



# Teaching Kids About Jesus' Death & Resurrection at Easter

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SIMPLE TEACHING TOOLS FOR PARENTS, SUNDAY  
SCHOOL TEACHERS, AND MORE

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# Introduction

# INTRODUCTION

Welcome!

I'm so glad you've taken a peek into this ebook this Easter season. It's compiled just for families like you – those seeking to parent with purpose and create God-centered homes.

Every family functions differently and every child 's learning style is unique, so you'll find a variety of types of ideas to try out.

Choose one or two or a handful, but I'd suggest not to try to tackle them all.

Remember, it doesn't have to be *perfect* to be *purposeful*. Parenting with purpose is about turning intention into action and allowing God to grow your children in His timing!

Many blessings on your journey,

*LeeAnn*



*Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children.*

CHUCK SWINDOLL





## CHAPTER ONE

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# Simple Activities



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## [12 Day Countdown {for young children}](#)

*This activity uses 12 plastic eggs and a trinket in each egg. Each trinket represents a story about Jesus leading up to Easter.*

## [Act Out Parts of the Easter Story](#)

*Fun for all ages and everyone in the family. Everyone take a part, create costumes and then act out the Easter Story.*

## [All Wrapped Up Like Jesus activity](#)

*This activity uses toilet paper to get "all wrapped up" like Jesus in the tomb and teaches kids to think about what Jesus' followers may have been thinking after Jesus was buried.*

## [An Easter Scavenger Hunt](#)

*This activity can be done in the park looking for physical items or ramp it up for older kids by doing a digital version where kids take pictures of items relating to the Easter story. Then come back together and discuss the meaning of each of the items as it relates to Jesus' death and resurrection.*

## [Buy an Easter Lily](#)

*Having an Easter Lily can help create a memory of Easter with your children by using their senses.*



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## [Countdown to Easter Cards – Activities](#)

*Printable activities that can be put on cards. One can be chosen each day to do as a family. Examples: take a prayer walk, everyone share something, etc.*

## [Glow-in-the-Dark Light of the World Eggs](#)

*These unique Easter eggs glow in the dark and can be used to remind kids that Jesus is the light of the world.*

## [Learn About Communion](#)

*This activity gives ideas of how to involve children in preparing and serving communion.*

## [Learn a New Song](#)

*Some suggestions for learning an Easter song that children can remember like they remember Christmas songs.*

## [Light of Jesus Treasure Hunt](#)

*This activity uses glow in the egg to do a treasure hunt, the clues spell LIGHT OF JESUS. This helps to connect that Jesus is the light of the world.*

## [Memorize a Scripture](#)

*By being creative you can help your children memorize a scripture verse that they will remember a life time.*





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[Watch Phil Vischer \(creator of Veggie Tales\) explain Easter](#)

*This video explains about Jesus in a fun and meaningful way for children. It's also a great video to watch and discuss as a family. This series is excellent and is created by Phil Vischer, the creator of Veggie Tales.*

[Watch "Buck Denver Asks: What's in the Bible? Volume Ten - Jesus is the Good News!"](#)

*There are a series of videos that can be used to explain Easter to children of all ages.*



## CHAPTER TWO

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# Easter Children's Books



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## [Easter Bible Reading Plan for Young Children](#)

*Cheri from the Ministry Mom blog shares on her site that this is a Bible reading plan that is designed to involve your young children with all aspects of the Easter message. With your help, young children will become familiar with such events as Palm Sunday, the prayer in the garden, the betrayal, the trial, the death and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Suggested activities, crafts & videos are also included in the plan.*

## [Easter Bible Reading Plan for Independent Readers](#)

*Cheri from the Ministry Mom blog shares on her site that this is a Bible reading plan for independent readers that is designed to involve children with all aspects of the Easter message. Through this plan, children will become familiar with such events as Palm Sunday, the prayer in the garden, the betrayal, the trial, the death and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Application questions, suggested activities & videos are also included in the plan.*

## [Jesus Storybook Bible](#)

*This is our favorite kids storybook Bible, as it tells the underlying story of Jesus throughout the whole Bible. It is both artful written and illustrated!*



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## [The Berenstain Bears and the Easter](#) (ages 4-7)

*This is a book sharing the true meaning of Easter through a classic storybook family's perspective.*

## [The Donkey Who Carried a King](#) (ages 6-9)

*This book teaches that Jesus was the Suffering Servant who carried the sins of His people when He went to the cross through the eyes of the donkey that carried Jesus.*

