June 9-10

Evening Camp: July 17-18

Soccer Camp: June 11-13

Basketball Camp: June 23-27

Details & pricing at:
FaithBible.com

VBS! July 7-11, 9am-noon
Wilderness Escape
Where God Guides & Provides

FBC Kids

Ultimate Adventure

Sundays, 9am

In The GOSPEL PROJECT we will finish with Daniel, then begin a close study of the Easter Story. God's plan for redemption is fulfilled through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Children's Church

Sundays, 10:30am

In April, we will learn about the Triumphal Entry and events and messages of Jesus during Passion Week, leading to the Cross, as recorded in Matthew's Gospel.

Lil' FBC Kids

Nursery & Pre-K

Available during all weekend services including Easter weekend

mainly music

Mondays, 9:20-10:30am

Mother's Day Out

Tu &/or Th, 9-2:30pm
Info at 972-223-0000 x136

Phase II: Landscape Remodel and Preschool Playground Project. Plans are in the works for a new outdoor preschool play area with beautiful landscaping and hard scape. Please pray and consider giving to this need.

Awana

Sundays, 4:30-6:30pm

Remaining Bible Quizzing Practices:

Mar. 30 & Apr. 6
3:30-4:15pm, FLC 120

Bible Quizzing:

Morning of April 12
Countryside Bible Church
Southlake, TX

Don't forget!

No Awana Easter Sunday

Be sure to encourage your Clubber to finish well.

Book Completers Party

April 27

Closing Program

May 4

Resurrection Cookies

(Easter Story Meringues)

To be made the evening before Easter.

You need:

1 c. whole pecans (or chocolate chips)

1 tsp. vinegar

3 egg whites

pinch of salt

1 c. sugar

resealable plastic bag

parchment or wax paper

wooden spoon

tape

Bible

Preheat oven to 300 F.

Place pecans in the bag and let children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested He was beaten by the Roman Soldiers. **Read John 19:1-3**

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp. vinegar into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross He was given vinegar to drink. **Read John 19:28-30**

Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life. **Read John 10:10-11**

Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers and the bitterness of our own sin. **Read Luke 23:27**

So far the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1c. sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him. **Read Ps.34:8 & John 3:16**

Beat with a mixer on high speed for 5 to 7 minutes or until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. **Read Isaiah 1:18 & John 3:1-3**

Fold in broken nuts (or chocolate chips). Drop by big spoonfuls onto parchment or wax paper covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. **Read Matt 27:57-60**

Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF. Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed **Read Matt 27:65-66**

GO TO BED! Explain that they may feel sad to leave the meringue cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. **Read John 16:20 & 22**

On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a meringue. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. They are hollow. On the first, Easter Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. **Read Matt 28:1-9**

He is risen. He is risen indeed!