



KIDS FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE for April 17-April 23, 2022  
**Jesus' Journey: Jesus Died, Then He Rose, Now I Can Be Saved**

**FOCUS: Luke 23:44-46**

**The Crucifixion of Jesus**

"44 It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, 45 for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 46 Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last."

**BIG IDEA 1** - Here we read about the crucifixion of our savior, Jesus, who gave himself, willingly, so that you and I can be forgiven for our sins. It's important to know that Jesus didn't *have* to die if he didn't want to, he wouldn't have been beaten and mocked if he didn't allow them to, so that, we could be in Jesus' family. Jesus took the punishment we deserved so you and I could be forgiven. Imagine you did something terrible and were going to be expelled from school...But then, at the last moment, a friend of yours who has never done anything wrong steps in and takes your punishment so that you could stay... That is what Jesus did for us...

**Q1- Why did Jesus have to die for our sins? Why didn't Jesus defend himself if he did nothing wrong? How do we know what sin is? Will Jesus have to die again for our sins?**

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**FOCUS: Luke 24:5-8**

**Jesus Is Alive**

"5 In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? 6 **He is not here; he has risen!** Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" 8 Then they remembered his words."

**BIG IDEA 2** - After Jesus had been crucified, his body was put into a tomb that was in a garden. His body layed there for 3 days until, suddenly, on the 3rd day (a sunday morning) Jesus came back to life and walked out of the tomb! Jesus is bigger than sin and death! Mary (a friend of Jesus) and another woman named Mary (Jesus' mother) both came to the tomb expecting the door to be shut, but they instead found an empty tomb and two angels sitting on top the stone door. The angels asked, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? **He is not here; he has risen!**" This means Jesus is alive today!

**Q2- Why is it so important that Jesus did not stay dead but came back to life? Verse 8 tells us that the two Marys' didn't remember the words Jesus told the disciples, that he had to die; when times get hard is it difficult to remember the words of Jesus that we are to live by?**

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**FOCUS: Ephesians 1:13-14**

**When You Believe**

"13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory."

**BIG IDEA 3** - Let's breakdown this verse slowly. When you heard the story of Jesus and accepted it for yourself, you were marked with a "seal." You are not able to see this seal but it shows that you belong to God. Now, in order to prove that you belong to God, God gives us a piece of himself that lives in our heart, this is the Holy Spirit. Having God's Holy Spirit is proof that we belong to God and a remainder that he will one day return to gather his human family.

**Q3- Close your eyes and picture Jesus; where is he in your picture (earth, heaven, etc?) How does the Holy Spirit help us? Did Jesus have a different Holy Spirit than you and I do, or is it the same Holy Spirit. Explain.**

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**Family Activity: Resurrection Charades**

Charades is an easy and fun game family's can play to help teach bible stories. In this case, read Luke 23 and 24 to get the complete resurrection story and highlight certain characters in the story while you're reading. For example, Pilate, Roman guards, Mary Magdalene, Peter, etc. Ask your family to remember a few characters they want to impersonate without using words and see if the others can guess which person they are in the story.

