

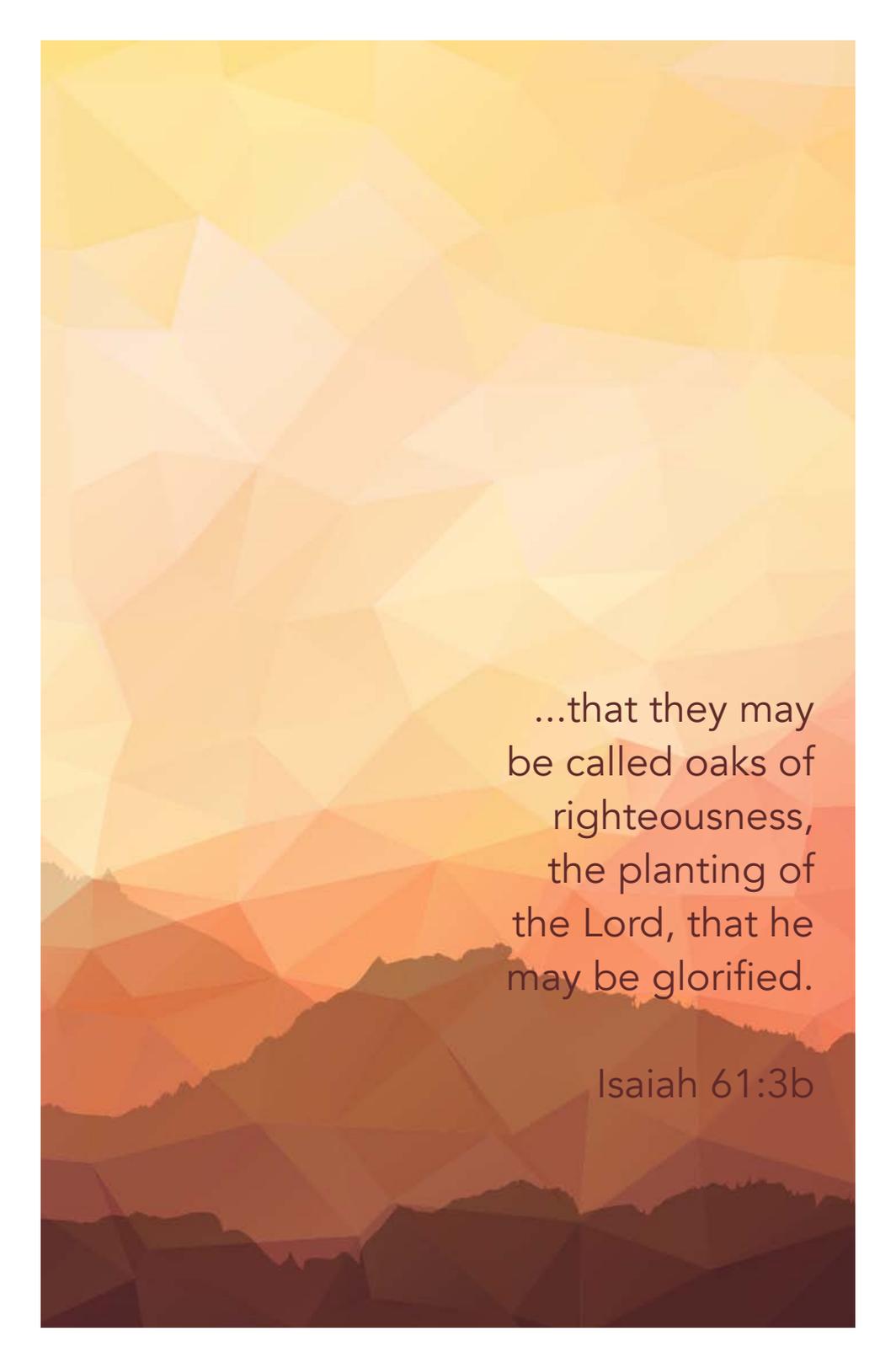


HARVEST
Kids

EASTER 2017
**WEEK OF
PRAYER**



HARVEST KIDS
PRAYER GUIDE



...that they may
be called oaks of
righteousness,
the planting of
the Lord, that he
may be glorified.

