

WEEK 2 – APRIL 12, 2020

Hello Fourth and Fifth 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: <https://www.facebook.com/hckidsfbpage/>

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 "4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Parent Guide"

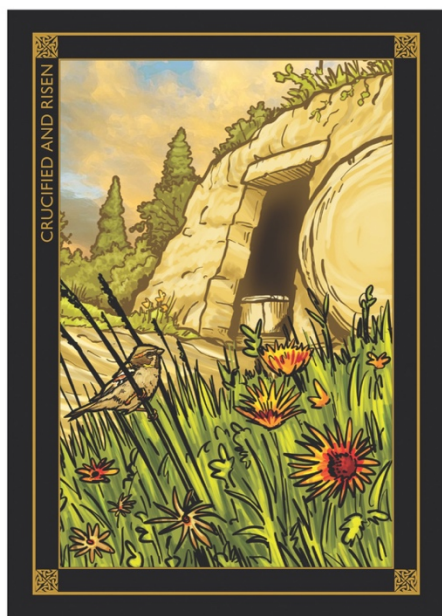
Praying you all are well and safe during our time apart!

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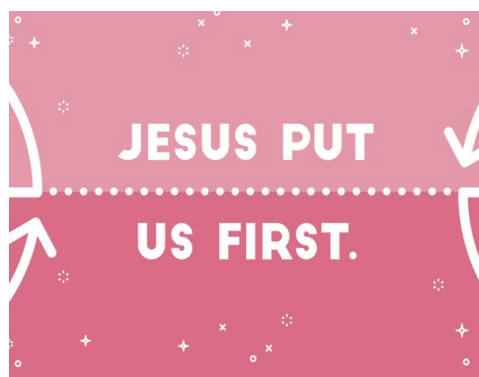
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**BIBLE STORY** *John 18:12-20:23*  
*(John 16 and Matthew 26)*



**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)

### Conversation Suggestions:

#### Ask:

- How did Jesus put His enemies first?
- How did Jesus put you first?
- Why do you think Jesus put us first?
- What does it look like to follow Jesus?
- So, what does Easter mean to you? If you've heard the Easter story lots of times already, what's something that stuck out to you today in particular? Is there anything you heard that you hadn't really thought about yet?
- And if you've never really heard the story, what's something you want to know more about?

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

# HE HAS RISEN!



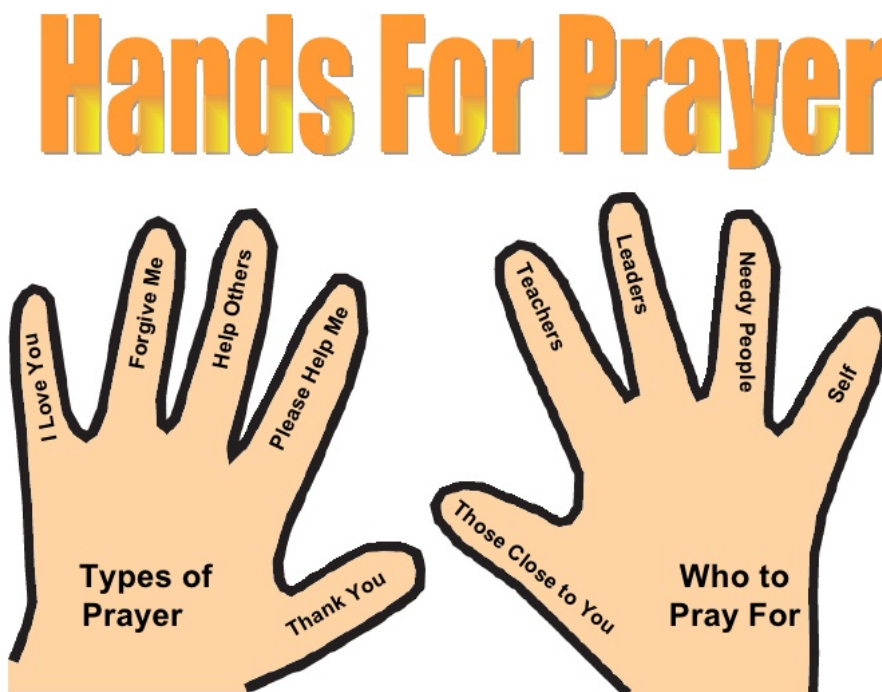
### 3. RELATED BIBLE STUDY (NEED DICTIONARY AS WELL)

- **Look up** the following verses: *Philippians 2:3*, *Luke 14:11*, *James 4:10*, *1 Peter 5:6*, and read them aloud.
- **Compare and contrast** the verses:
  - Where do the verses match up or say the same thing?
  - Where do the verses have their own wording or ideas?
- **Help them** to analyze (don't do it for them) and write out the phrases from the verses into one of two columns: SAME and DIFFERENT
- **Ask:**
  - How is Jesus an example of these verses?
    - (He put others first when he died on the cross for us all.)
  - Does any of this change what Easter means to you?