## [The Easter Story Egg](#)

*This is a newly released book and a set of nesting eggs telling the story of Jesus. It's perfect to be used daily for the week before Easter. Our kids love the hands-on part of playing with the nesting eggs and the book's rhyming content is easy to read and easy for kids to pay attention to.*

## [The Jesus Bible for Kids Coloring Book](#)

*This newly released coloring book tells the story of Jesus from the New Testament in pictures. It's a perfect addition to a child's Easter basket.*



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## [The Parable of the Lily](#) (ages 3-7)

*This is a story of grace and forgiveness using the backdrop of Spring and Easter morning.*

## [The Story of Easter book](#) (ages 2-5)

*This colorful board book tells the story of Jesus on a toddler's level. It's a book small children enjoy reading at bedtime through the Lenten season and all year.*

## [The Three Trees: A Traditional Folktale](#)

*This is a story of three trees and how they are used as part of the story of Jesus' life. It's a great reminder of the true meaning of "greatness". Perfect for kids of any age.*

## [Train 'Em Up book/CD series: Tell Me About Salvation](#) (ages 4-7)

*This is a fun little book from a series that describes difficult topics in kid-friendly ways. It comes with a read-along CD with extra songs and a bonus sticker sheet.*

## [What is Easter? Book](#) (ages 2-4)

*This board book shares what Easter seems to be about from a child's perspective (bunnies and Easter eggs) and explains the true meaning of Easter in simple concepts.*



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[What is Easter? book by Phil Vischer](#) (ages 4-7)

*This book reminds kids that when you see bunnies and eggs at Easter, they represent new life and remind us of the new resurrected life we have in Christ.*

[Why Is There a Cross? \(Little Blessings\)](#) (ages 3-8)

*This is a book that tackles the tough questions about Christ's death in simple words and pictures.*



## CHAPTER THREE

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# Food-Themed Ideas



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## [Empty Tomb Snack](#)

*A easy, no cook food activity that kids can create an empty tomb snack while learning about the Easter story.*

## [Make Challah \(bread\) & Explain Significance](#)

*Challah is a special braided bread eaten by Ashkenazi Jews on the Sabbath and holidays. This “double loaf” of bread commemorates the manna that fell from the heavens when the Israelites wandered in the desert for forty years after the Exodus from Egypt.*

## [Make a Jesus Carrot](#)

*An easy craft that kids can make using M&Ms and icing bags. This teaches kids about the Easter story by using each color of the M&M's to represent a part of the story. Ex. Green is for the palm branches.*

## [Make a Tomb Cake](#)

*Directions for making a tomb cake for Easter. This one is great especially if you don't have a lot of time since you can use a premade cake from the grocery store.*





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## [Make Resurrection Buns](#)

*Directions for making sticky buns with empty centers to represent the empty tomb on Easter Morning. Use these to have talk to your children about Jesus rising from the dead.*

## [Make Resurrection Cookies](#)

*Directions for making the cookies and scriptures to be read while making the cookies to tell the Easter story.*

## [Make Resurrection Rolls](#)

*This is our kids' favorite way to bring the story of Jesus' burial and resurrection to life in the kitchen. Using simple foods you likely have around the house, you'll place "Jesus" in the tomb, wrap him up, and put the snack in the oven. When you open up the wrapped "Jesus", the "tomb" is empty. This never fails to fascinate our kids and is a great jumping off point for a deeper conversation about the resurrection.*



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## [M&M Easter Poem](#)

*An Easter poem that uses M&M's (M, W, E, 3) to tell the meaning of Easter.*

## [Read the Jellybean Story](#)

*Fill an bag or jar with Jelly Beans and attach the poem that tells what each color represents in the Easter story. These make great gifts for friends and family.*



## CHAPTER FOUR

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# Simple Crafts



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## [Bead & Clay Crosses](#)

*Directions for creating clay and bead crosses that can be used with most any age.*

## [Bible Activity Easter Notebook](#)

*Free printable activity sheets that can be used with children as a fun way to learn about Easter.*

## [Bible Verse Easter Puzzles](#)

*Printable Easter verses that can be made into homemade puzzles.*

## [Color coloring pages telling the Easter story](#)

*These are simple printable coloring pages you can use to communicate the Easter story with your children. They're also great to use in Sunday School classes.*



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## [Create an Easter garden](#)