Isaiah 61:3b

DAY 1 APRIL 09 PALM SUNDAY

BIBLE READING

Mark 11:1-11

Why does this matter?

We praise Jesus because of who He is and what He has done for us! The week before Jesus died, He entered Jerusalem riding a donkey. The people waved palm branches laid their coats on the road and shouted, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!" The people were saying, "Save us, we pray!". They knew that Jesus was the King, and He could save them. Jesus is the Messiah, and would die on the cross to save the people from their sins, this was God's plan from the beginning of creation. This is called God's sovereign mercy.

Family Questions:

- How did the people praise Jesus?
- Read Psalm 118:26 and Luke 19:26, what is the phrase that is repeated in these two verses?
- Who sent Jesus to earth for us?
- What are some things you can praise Jesus for? How can you praise Him?

Prayer Points:

- Thank God for sending Jesus to save us.
- Ask God to give us hearts full of praise for Him alone.
- Thank God for the daily blessings He has given your family.

Activity:

Discuss the main points of the Bible story found in Mark 11:1-11. Next, act out the story together as a family. Finish with singing or listening to your favourite praise and worship song.

DAY 2
APRIL 10
MONDAY

BIBLE READING

Mark 11:15-19

Why does this matter?

This week we will be going through some of the events that happened the week before Jesus' death. When Jesus came to Jerusalem, He went to the temple and saw that the people had made the temple a marketplace, the people were buying and selling things in God's house. Jesus overturned tables and drove the people out. He said that the temple was to be a place of prayer. Jesus had the authority to do this because He is God's Son.

Family Questions:

- What did Jesus do in the Temple?
- Why did He do this?
- Why is worshipping God in church with other believers important?

Prayer Points:

- Pray for Pastor Kevin and the elders of our church as they teach and lead us in the ways of the Lord.
- Pray for the Harvest Kids teachers and worship leaders, that they would seek the Lord in all things.
- Pray for our church in Brantford, that we would be bold in sharing the gospel with the people around us.

Additional Prayer Points:

Activity:

Play a game of "active listening" with your kids. Read the account of Jesus clearing the temple in John 2:13-22. After you have read the story, read the following statements to your kids, if the statement was in John 3:13-22, have your kid(s) stand up, if it wasn't in the passage, have them sit down.

- Jesus didn't want the people selling things in the temple.
- Jesus obeyed His Father.
- Jesus loved the little children and told them to come to Him.
- Jesus turned the water into wine.
- Jesus told the people that He would die and be raised in 3 days.

DAY 3
APRIL 11
TUESDAY

BIBLE READING

Mark 12:28-31

Why does this matter?

The Pharisees would ask Jesus a lot of questions to try and trap Jesus, maybe they hoped that Jesus wouldn't know all the answers. But He is sovereign, and knows all things. One of the questions the Pharisees asked Jesus was, "which commandment is the most important of all?" Jesus answered them, "to love God with your whole heart, with your whole mind, and with your whole soul". He said the second greatest commandment was similar, "love your neighbour as yourself".

Family Questions:

- What does loving God with your whole heart look like?
 - Who is your neighbour?
 - What does loving your neighbour as yourself look like?
- Read Deut. 6:4-5. What do these verses say?

Prayer Points:

- Pray for your lost neighbours, friends and family members.
- Pray for the neighbourhood you live in, that God would move in might.
- Pray for our city, Brantford, for revival and that God would save the lost.

Activity:

As a family decide how you can show God's love to your neighbours. Maybe you can colour or draw a picture. Maybe you can bake cookies for them. Maybe you can buy some spring flowers like tulips from the grocery store. Then, deliver your surprise to your neighbours.

DAY 4
APRIL 12
WEDNESDAY

BIBLE READING

Mark 14:3-9

Why does this matter?

