
Family **EASTER GUIDE**

One of the things that we are passionate about at First Baptist Church is equipping parents to lead their children to love and follow Jesus Christ. As a part of that effort, we have been encouraging families to take up the practice of Family Worship in their homes. This booklet is a resource for you to use at home in the coming week to help your entire family prepare for Easter.

You will see that each day includes a passage for you to read together, a brief commentary, a song suggestion to sing, and a reminder to guide your family prayer time. These are the basic elements of worshipping at home together. Whether you have been participating in Family Worship for some time, or are completely new to it, we pray this Easter season will be a blessing to you.

You can find more resources about Family Worship on our website at **fbcjax.com/familyworship**.

THE PLOT

READ

Mark 14:1-2, 10-11

SAY

Jesus had been speaking out boldly against the religious leaders of his day. They felt threatened by his growing popularity, and decided they needed to get rid of him. They began to scheme together about how they could seize him and kill him.

SING

“My Jesus I Love Thee”

PRAY

Close with a family prayer.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

GETHSEMANE

READ

Mark 14:32-42

SAY

Jesus knew that the time for his crucifixion was coming soon. We see in this exchange just how troubling this was for Jesus. He was “deeply grieved”. His response was to retreat to a place of prayer, and he encourages his disciples to join him in seeking help from the Father.

SING

“I Am Thine O Lord (Draw Me Nearer)”

PRAY

Close with a family prayer.

BETRAYAL AND ARREST

READ

Mark 14:43-50

SAY

It must have been sad for Jesus when he was betrayed by a kiss from one of his closest followers. Jesus was betrayed by Judas and abandoned by his other followers, but he was determined to accomplish his mission, which was to save his people.

SING

“Nothing But the Blood of Jesus”

PRAY

Close with a family prayer.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

BEFORE PILATE

READ

Mark 15:1-15

SAY

The chief priests could not execute Jesus. Pilate was the only one who could give the order to have Jesus crucified. So, they delivered Jesus over to Pilate and stirred up the crowd to ask for his crucifixion. Everything seems to be going wrong, but God is going to use all of this darkness to bring about the greatest rescue that the world has ever seen.

SING

“Tell Me the Story of Jesus”

PRAY

Close with a family prayer.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

CRUCIFIXION

READ

Mark 15:27-39

SAY

The chief priests mocked him, and it appears they have finally won. They get what they were after, and Jesus “breaths his last”. Even in this passage that seems to describe Jesus’ defeat, there is a glimmer of hope. The soldier that was closest to it all says, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

SING

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

PRAY

Close with a family prayer.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

RESURRECTION

READ

Mark 16:1-7

SAY

Finally, we see Jesus' victory! We see now that he was not overcome by the chief priests or the Roman government. He was not overcome by sin and death. He conquers all, and gives us proof that he has the power to fix everything that has been broken in the world by sin.

SING

"Victory in Jesus"

PRAY

Close with a family prayer.