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**A SIX-DAY EASTER DEVOTION FOR KIDS**

## **DAY 1: LOVE FROM THE BEGINNING**

Easter didn't just happen, God had it all planned! When Jesus came to the world, He knew exactly why He came: To die for our sins. He knew for 33 years that He was going to end up at the cross, not because He was a bad person or he was going to do so many wrong things but because He was going to show the extent of God's love for you. He was going to make our relationship with God that was destroyed by sin in the beginning, right again.

Jesus was born, for this reason, He was the only sinless man that could go to the cross for us; Jesus taught people about God's kingdom for this, He was showing them there was something better than all the laws of Moses. Jesus chose His 12 disciples for this, so they could share the good news with others and bring more people into God's family. Jesus' life showed God's love, compassion, forgiveness, and power.

It wasn't a jolly ride, Jesus had more enemies than friends. Yet He wanted to give us a chance to know God, to become God's children, and experience His amazing grace and love.

### **READ THIS VERSE: ROMANS 5:8 ICB**

But Christ died for us while we were still sinners. In this way, God shows his great love for US.



### **PAUSE AND REFLECT:**

What does Easter mean to you?

### **PRAYER:**

THANK YOU GOD FOR THE PLAN YOU HAD TO SAVE US. EASTER REMINDS ME THAT YOU LOVE ME SO MUCH AND SENT JESUS TO THE WORLD SO WE CAN BE PART OF YOUR FAMILY! THANK YOU GOD FOR THIS IN JESUS NAME, AMEN..

## **DAY 2: LOVE ON A DONKEY**

When it was time for Jesus to go to the cross, He went to Jerusalem with His disciples. The people were very excited to see Him and a lot of people came out to celebrate Him. Imagine a very famous and powerful person comes to visit you and your family at home! That's how the people of Jerusalem felt but Jesus was different.

He didn't come into town with all the fancy cars, He came on a donkey just as it was prophesied in the verse we read. He didn't come in a royal robe, He dressed like every other person and He didn't ask for anything special. Jesus' disciples must have felt really special hearing all the noise and celebration and shouts of "Hosanna, blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord" but Jesus wasn't distracted.

The people thought He was coming to rescue them from the leaders they had but Jesus was coming to rescue them and us from something greater. Jesus rode into Jerusalem knowing that it was time for the rescue mission.

### **READ: ZECHARIAH 9:9 ICB**

Rejoice, people of Jerusalem.

Shout for joy, people of Jerusalem. Your king is coming to you. He does what is right, and he saves. He is gentle and riding on a donkey. He is on the colt of a donkey.



### **PAUSE AND REFLECT:**

Why did Jesus go to Jerusalem with His disciples?

### **PRAYER:**

DEAR GOD, I PRAY THAT YOU WILL HELP ME SEE JESUS IN A NEW WAY THIS EASTER. OPEN MY EYES TO SEE HIM AS THE HUMBLE KING WHO WENT TO THE CROSS FOR ME IN JESUS NAME, AMEN.

## **DAY 3: LOVE ON A RESCUE MISSION**

During the time Jesus and His disciples were in Jerusalem, the passover celebration was going on. This was a very important celebration for the children of Israel. It was a time they came together to remember how God rescued them from the mighty Pharaoh who made them slaves and treated them very harshly. God had commanded them to keep this celebration.

Jesus wanted to give His disciples and followers something new to remember. As they ate, Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it. He gave it to His disciples to eat. He also took wine, blessed it, and gave it to them to drink. Jesus told them that the bread was His body and the wine was His blood. Jesus did this so that we could always remember how He gave his body for us and shed his blood on the cross for our sins.

The first passover showed how God rescued the Israelites from slavery and death, the last passover shows how Jesus was going to rescue us once and for all from sin and eternal death.

### **READ: LUKE 22:19-20 ICB**

Then Jesus took some bread. He thanked God for it, broke it, and gave it to the apostles. Then Jesus said, "This bread is my body that I am giving for you. Do this to remember me." In the same way, after supper, Jesus took the cup and said, "This cup shows the new agreement that God makes with his people. This new agreement begins with my blood which is poured out for you."



### **PAUSE AND REFLECT:**

Why did Jesus tell His disciples to remember His body and His blood?