*Directions for making an Easter garden with children and how to share the story as you are creating the garden*

## [Easter Jesus Tree](#) & family devotional

*Kids love Christmas trees, why not make an Easter tree? This is a devotion and art that can be used to create ornaments for an Easter tree.*

## [Easter Story Wreath](#) (free printable)

*Directions and printables for making a wreath with children that tells the Easter Story*

## [Make a Life of Jesus bracelet](#)

*Directions for telling the story of Jesus' life while you are making a bracelet.*



# Simple Crafts

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## [Printable Easter Finger Puzzle with Bible Verses](#)

*Printable Easter finger puzzles that kids can use to tell the Easter story to others.*

## [Resurrection Story Napkin Rings](#)

*Printable Easter Napkin Rings that are numbered and have part of the Easter story on them. Before dinner each person can take their turn and read part of the story.*

## [Salt Dough Tomb Resurrection Scene](#)

*Directions on making a salt dough tomb and resurrection scene that kids can help with.*

## [Scripture Printables for Meaningful Easter Baskets](#)

*This is a big list of scripture verses along with free printables to help connect traditional Easter basket items with the story of Jesus.*



## CHAPTER FIVE

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# Object Lessons



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## [A Sense of the Resurrection: An Easter Experience for Families](#)

*Activities that help tell the Easter story, all focused around using your five senses. Examples include: tasting the vinegar, breaking of bread, washing feet, etc. This is a fully developed curriculum that can be used in families in a variety of ways.*

## [Candle & Water Life of Christ Object Lesson](#)

*This science experiment can be used to talk to kids about how we have sinned and Jesus died on the cross to take away our sins.*

## [Create a Nature Plate](#)

*This activity uses items in nature to help share the Easter story. It starts with a plate of sand or dirt to talk about Jesus being in the desert for 40 days then adds a stone, ferns, etc. until you get to Easter Sunday.*





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## [Crown of Thorns Object Lesson](#)

*The activity uses a grapevine and toothpicks as thorns. As family members do kind deeds they can remove a thorn.*

## [Grow a Butterfly Farm](#)

*This activity combines a fun science lesson with a way to explain “death” and new life. The caterpillars turn into butterflies just as we are turned into new creations through Christ.*

## [The Jesus Glass Object Lesson](#)

*This is a simple object lesson using a glass and household items to teach children how Jesus can take away our sins.*

## [The Legend of the Dogwood Tree](#)

*Crafts and lessons on using the Dogwood tree to tell the Easter Story*



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## [The Legend of the Sand Dollar](#)

*This activity uses a sand dollar to explore the idea that God's creation speaks about His power. The accompanying poem explains the meaning of the doves found inside the sand dollar, in relation to the story of Jesus as a whole.*

## [Resurrection Eggs](#)

*Resurrection eggs are a visual way to walk your children through the Easter story. Each egg contains a small trinket that provides a reminder of a portion of the story. Use the [pre-made resurrection eggs set](#) or make your own using an egg carton, plastic eggs, and small items you can find around your house.*



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## [Rocks in a Basket Object Lesson](#)

*This is an activity the whole family can participate in. Use a basket and rocks to talk about our sins and how Jesus died to take those sins away. Cover the rocks in the basket with a red cloth. In the morning, the rocks are gone and treats are in the basket. This is one of our family favorites and it's a simple tradition to begin when your children are preschool or elementary aged.*

## [Wash each others' feet](#)

*The activity provides the opportunity for you tell the story of Jesus washing the disciples feet. Everyone in the family can participate as you wash each others feet and talk about how important it is to serve others like Jesus.*

# CONCLUSION

As you've reviewed these many options for connecting your children's hearts to the story of Jesus' death and resurrection this Easter, I encourage you to focus on just the activities that you believe will resonate with your family. You know your children and your family dynamics best.

If the idea of talking about Jesus' death with young children is intimidating, I'd encourage you to read Amanda White's post [How to Talk to Kids about Jesus' Death at Easter](#). She reminds us that "the purpose of talking to our kids about Jesus' death is so they see the miracle of new life."

However you decide to celebrate Easter with your family this year, I pray it will lead your children to see and understand Jesus' sacrifice for all of us in a new and refreshing way.

May you experience many blessings during this Easter season,

*LeeAnn*



*The best way to point your children to Christ is by living a life that exemplifies Him.*



# SEEKING RESOURCES?

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Or maybe you don't know where to start.

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