In this passage we see that Mary loved Jesus so much, that she was willing to pour all of her very expensive perfume on His feet. Many people were upset with the woman and told Jesus that she should have sold the perfume and given the money to the poor. Jesus wasn't upset, He said Mary had done a beautiful thing for Him. Mary loved Jesus and worshipped Him.

Family Questions:

- What did Mary do for Jesus?
- Why did this make some people upset?
- Mary gave Jesus her best. What can you give to Him?

Prayer Points:

- Pray that we'd always give our best to the Lord.
- Pray for Mish, our sponsor child. That she'd love Jesus with her whole heart.

Activity:

Show your kid(s) something that you value greatly. Maybe a family heirloom, or a special piece of jewellery. Tell your kid(s) that you would never consider selling this, because it is worth more to you than any amount of money that you might get if you sold it.

Ask your kid(s) to name their most prized possession. It might be a stuffed animal that you have had since you were a baby, or a favourite doll, or a ball autographed by a famous baseball player. Ask, if a friend came to visit in your home, would you give your most prized possession to that friend to show your love? That is what a woman named Mary did in our Bible story today.

DAY 5
APRIL 13
THURSDAY

BIBLE READING

Mark 14:32-42

Why does this matter?

The night before Jesus was to be killed on the cross, He went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray to His Father. He asked for God's will to be done, not His own. Jesus had some of His disciples with Him. He asked them to stay awake and look out for any trouble, but the disciples kept falling asleep. When Jesus finished praying, a mob of angry men found Jesus in the garden. Then Judas, one of His disciples, betrayed Jesus, and Jesus was arrested. It was part of God's sovereign plan for Jesus to be arrested and put to death. Even though this is sad, Jesus came to die for our sins because He loves us so very much.

Family Questions:

- What did Jesus pray for?
- Discuss what "your will be done, not mine" means.
- What can we pray to God for? What can you praise Him for?
- Read Hebrews 4:16. What does this verse promise?

Prayer Points:

- Thank God that you can draw near to Him, and that He gives us
- His grace and mercy.
- Pray that you would want God's will to be done, and not your own. Pray the Lord's prayer together. It's found in Matthew 6:9-13.

Additional Prayer Points:

Activity:

Teach your kid(s) the Five Finger Prayer, hold up your hand and point to each finger as you explain what each finger stands for:

- **Thumb (people who are close to you)** These are your close friends and family, often the first you think about when you pray. Give thanks to God and ask his protection on your parents, siblings, friends, and classmates.
- **Pointer (people who point the way)** These are leaders in your life, such as teachers and pastors. Offer God your thanksgiving for them and ask him to help them in their important work.
- **Tall Finger (people in authority)** The big people in the world need prayer too. Ask God to give wisdom to our government, military, and police.
- **Ring Finger (people who are weak)** This is your weakest finger. We should remember others who are sick, live in poverty, or are treated badly. Pray that Jesus would give them new strength.
- **Little Finger (your own needs)** God wants to hear your needs too, especially when you put others first. Pray for your own growth and needs.

DAY 6 APRIL 14 GOOD FRIDAY

BIBLE READING

Mark 15:21-41

Why does this matter?

God's plan from the very beginning of time was to send Jesus to save us from our sins. You see, we can't save ourselves; nothing we do is enough to save ourselves. Good Friday is a **good** day because it's the day that Jesus, a perfect sacrifice, died on the cross and took all of our sin upon Himself. But Jesus didn't stay dead, oh no, Sunday is coming!!