### **PRAYER:**

DEAR GOD, THANK YOU FOR WHAT JESUS DID AT THE LAST PASSOVER. HELP ME TO ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT JESUS GAVE HIS BODY AND HIS BLOOD FOR ME TO RESCUE ME FROM SIN AND DEATH IN JESUS NAME, AMEN.

## **DAY 4: LOVE ON THE CROSS**

When the time came, Jesus was arrested by the Pharisees. Remember this is why Jesus came from heaven. Did this make it easy for Jesus to go through everything that happened as He went to the cross? No, but Jesus chose to do it out of love for you. He prayed when it became really hard to go to the cross, He asked for God's help.

The cross is the place where He laid down His life for you. Are you wondering why He did it? Jesus died to show God's great love for you, Jesus died so you could be forgiven when you sin, Jesus didn't want us to be separated from God forever, no!

Just as Jesus told His disciples during the passover, He gave His body on the cross and took all the wrong you will ever do on himself. His blood washed away all that sin. When Jesus was on the cross, He fixed your broken relationship with God. Jesus made it possible for us to call God Father again- by going to the cross.

**READ:  
2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 ICB**

Christ had no sin. But God made him become sin. God did this for us so that in Christ we could become right with God.



**PAUSE AND REFLECT:**

Why did Jesus who never sinned die on the cross for your sins?

**PRAYER:**

DEAR GOD, THANK YOU FOR YOUR GREAT LOVE. JESUS NEVER SINNED YET HE WENT TO THE CROSS FOR ALL MY SINS SO I CAN BE FORGIVEN. THANK YOU FOR FORGIVING ME EVERYTIME I DO OR SAY THE WRONG THINGS IN JESUS NAME, AMEN,

## DAY 5: LOVE FOR A NEW LIFE

Before Jesus died, He told His disciples so many times that He was going to die and be raised back to life on the third day but they didn't understand what He was talking about. After Jesus died, they were afraid and sad because of what had happened to Jesus.

On the third day after Jesus' death, two of the disciples went to where Jesus was buried but He wasn't there. They were shocked! Where was Jesus? They wondered. They didn't have to wonder for too long. An angel appeared to them and reminded them that God raised Jesus back to life just as Jesus told them before. Jesus was no longer dead, Jesus is alive!

God's power brought Jesus back to life to show us that when we trust in Jesus our sins are not only forgiven but we like Jesus can live with God forever. That's awesome. Jesus saved us from sin and eternal death, He gave us a new life in Christ and the gift of living with God forever.

### READ: JOHN 17:3 ICB

And this is eternal life: that men can know you, the only true God, and that men can know Jesus Christ, the One you sent.



### PAUSE AND REFLECT:

What does the Bible mean by "eternal life?"

### PRAYER:

DEAR GOD, THANK YOU FOR RAISING JESUS BACK TO LIFE. HE IS ALIVE AND I REJOICE TODAY! I PRAY THAT I WILL REALLY KNOW JESUS AND SEE HOW MUCH I NEED HIM IN MY LIFE EVERYDAY IN JESUS NAME, AMEN.

## **DAY 6: THE FATHER'S LOVE**

Take a moment to think about everything you have read this week about the life of Jesus. Like you read at the beginning of this devotion, God's love was shown through Jesus as He lived here on earth many years ago. Jesus didn't just heal people, or ride on a donkey so people could know who He was. He went to the cross so you can know how much He loves you and wants you to become part of His family.

Are you wondering how you can become a child of God? This Easter is your chance to remember like Jesus told His disciples all He has done for you and how much God loves you. Jesus did all He did so that you can become God's child and become part of God's family.

If this is something you are ready to do, that's wonderful! Speak to your parents or an adult around you so they can guide and pray with you as you make the best decision ever!

### **READ : 1 JOHN 3:1A ICB**

The Father has loved us so much! He loved us so much that we are called children of God. And we really are his children.



### **PAUSE AND REFLECT:**

Do you want to know and follow Jesus today?

### **PRAYER:**

SAY A PRAYER FROM YOUR HEART AS YOU MAKE A DECISION TO FOLLOW JESUS, REMEMBER HE DIED AND ROSE BECAUSE OF GOD'S GREAT LOVE FOR YOU!