

APRIL 3

GOOD FRIDAY AT GRACE



APRIL 5

EASTER AT GRACE

Grace Parents,

The events leading up to Jesus' death were frightening and confusing for His disciples. Judas, their friend, betrayed Jesus. Then shortly after He was arrested, beaten, and crucified. Although Jesus had told His disciples that He would die and rise again on the third day, they did not understand, and they were afraid. As you prepare for Easter Weekend, we want to share why it's important to have conversations with kids about Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. For children, it is important to acknowledge that parts of the Easter Story are scary, sad, and serious. Yes, Jesus truly suffered and died. **However, this is not the end of the story; God wasn't finished yet!**

On the third day, God kept His promise and Jesus rose from the dead! When women went to the tomb to see where Jesus was laid, they were met with surprising news: Jesus was not there. An angel told them, "Do not be afraid... He has risen, just as He said!" Though the women felt both fear and great joy, they ran to tell the disciples what they had seen, only to encounter Jesus Himself who reassured them with the words, "Do not be afraid." There is hope in the resurrection!

Through the resurrection, death was defeated. The wages of sin had been paid for. And the promise of God from the garden was kept! The snake-crusher did what we could not do, conquering sin and death forever through His life, death, and resurrection. This is the gospel in all its fullness!

As you talk with kids, here are a few reminders:

- **Emphasize God's plan.** Help them understand that Jesus' death was not a mistake, but it was part of God's loving plan to rescue His people, from the beginning. Read Genesis 3:15, the first mention of the gospel in scripture, and John 10:17-18 together!
- **Focus on the gospel.** We all deserve separation from God because of sin, but Jesus died in our place. Because He rose again, we can be forgiven and have eternal life! Use this week to explain the truths from Romans 6:23 and 10:9-11 with your kids.
- **Encourage questions and utilize scripture.** Like the disciples, children may not fully understand at first. Continue to let scripture answer their questions and show them how we learn through God's Word! Consider reading the whole account of the betrayal, crucifixion, and resurrection in Matthew 26-28 and Mark 14-16.

The message of Easter Weekend is both serious and joyful. As parents, help your kids reflect on the desperation felt on Friday, as well as rejoice in the truth and hope of Sunday! Scan the QR codes on the back for videos, discussion questions, and more all through our Gospel Project curriculum.

If you have further questions about how to have conversations with your kids about accepting Jesus, baptism, or more, please email kids@grace.church.



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