

Hide and Seek Holy Week Activity Cards



Instructions

Hide and Seek Activity Cards

Parents, hide one card each day, according to its date. Have your children find the card. Read the bible passage on the back of the card together. Then, as a family, do the activity on the card. At the end of each day, string the card that you collected on the string provided to display as you continue to collect new cards throughout the week.

Supply List for the Week:

- Greenery, like a palm branch, or strips of material to wave in the air
- Craft sticks
- Permanent marker
- Paper or plastic cup
- Paper/Construction Paper
- Pencil/pen/ marker/ Crayons
- Child's scissors
- Glue
- Spices from your cabinet
- Olive oil
- Scented lotions (optional)
- Smooth white rocks (medium sized)
- Paint and brushes (optional)

Sunday

April 5th
Palm Sunday





Matthew 21:1-11

The Beginner's Gospel Story Bible
pgs. 236-241

Activity: Sing your praise!

The people in the story used what they had to prepare the way of King Jesus. Cut a branch from a tree, find a large leaf, or use a strip of material. Wave it in the air as you sing a song of praise to God. (One option is to sing along with *Hosanna Rock*, which can be found on YouTube or YouTube Kids.)

Monday

April 6th

Jesus and the Children





Matthew 19:13-15

The Beginner's Gospel Story Bible pgs. 224-229

The Jesus Storybook Bible pgs. 256-263

Activity: Count your many blessings!
Jesus blessed the children. In this activity, family members take turns sharing how God has blessed them. Keep a count of those blessings by writing each response on a separate craft stick. Keep sharing until you can't think of any more blessings or until you're out of craft sticks! Then, count your blessings by counting your craft sticks. Pray and thank God for His many blessing.

Tuesday

April 7th

Jesus was Anointed





Matthew 26:6-13

The Jesus Storybook Bible
pgs. 280-285

Activity: Serve one another!

Cut strips of paper. On each strip of paper write a 5-minute household chore. Write the words *Serve One Another* on a paper or a plastic cup. Put the strips of paper inside and let each person choose a strip to serve one another.

Wednesday

April 8th

The Last Supper





Matthew 26:17-29

The Beginner's Gospel Story Bible pgs. 242-247

The Jesus Storybook Bible
pgs. 286-293

Activity: Thank God for your food!

At mealtime, take time to share with children the reasons we thank God for our food. Look at the meal you are having. Share how the specific foods you are eating will help your body grow. Share how reading the Bible helps you grow in Christ. Ask the children to pray—thanking God for the food! Give children a large piece of paper. Let children make their own placemat by drawing, coloring, or cutting from construction paper their favorite foods to decorate their placemats.

Thursday

April 9th

Jesus Prays in the Garden





Matthew 26:36-46

The Beginner's Gospel Story Bible
pg. 248

The Jesus Storybook Bible
pgs. 294-301

Activity: Walk and Pray!

Jesus knew He was going to die on the cross for our sins. He went to the garden to pray. Write a list of groups of people to pray for—our neighbors, grandparents, newborn babies, hospital workers, people working in stores, policemen, etc. If weather permits, walk outside and pray as you walk (with your eyes open). Name the group of people and let someone pray out loud for that group. Then name the next group and continue the prayer walk.

Friday

April 10th
Jesus on the Cross





Matthew 27:32-56

The Beginner's Gospel Story Bible pgs. 249-253

The Jesus Storybook Bible
pgs. 302-307

Activity: Exchange places!

Jesus did not come down off the cross even though He did not sin. He changed places with us. This was a gift of love to us. Exchange places with someone in your family for a few minutes. Do all the things you would do as the other person. Try to say the things the other person would say. Try to act like the other person. What did you learn about the other person?

Saturday

April 11th
The Tomb of Jesus





Matthew 27:57-66

The Beginner's Gospel Story Bible
pgs. 254-255

The Jesus Storybook Bible
pgs. 308-309

Activity: Spice it up!

Jesus was placed in the tomb. Because of the Sabbath, the women would go back to the tomb with spices to take care of Jesus' body. Do a sensory activity. Let the children smell some spices. Put some olive oil in a small bowl. Let the children choose spices to put in the olive oil (no hot peppers, please). Stir the spices and wait for a few hours. Let the children rub a couple of drops of the spices onto their skin. How does it smell? (You might also let the children smell and use lotions with various scents.)

Sunday

April 12th

Jesus is Alive





Matthew 28:1-10

The Beginner's Gospel Story Bible
pgs. 256-259

The Jesus Storybook Bible
pgs. 310-317

Activity: Roll the Stone!

The women went to the tomb expecting to find Jesus there. Instead, the stone was rolled away, and Jesus was alive. Find some smooth white stones in your yard. Use a permanent marker and write *Jesus is alive!* on the stones. Let the children draw or paint signs of life on the stones. Paint things like flowers, birds, grass, bunnies, etc. Use the stones to decorate your table for the next few days.