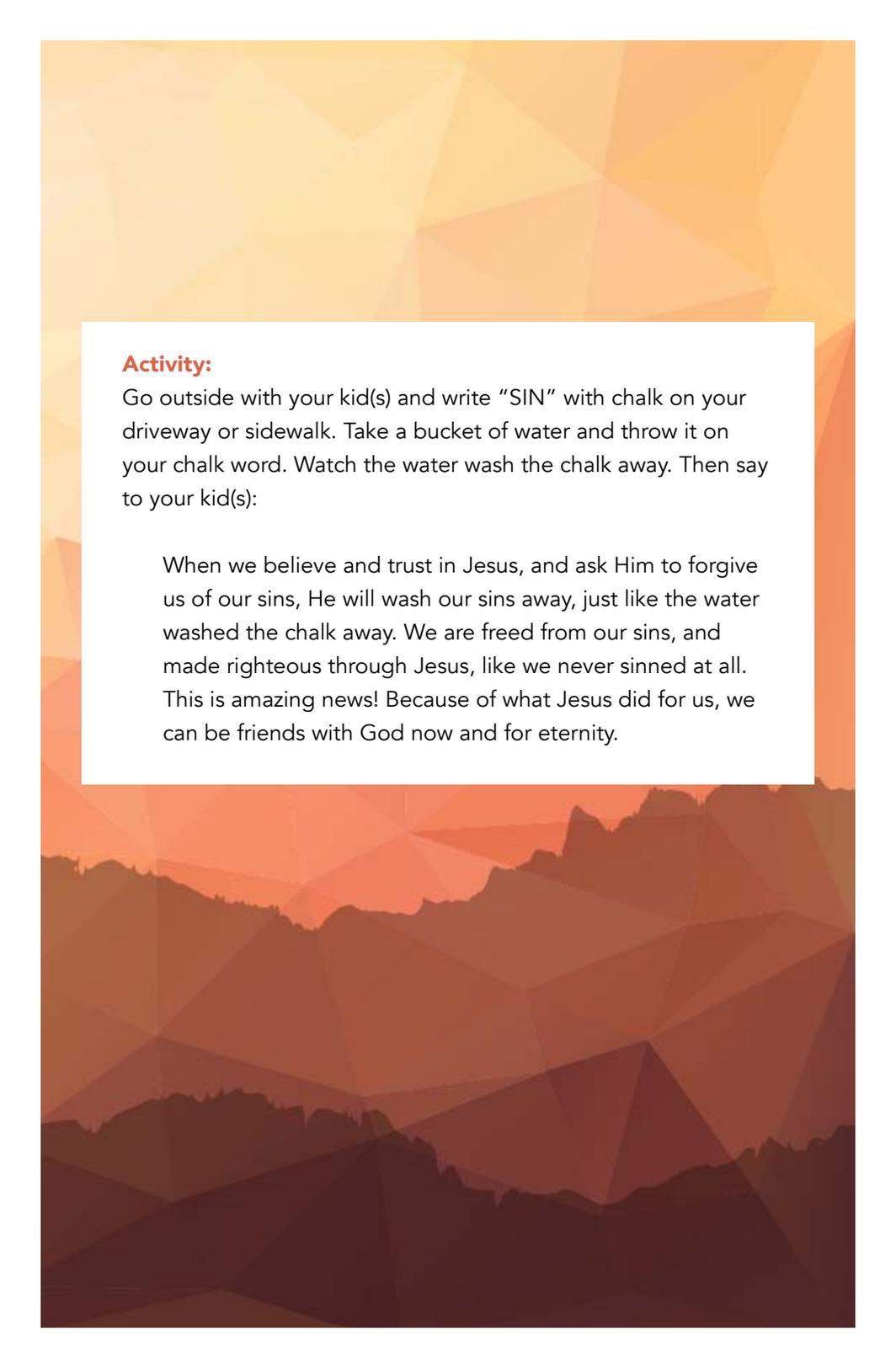
Family Questions:

- What is sin?
- Read Romans 3:23. Who has sinned?
- Read John 3:16. Who did God give us?
- What did Jesus do?
- Read Romans 10:9-10, 13. How do we respond to the gospel?

Prayer Points:

- Thank Jesus for the work on He did on the cross.
- Pray for your lost neighbours, friends and family. Ask God to save them.

Additional Prayer Points:



Activity:

Go outside with your kid(s) and write "SIN" with chalk on your driveway or sidewalk. Take a bucket of water and throw it on your chalk word. Watch the water wash the chalk away. Then say to your kid(s):

When we believe and trust in Jesus, and ask Him to forgive us of our sins, He will wash our sins away, just like the water washed the chalk away. We are freed from our sins, and made righteous through Jesus, like we never sinned at all. This is amazing news! Because of what Jesus did for us, we can be friends with God now and for eternity.

