

EASTER PARENT GUIDE

HEY PARENTS!

Use this guide throughout the week to walk your kids through the story of Easter! We hope this gives you a fun way to engage in the story of Easter together while providing you with basic language to get the conversation started.

HAPPY EASTER!

donkey and people who loved Him very much celebrated Him by waving palm branches and laid their coats on the ground for Jesus to ride His donkey on.

PRESCHOOL:
Why do you think they would put their coats on

Before Jesus died, Jesus rode into town on a

like a bunny.

ELEMENTARY:

SUNDAY **PALM SUNDAY** PALM SUNDAY PALM SU

EST DAY EVER BEST DAY EVER BEST DAY EVE EST DAY EVER BEST DAY EVER BEST DAY EVE

FCT DAV EVED REST DAV EVED REST DAV EVE

OVER MEAL THE PASSOVER MEAL THE PASSON OVER MEAL THE PASSONER MEAL THE PASSON OVER MEAL THE PASSONER MEAL THE PASSON

OVER MEAL THE PASSOVER MEAL THE PASSO'



Each player will place an Oreo (or something similar) on their forehead. They will have one minute to wiggle their face and try and get the Oreo in their mouth without using their hands. The players who succeed getting the Oreo in their mouth within a minute win.



SAY:

Jesus ate one last dinner with 12 of His closest friends before He was taken by some mean men.



PRESCHOOL:

What kind of food do you think they ate?



ELEMENTARY

Why was the Passover important? What did they do for the first time at that meal that we still do in church today? (See Matthew 26:17-30)

EST DAY EVER BEST DAY EVER BEST DAY EVE EST DAY EVER BEST DAY EVER BEST DAY EVE E ARREST THE ARREST THE ARREST THE ARRE E ARREST THE ARREST **THE ARREST** THE ARRE



Give everyone a spoon and an egg. Each player will race from a designated start line to a finish line while balancing the egg on a spoon. Preschoolers can hold the spoon and egg in their hand. Elementary kids can place the spoon with the egg in their mouth. If a player drops their egg, they must start over.



SAY:

Some men did not like Jesus because they didn't think He was God's Son. So they arrested Jesus and made Him carry a heavy cross a very long way.



PRESCHOOL:

How do you think Jesus felt?



ELEMENTARY:

Why was Jesus arrested? How do you think He felt when He was arrested?
(See John 18:1-13)

EST DAY EVER BEST DAY EVER BEST DAY EVE EST DAY EVER BEST DAY EVER BEST

CRUCIFIXION THE CRUCIFIXION THE CRUCIFIC CRU



GAME:

Make a pyramid of cups using at least six cups on a table. One at a time, players will have to throw a ball to not only knock the tower down but also knock all the cups off the table. This may take several throws. The player who completes this the quickest is the winner.



SAY

When Jesus was arrested, they made Jesus carry a really heavy cross and they hurt Jesus really bad before they put Him on a cross to die for you and me.



PRESCHOOL:

Do you know what a cross looks like?



ELEMENTARY:

Do you know why Jesus had to die for us? Do you have any questions about Jesus's death on the cross? (Romans 15:12-19)

EST DAY EVER BEST DAY EVER BEST DAY EVE EST DAY EVER BEST DAY EVER BEST DAY EVER

S BODY **JESUS'S BODY** JESUS'S BODY JESUS'S S BODY JESUS'S BODY JESUS'S BODY JESUS'S S BODY JESUS'S BODY JESUS'S BODY JESUS'S



Give each player a roll of toilet paper. Players will race to wrap themselves in toilet paper. The first to run out of their roll of toilet paper wins.



After Jesus had died, they took His body and wrapped it in clothes before placing Him in a tomb.



Do you know what a tomb is?



Jesus was placed in a tomb after He died. They put a giant stone in front of the entrance and guards. Why do you think they did all that if Jesus wasn't alive? (John 19:38-42)

EST DAY EVER BEST DAY EVER BEST DAY EVE EST DAY EVER BEST DAY EVER BEST DAY EVE TO ME EMPTY TO ME

TOMB EMPTY TOMB, EMPTY TOMB EMPTY T



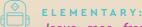
Fill a bowl with sugar. While taking turns, participants will have one minute to use a dinner spoon and transfer the sugar to another container. Whoever can transfer the most sugar to another container in one minute wins.



Three days after Jesus died, some women came to visit Jesus's grave and when they got there, Jesus was gone. His tomb was empty!



Where do you think Jesus went?



Jesus rose from the dead. Why is this something we celebrate? Do you find it hard to believe? (See John 20:1-10)

etc.), and place them in a bowl. One player at a time, have them draw a slip of paper.

Blindfold them and give them one minute to

guesses correctly gets a point.

Write out different simple things on slips of paper (dog, three crosses, sun, Easter basket,

draw what was on their paper while the rest of the family guesses what it is. Whoever

He wanted to make sure people knew He was God's Son and visited His friends and many

How do you think they all felt when they saw

PLES JESUS APPEARS TO THE DISCIPLES JESU

(G

People believed Jesus was going to be dead forever, but He wasn't. He came back to life!

SAY:

GAME:

others to show them He was alive.

PRESCHOOL:



ELEMENTARY:

Jesus was alive?

Why did Jesus visit the disciples after He rose from the dead? What did He tell them to do? Who else was that message for besides the disciples? (See Matthew 28)

EST DAY EVER BEST DAY EVER BEST DAY EVE EST DAY EVER BEST DAY EVER BEST DAY EVE