### 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
- WRITE A PRAYER FOR SOMEONE ELSE – ONE OF THE BEST WAYS WE CAN PUT OTHERS FIRST AND VALUE THEM IS BY PRAYING FOR THEM.
- WRITE A PRAYER ASKING GOD TO HELP THEM FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE BY PUTTING OTHERS FIRST.

**5. FAMILY PRAYER IDEA/ALSO SEE "SALVATION: PARENT CONVERSATION GUIDE" ON THE NEXT PAGE**

"God, we can't even begin to thank You for how You put us first. Thank You for the gift of Your Son, who came to pay the price for the sins of all humanity. Thank You that You loved us so much that You made a way for us to have a relationship with You forever. You know where each of us is in our faith journey today. Please guide us as we continue to learn more about You and how Jesus put us first. Thank You for today and the freedom we have to celebrate Easter and the resurrection of our Savior."

**6. GOD TIME – TO REINFORCE THE LESSON THROUGHOUT THE WEEK – SEE LAST TWO 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.



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## day 5

**What does Easter mean to you? For some people it means chocolate or egg hunts. But Easter is much more than those things!**

Ask a parent if you can have an egg from the fridge. Hold it in your hand and try to eat it. Just kidding! You can't eat it until you do something really important—you have to crack the shell to get to the egg (and then you have to cook it, of course). But to get to the good stuff, you have to break the egg and pour it out.

Because Jesus died and rose again, we can have a relationship with God that lasts forever! But we can't miss the fact that the very act that gave us eternal life meant that Jesus had to give up His role as king and humble Himself to die on the cross. Humility requires sacrifice— like pouring yourself out for someone else. But when you are willing to be broken and to pour yourself out, you'll be living like Jesus did!

## day 1

Go to [Studio252.tv](http://Studio252.tv) and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show. (Click on Fun2Watch! then The So & So Show.)

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

## SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that . . .

1) YOU LIKED: \_\_\_\_\_

2) YOU LEARNED: \_\_\_\_\_

3) YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW: \_\_\_\_\_



## day 2

Read John 18:37; 19:28-30; 20:1-9, 18-23

After you've read the verses listed above, unscramble the words below.

1. Jesus was born to be a witness to the RUTHT
2. Jesus' last words were, "It is SIFNIDHE."
3. Mary saw the OENST had been ERLLO away.
4. The disciples didn't understand that Jesus had to RSEI from the ADDE.
5. Jesus said that God had ETNS Him to VFGEOR sins.

When Jesus said, "It is finished," He meant that His job was done. He came to earth to die on the cross so we could be forgiven of our sins and have a relationship with God forever. He gave up His life so we could have eternal life!

## day 3

God promised a Savior, and He made good on that promise, even though it meant giving up His only Son. And then His Son gave up His own life. Talk about putting others first!

You likely have some others in your life who have also given up something and put you first. Take a minute to pray a prayer of gratitude for some of the amazing examples of humility you have in your life.

"Dear God, thank You for giving up Your only Son so that we could have a Savior. Jesus didn't have to die, but because He loved us so much that He gave up everything He had for us. I am thankful. I am also thankful for \_\_\_\_\_. It made me feel \_\_\_\_\_. Help me to follow after the example You and Jesus and \_\_\_\_\_ have set for me and put others first by giving up what I think I deserve. In Jesus' Name, I pray, amen."

## day 4

If it's possible, find the person who you prayed a prayer of gratitude

for yesterday. Give them a call or email, and share with them what their act of humility meant to you. Ask them if it was hard for them to give something up for you, and how they managed to do it anyway.

If you aren't able to reach that person—or after you have—pay the

act of humility forward and share something you received this Easter with someone else. Maybe it's a chocolate egg or some Easter stickers or something cool from your Easter basket that you could share with someone else. Be sure and tell them why you're doing it—that you have had lots of people, including Jesus, put you first, and you're doing the same!