DAY 7
APRIL 15
SATURDAY

BIBLE READING
Matthew 27:45-56

Why does this matter?

Jesus died for us. The Gospel is good news. Share the “gospel plan for me” with your kids: **God Rules**. He created everything, He is in charge of everything and has had a plan to save us from the very beginning of creation. **We Sinned**. All of us have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God. None of can do anything to please God and earn our salvation. God knew this would happen. He knew we would sin, so He had a plan. **He Provided**, for us, by sending His only Son Jesus into the world. You see **Jesus Gave**, He gave His life on the cross for all of our sins. **We Respond** to the gospel by saying thank you to Jesus for saving us from our sins.

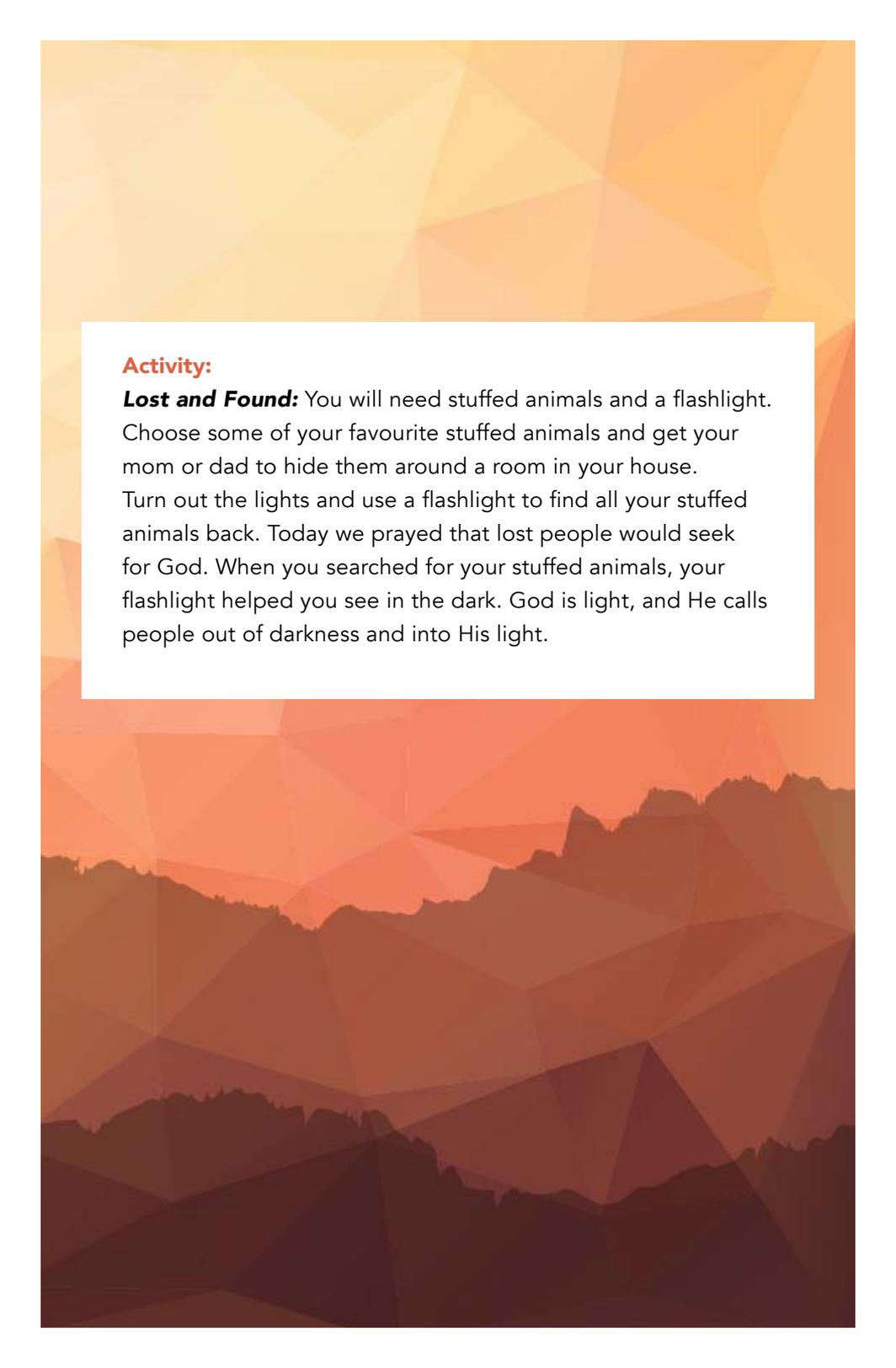
Family Questions:

