

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: MARCH 23-24



Bible Story: Take You at Your Word (Palm Sunday) *Matthew 21:1-11*

Big Idea: Jesus came to be our Savior.

Memory Verse: "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)

Life App: Easter – Celebrating that Jesus is alive.

Bible Story Summary:

Read and meditate on Matthew 21:1-22.

We kick off Easter week with the story of Palm Sunday as described in Matthew 21:1-11. By this time, God's people had been waiting hundreds of years for God's promised Savior. As Jesus' ministry grew, the people were starting to believe that Jesus WAS that Savior. They were sure that God's promises were finally coming true! So, when Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, just like a prophecy foretold, the people celebrated and worshiped Him. And while they might not have fully understood how Jesus was about to make peace, they could celebrate because God was faithful to send a Savior.

Jesus came to be our Savior. Jesus was more than a good teacher and miracle worker. Jesus is God's very own Son. God promised that Jesus would come and save us from the consequences of our sin. When Jesus came, He fulfilled all of the promises that God made. On top of that, Jesus is the Savior we all need to have a forever relationship with God. We pray that all kids choose to trust Jesus as their Savior this Easter season.



While you are getting ready for the day, think about all the Easter decorations you have seen lately. They are everywhere! The bunnies, the candy, the baskets, and the eggs. In all the stores, in schools, maybe even in your house! It is easy to look around and miss the real reason for Easter. This week, the Big Idea is Jesus came to be our Savior. As you go to school, are in your home, or are shopping in a store, each time you see an Easter decoration, say, "Jesus came to be our Savior!" to keep your focus on what really matters this Easter season.



DAY 1

READ *Matthew 21:1-11*

Today's verses are all about Palm Sunday! It is called Palm Sunday because the branches cut down were palm branches. Jesus fulfilled what the prophet Zechariah said would happen by riding in on a donkey and her colt. The people thought that Jesus was coming to save them from the Roman government, but Jesus was coming to be the Savior for everyone's sins, which is much greater.

This week, remember and celebrate that Jesus came to be our Savior! Maybe you can listen to some worship music, or make a sign that says, "Jesus came to be our Savior!" and hang it somewhere you will see it every day this week.

LOOK for ways to celebrate that Jesus came to be our Savior.

DAY 2

READ "The Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. We have seen it and are witnesses to it." *1 John 4:14*

Jesus came to be our Savior! When we stop and think about it, Jesus has done so much for us. With a parent, talk about some of the ways you have seen Jesus in your life and in the lives of others.

Take some time, and together, talk to God and thank Him for everything you just talked about.

It is so important to have an attitude of gratitude this Easter season and take time to remember all that Jesus has done!

REMEMBER what Jesus has done for you.

DAY 3

READ "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

God made people, and people sinned. Instead of listening to God, we decided to do things our own way. Because God loves us, Jesus came to fix that problem. God had a solution to the sin problem even while people were still messing up. God sent Jesus to pay the price for our sin so we could be forgiven. Jesus came to be our Savior!

A great way to memorize verses is by putting them to a favorite tune or song. Practice this verse by putting it to the tune of your favorite song! You can also listen to the song, "God So Loved" by We The Kingdom, the chorus has a lot of the words from this verse!

PRACTICE the memory verse to remember the reason for celebrating Easter.

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Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

parent CUE:

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Parent Cue has parenting articles, blogs, and ways you can live out your faith at home. Week by week you will be given cues so you can make the most of your time with your kids for God.



DAY 4

READ "the Son of Man came to look for the lost and save them." Luke 19:10

With your family, play 2 rounds of hide and seek now! The first round, you hide and in the second round, you seek!

What's the goal of Hide and Seek? To find all the people hiding! That's what Jesus came to do for us! Without Jesus, we are lost and our connection with God is broken. So God sent Jesus to "find" and rescue us.

You might be thinking, "What do I need to be rescued from?" The short answer is sin. Sin is anything that makes God sad. When we know what the right thing to do is and we don't do it, we sin. Our sin gets in the way of our relationship with God. Jesus' death on the cross took the punishment for sin and when He rose again, He made a way for us to be forgiven. Jesus came to be our Savior!

KNOW that Jesus came to rescue us from our sins.

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Bibles N Bucks Shopping:

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| April 6-7 | 2nd Grade |
| April 13-14 | 1st Grade |
| April 20-21 | Kindergarten |
| April 27-28 | 4th Grade |
| May 4-5 | 3rd Grade |



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