Hello Second and Third Grade Parents!

HAPPY EASTER! I'm so thankful we worship a RISEN SAVIOR! Be sure to check out Easter Jam family experience for Easter.

I miss the kiddos so much. I'd love to connect with them through some videos or pics - maybe doing activities, acting goofy, studying or praying. It would be a blessing for me to see their mugs! Check out our new Facebook page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/hckidsfbpage/">https://www.facebook.com/hckidsfbpage/</a>

Here are some At Home Activity *suggestions* for you to do with your child(ren). Everyone is different, so feel free to pick any or all of these ideas to fit the needs and desires of your family. If you are unable to print these pages, just use the substitute non-print ideas. ie: draw a picture instead of color the one provided. You can also find a simplified version of the lesson on the website called "K3 Parent Guide"

Praying you all are well and safe during our time apart! Lisa Osborne

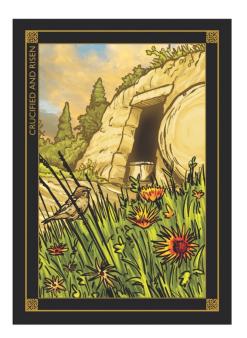
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(John 16, Matthew 26)



### **BOTTOM LINE**



YOUR CHILD WILL EARN 1 POINT TO SPEND AT THE STORE

For EACH COMPLETED ACTIVITY

AND 5 POINTS FOR A COMPLETED "GOD TIME"

"PLEASE EMAIL ME POINTS EARNED EACH WEEK

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### 1. WATCH VIDEOS (link is on the church website)

## Story Review

- Guide the conversation to include the following story connections by asking . . .
  - o What does a (red) remind you of?
    - (God loved us and sent Jesus to save us; Jesus died on the cross and shed His blood as a sacrifice for our sin.)
  - o What does a (white) remind you of?
    - (Jesus' body was wrapped in strips of cloth before He was placed in the tomb; Our sin is forgiven and our hearts are made clean when we put our faith in Jesus.)
  - o What does a (dark/grey/black) remind you of?
    - (Jesus was buried in a dark tomb or cave that was sealed tightly with a huge stone; our sin like a dark, dirty stain on our heart keeps us out of heaven unless we ask God to forgive us)
  - o What does a (yellow) remind you of?
    - (an angel appeared at the tomb and told Jesus' friends that He was no longer dead but had risen; darkness and sadness turned to sunshine and joy when Jesus came back to life)

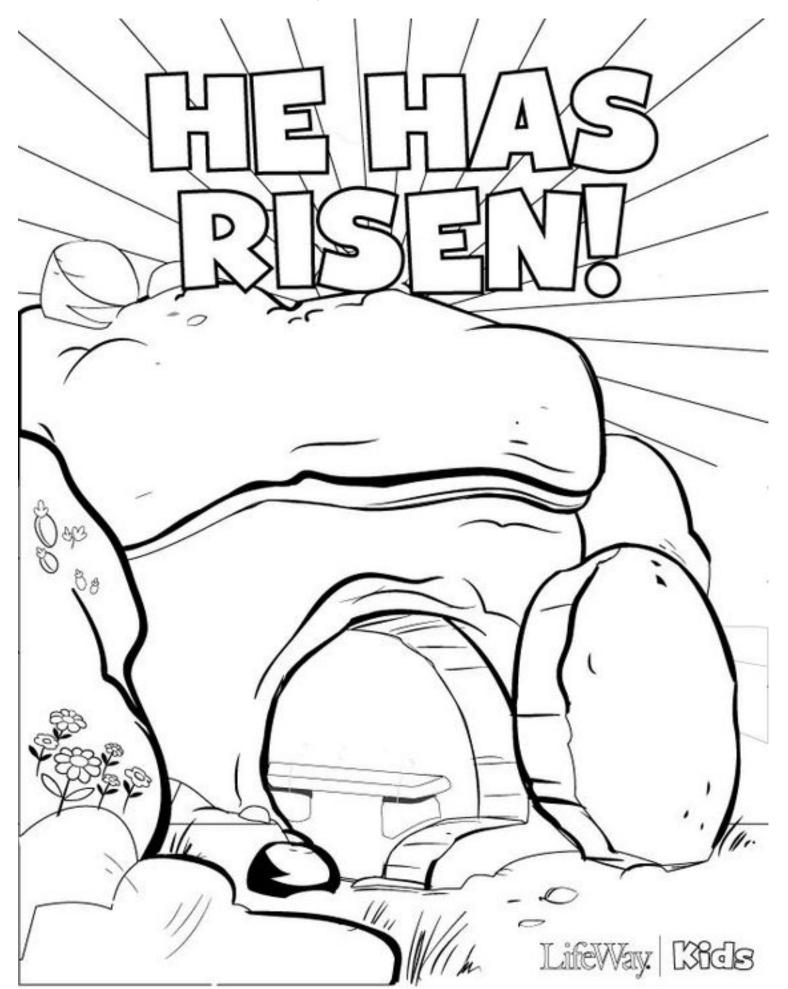
# Life Application:

