

The graceKIDS! Elementary Journal has moved to digital!

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E L E M E N T A R Y

"What is love? It is not that we loved God. It is that He loved us and He sent His Son to give His life to pay for our sins."

1 John 4:10 NIV

WEEK 1:

JESUS IN THE GARDEN
Matthew 26:36-46

BOTTOM LINE:

Jesus is our strength

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WEEK 3:

EASTER
Luke 23-24

BOTTOM LINE:

Jesus us ALIVE!

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WEEK 2:

JESUS' ARREST, TRIAL, AND CRUCIFIXION
Luke 22:39-71; 23:1-26, 34-36, 44-49

BOTTOM LINE:

Jesus paid the price for my sin

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WEEK 4:

ROAD TO EMMAUS
Luke 24:13-35

BOTTOM LINE:

God's plan is bigger than what we see

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BED TIME:

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Read Matthew 26:36-46 with your child. Talk about how it was hard for the disciples to stay awake when Jesus asked them to pray. Ask your child if there are any areas that they are struggling to follow Christ. Pray about those together before going to bed.

HANG TIME:

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Do Easter Box activities with your child.

HANG TIME:

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Make Resurrection Rolls with your child. Instructions and supplies are provided in your Easter Box.

MEAL TIME:

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Talk about the Bible Story with your family over a meal. As parents/guardians, share a story of a time that God's plan was bigger than yours. Share how you felt and how God provided.

PARENT TIME:

What Easter is about?

Easter is about a lot of things. First of all, it's about Jesus keeping His promises. He told the disciples He would leave and then come back, and when Peter and John and Mary went to the tomb and saw it was empty, and then saw Jesus alive, they knew Jesus could be trusted. He did what He said He was going to do. So anything Jesus says, we can trust. That He will be with us, that good always wins, that we have nothing to fear. Trust, trust, trust. True, true, true.

Easter also shows how patient Jesus is. He had told everyone what would happen, and when it did, He wasn't mad they didn't believe. He didn't say, "Ugh! Why don't you listen to me?!" No, He met his friends in a garden and then again in a crowded room, and then again on a beach. And while they just tried to make sense of what happened, He smiled and stayed close and cooked them breakfast. He was so patient with them. He is so patient with us.

Finally, Easter reminds us that something good can always come out of something bad. See, Jesus told us life would be hard. That bad things would happen. That things that don't make any sense would confuse us and make us wonder about God and if He is really as good as we want Him to be. We can count on life being difficult.

But Easter is all about something being more true than life just being hard. Easter is about something new and something good happening in something old and something bad.

As parents it can be really easy to get discouraged in a tough season with our kids. It can feel like it can never end and things will never get better. But Easter is the reminder that no season lasts forever and to hang on. The story will get better.

It's like a new flower poking through the dirt after a long and cold winter.

It's like a new baby smiling at his mama and daddy, after a long night of crying and no sleep.

It's like the first day of summer vacation after a long year of getting up early for school.

That's Easter. (Except about a million times better!) The moment something really good arrives after something really hard. When life conquers death!

PRIZE STICKERS:

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