

At Home Lesson – Jesus Death and Resurrection

Bible Story: Jesus Prays, is Arrested, Crucified and Risen • *John 18:12–20:23 (Supporting: John 16, Matthew 26; Luke 22:39-46)*

Bottom Line: Jesus put us first.

Memory Verse: “Don’t do anything only to get ahead. Don’t do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves.” Philippians 2:3, NIV

Life App: Humility — Putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve

Watch the complementary video together as a family. (Link Below Lesson)

1. Video and Teaching

What You Do: Play video

What You Say: “When Jesus died on the cross, it seemed that something really bad had happened. But when God sent Jesus to die on the cross, He had something really good in mind—something better than ANYONE could ever imagine. God sent Jesus to die on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven! What is sin? (*Pause.*) Yes, sin is when we do or say or think things that are wrong. But God is perfect and doesn’t do anything wrong, and that separates us from Him. God doesn’t want to be far from us, so God did something amazing: He sent Jesus, His one and only Son, to die on the cross to pay for ALL of our sins so that we can live forever with Him! (*Open the Bible to John 3:16.*) “The Bible says: *God so loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life (NIV).* **Briefly share your own salvation story in a kid-appropriate way.**” “It’s okay if you don’t understand all of this yet. But if you have any questions, you can talk to me or any of the leaders at church. We’ll be very happy to help you understand as much as you can! Just remember: **Jesus put us first**, and Jesus put you first!”

2. You First! - A fun activity you could do as a family to support today’s Bible story lesson.

What You Need: Plastic Easter eggs (if you do not have Easter eggs available you could use balls, cotton balls, stuffed animals, get creative!), masking tape or painters’ tape (if you do this activity inside), rope (if you choose to do this activity outside), timer/watch/clock on your phone. This activity could be done in a family room or outside weather permitting.

What You Do:

- Use the tape or rope to divide your playing area in half.
- Divide your family into two teams. Lead teams to stand on opposite sides of the playing area, with each team being an equal distance from the dividing line. For small families, each family member could be their own team.
- Scatter the plastic eggs near the line.
- At your signal, give the teams 30 to 45 seconds to move the eggs across the dividing line and onto the other team’s side.
- Add fun, variety, challenge, and safety by allowing family members to only move the eggs by:
 - Flicking them with their fingers
 - Putting them (golf style) with their elbows
 - Kicking them with their knees
- The winning team is the one with the fewest eggs on its side when time expires.
- Play multiple rounds as time permits.

What You Say: “In most games, the goal is to get more than your opponent—more goals, more touchdowns, more runs, more points. But God wants us to think differently. He wants us to put others first like He put US first. How did God put us first? (*He sent Jesus to live on earth, to die on the cross, be buried, and resurrected so that we can live forever with Him.*)

“Yes! The God of the universe—the One who created everything—humbled himself and put US first. He put us first so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on a cross so that our sins could be forgiven. But beyond that, He brought Jesus back to life so that if we believe in what Jesus did for us, we can live forever with Him. John 3:16 says it this way: *God loved the world so much that he gave His One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not die but will have eternal life (NIV).* So remember: **[Bottom Line] I can put others first because Jesus put me first.**”

3. Pray and Bless

What You Say and Might Pray: “Dear God, we are so grateful that **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.”

4. Weekly Family Devotional Sheet Available (link below)

- **Toddlers – Pre-K**
- **Kindergarten –5th Grade**