#### What You Say:

**[Bottom Line]** "Jesus put us first and turned the whole world upside down on Easter. Ever since sin came in the world with Adam and Eve, we have had a huge problem we couldn't fix on our own. God's love for us didn't stop even though we have broken all of His rules. He made a way for our sin to be forgiven. He made a way for us to have a relationship with Him. He sent Jesus. Today we celebrate God's gift of a Savior."

[Make It Personal] (If you haven't already, share your faith story with your kid(s). When did you first hear that Jesus died for you? How did you come to put your faith in Christ?)

2. COLOR BIBLE STORY PICTURE and/or DRAW A PICTURE OF THE STORY

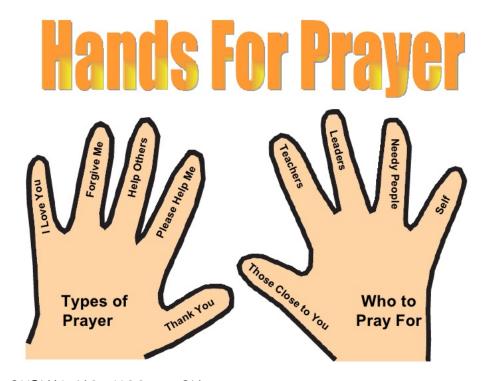


3. MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY: Draw Easter Eggs and write a word or phrase of Philippians 2:3 on each egg. Cut out eggs. Hide them and then hunt for them and put them in the correct order.

### 4. JOURNAL ENTRY

**IDEAS:** 

USE THIS TEMPLATE TO WRITE PRAYERS TO GOD



#### OTHER JOURNALING SUGGESTIONS:

- WRITE OR DRAW ABOUT THE BIBLE STORY
- WRITE A PRAYER ABOUT THE BOTTOM LINE

### 5. PRAYER IDEA/Also see SALVATION PARENT CONVERSATION ON NEXT PAGE

"Dear God, we are so grateful that **[Bottom Line]** Jesus put us first. We celebrate Easter because we know that Jesus is alive. Thank you for the gift of a Savior who died in our place so that we could live forever with You in heaven. Amen."

6. GOD TIME - TO REINFORCE THE LESSON THROUGHOUT THE WEEK - SEE LAST 2 PAGES

# SALVATION

# PARENT CONVERSATION GUIDE ... for kids

This is an exciting time in a kid's life. They're starting to ask questions about their faith. They're wondering about God and His love for them. They may be asking a lot of questions about Jesus—questions that you may struggle with yourself, or questions that may not have a simple answer. But that's okay. This is a starting point for your kid to begin a life-long conversation about faith. That's why we want you to "Start Here" with John 3:16. It lays the foundation for God's love for us that sent Jesus to be our Savior.

"For God so LOVED the world that he GAVE his one and only Son. Anyone who BELIEVES in him will not die but will have eternal life" (John 3:16 NIrV).

# WHAT TO SAY

#### 1. GOD LOVED

- God loved you before you were even born. He created you in His image. And He loves you right now.
- But there is something that separates us from Him, something that keeps us from being with Him forever. It's called sin. It's the stuff we do wrong. Sin keeps us from living out the story that God wants for us.
- And on our own, we can't do anything about this. We need God to step in and help. But because God loved us, He made a way for all of us to live with Him forever.

#### ASK . . .

What is sin? Have you ever sinned? When? What is the problem with sin?

#### 2. GOD GAVE

- God gave the most important, valuable, and perfect thing He had for you. He knew that our sin would keep us from living with Him forever.
- We're apart from God and would stay that way, but because God loved us, He gave His son to fix that relationship. Jesus came to make a way for you to be in God's story.
- And Jesus gave up His life on the cross to pay for our sin. Three days later, Jesus rose from the dead! His resurrection defeated death and makes a relationship with God possible again.

### ASK . . .

What did God give us? Why did God give this gift? What did Jesus do for us?