- Ask your kid(s) if they have any questions about the gospel.
- Ask your kids how they would share the gospel with an unsaved friend or neighbour.

Prayer Points:

- Thank God for Jesus and the love that God showed by giving us Jesus, who died on the cross for our sins.
- If you haven't trusted Jesus as your Saviour, maybe now is the time to respond to Him. Talk to your mom or dad if you are ready to say yes to Jesus!
- Pray that the lost would seek Jesus.

Additional Prayer Points:



Activity:

Lost and Found: You will need stuffed animals and a flashlight. Choose some of your favourite stuffed animals and get your mom or dad to hide them around a room in your house. Turn out the lights and use a flashlight to find all your stuffed animals back. Today we prayed that lost people would seek for God. When you searched for your stuffed animals, your flashlight helped you see in the dark. God is light, and He calls people out of darkness and into His light.

DAY 8
APRIL 16
EASTR SUNDAY

BIBLE READING

Mark 16:1-8

Why does this matter?

After Jesus died, He was put in a tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary brought spices to the tomb where Jesus was buried. When they arrived at the tomb, the stone was rolled away, and the tomb was empty. Did someone steal Jesus' body? NO! He rose from the dead!! He loved us so much that He took the punishment of our sins, died on the cross, and rose from the dead, so that we can live forever with Him in heaven if we believe in Him! Praise the Lord! Christ the Lord is risen indeed!

Family Questions:

- Where was the stone when the women arrived at the tomb?
- Who did they meet there?
- How did the women feel?
- How do you feel knowing Jesus rose from the dead?
- Read 1 Peter 1:8. How is joy described?

Prayer Points:

- Ask God to fill you each with His indescribable joy.
- Praise God for the resurrection of Jesus!

Additional Prayer Points:

Activity:

Make your own "resurrection eggs". You will need 12 plastic eggs that you can open. Number each egg with a permanent marker 1-12. Fill each egg with the items and verses listed below:

- 01 A small piece of bread. Bible verse: Matt. 26:26
- 02 A few dimes. Bible verse: Matt. 26:14-16
- 03 Something purple. Bible verse: Matt. 27:28
- 04 Small twigs. Bible verse: Matt. 27:29
- 05 String or rope. Bible verse: Mark 15:15
- 06 Cross. Bible verse: John 19:16-17
- 07 A nail. John 19:18
- 08 Piece of paper with "king of the Jews" written on it. Bible verse: Luke 23:28
- 09 A small sponge. Bible verse: Matt. 27:48
- 10 A few spices. Bible verse: Luke 24:1
- 11 A small rock. Bible verse: Matt. 27:59-60
- 12 Nothing. Leave this egg empty. Matt. 28:5-6

Read each verse and ask how the items in the egg represent part of the resurrection story.

Harvest Bible Chapel exists to glorify God through the fulfillment of the Great Commission in the spirit of the Great Commandment.

Matthew 28:18-20 & Matthew 22:37-39

WE ARE COMMITTED TO...

- 1 **Proclaiming the authority of God's word without apology.** 2 Timothy 4:2
- 2 **Lifting high the name of Jesus in worship.** John 4:24
- 3 **Believing firmly in the power of prayer.** Ephesians 6:18
- 4 **Sharing the good news of Jesus with boldness.** Ephesians 6:19-20



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