#### 3. WHOEVER BELIEVES IN JESUS

- When you receive a gift what do you do? You open it. God said you could open His gift by believing.
- Believing simply means to trust.
   It's a lot like sitting in a chair. When you sit in a chair, you put all your weight in it. You trust that it will hold you up. That's what it's like to believe in or to trust in this gift.
- To open the gift that God gave you, you trust Jesus with your whole life and rest in the fact that He died and rose again for you.

#### ASK..

How can you take part in God's Big Story? What does it mean to trust in something? How do you know God loves you?

### WHAT NOT TO SAY

# 1. "INVITE JESUS IN YOUR HEART ..."

For kids, the phrase "inviting Jesus into my heart" can be confusing. They're such concrete thinkers that it can worry them to think that someone is living inside their actual heart.

# 2. "YOU HAVE TO PRAY LIKE THIS ..."

Kids are going to express their faith with how they understand it at their age. Don't get hung up on the "right words" but rather the heart with which they pray.

#### 3. MADE UP ANSWERS

Don't make up answers to questions you don't know yourself. "I don't know" is a legitimate answer to questions your kid has about faith. There's so much that we don't understand about how God works and how the Holy Spirit enters our life. And that's okay.









Putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve





# Read Mark 10:45

DAY 1

Imagine the wealthiest king, sitting on a tall throne, crowned with jewels, surrounded by servants bowing down at his feet. What might happen if that king stepped down from the throne, took off his royal robe and jewel covered crown, and lined up with the servants instead?

That's what Jesus did. He left the beauty and perfection of heaven behind to become like a servant. Jesus chose to enter our world as one of us, completely human, able to feel and experience all the things we experience so that we could know Him. Jesus chose to put you first.

Grab a piece of paper and draw a picture the night Jesus was born. Think about how Jesus left heaven for you, in order to put you first. Underneath your drawing write the words "Jesus put me first."

Spend some time today thanking Jesus for choosing to leave heaven and come to earth so that He could put you first. Ask Him to help you follow Him this week as you choose to put others first, too.



# Read Matthew 11:29-30

DAY 2

Do you know what the word "pride" means? Pride says, "Look at me, I'm awesome. Everything I do is awesome. And you will be awesome too if you hang out around me."

That's the opposite of how Jesus acted while on earth. Instead of showing off who He was (the SON of God!) or what He could do (like healing the sick or giving sight to the blind), Jesus was humble. He was the most important person in every room He ever entered and yet He never asked for special treatment.

Following Jesus means that we do our best to act and live the way He did. Instead of constantly trying to get what we think we deserve, Jesus followers should be flipping that idea to give others what they deserve. Jesus put us first. And when we follow Him, we can do the same for others.

Grab some friends and play a game of follow the leader. Make sure you are never the leader, always the follower.

Thank God for sending His only Son, Jesus, to show us how to live. Ask Him to help you put others first, just as Jesus did.

# Read 2 Corinthians 8:9

DAY 3

Fill in the blanks below (according to today's verse.)

Jesus became poor to\_\_\_\_\_you.

Because he became poor, you can become\_\_\_\_\_

Jesus was rich in every way. But still He chose to leave heaven behind, to enter into our sinful, imperfect world. Jesus chose to come to earth as a baby, grow up to heal and help and serve others and then to give His life on the cross so that everyone who believes in Him could be forgiven.

Jesus became poor to help us. Not so that we could become millionaires in this life, but so that we could join Him in eternity one day and share in the riches of His love. Jesus came to show us that we are accepted and loved more than we could ever imagine.

This week, whenever you see a coin or a dollar bill, take a second to thank God for sending Jesus to put you first, so that you could become rich by knowing Him.



# Read Hebrews 12:2

DAY 4

Over two thousand years ago, Jesus suffered and died the worst kind of death. But that terrible Friday that Jesus died isn't the end of the story. Because on Sunday, when Jesus' friends went to the tomb, it was empty! The grave couldn't hold Jesus—He's alive!

That's why Easter is the best day ever. Jesus knew while He was on the cross that Sunday was coming. He suffered because of the joy He was looking forward to! If there were no Easter, no resurrection, then Jesus wouldn't be worth following. But because Jesus faced death and beat it, because He is alive, Jesus is worthy of all of our worship and honor and praise!

Grab six plastic Easter eggs. Write out each sentence of the verse onto a strip of paper, fold it up, and place one inside each egg. Ask a sibling or parent to hide the eggs. Search to find them then put all the sentences in order. Read the verse with your sibling or parent. Then spend some time thanking Jesus for what Easter really means.



**JESUS PUT** 

US FIRST.







