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Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Begin your countdown on that day. Each Sunday, plus Ash Wednesday, sets the scene with a short story from the Old Testament. You'll be discovering clues God left in His Word to show His people their Rescuer was coming.

Plan about five minutes for each week's introductory story. Then, each day take turns reading that day's verse, moving the marker closer...and closer...to the Big Day! If you have time, you can discuss a question or two about the verse you read together. It's okay if you don't have all the answers. Even thinking about God's Word is valuable.

When Jesus rose from the dead, He destroyed our last enemy: death. Now we don't owe that as a payment for sins. Lent reminds us how much we need Jesus so we are ready to celebrate Jesus' resurrection—the biggest. Best. Miracle. EVER!

The Easter Advent banner helps you and your family anticipate this miracle! Starting with Day 40, we'll count down to Easter. The Sundays are noted by larger numbers. In the early church, every Sunday was a reminder of Jesus' victory over death, and therefore was the most important day of the week. At the end of your countdown on Easter Sunday, flip your banner over to proclaim His resurrection!

Remember getting ready for a big event? A tri-state gymnastics meet, an end of year piano recital, studying for finals, your first prom, Christmas, a wedding, or your first job interview after college? Important events in our lives take practice and preparation so when the big day arrives we are ready to make the most of it in every way.

Have you ever heard of "lent?" *Lent* is the time of preparation, getting ourselves ready, for the most stupendous event of all time: Jesus and His resurrection!

The Bible says if Jesus wasn't raised from the dead, our faith wouldn't be worth anything. We would still be trapped in our sins. We'd be kept away from God.

Easter Advent for Families

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But when Adam and Eve sinned, everything changed . . . *forever*. For the first time, they started accusing God and each other! They hid. They lied. They were afraid.

God, in all His love, knew this couple He created needed to be rescued. He knew they couldn't fix the brokenness in their lives on their own. Their sin had to be paid for. Their relationships with God and each other needed fixing.

This week, we'll look at one verse every day to help us understand how God had a plan to save us through His Rescuer: Jesus.

Ash Wednesday

Day 40: Clues in the Garden

If you want to take the time, ask your children to recount the story of Adam and Eve, or read the story directly from the Bible in Genesis 2:7-9, 25, and 3:1-19.

Read this short story aloud:

The first clues about Jesus the Messiah are found in the beginning of time, in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve lived in a perfect place. They were perfect people who talked freely with a perfect God. What do you imagine it was like? It was just like God had planned it, full of beauty and trust.

Day 40

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”
(Romans 3:23)

- What do you think “fall short of the glory of God” means?
- Parent, try asking your kids to jump to a place that you know is beyond their capability. Show that everyone jumped short of the line, no matter how good at jumping each person is.

Day 39

God is speaking and says to the serpent, “He shall bruise your head and you shall bruise his heel.”
(Genesis 3:15)

- What would happen if you hurt your heel in an accident?
- What could happen if someone hurt his head in an accident?

This is a future promise! Jesus will wound Satan in a way that gets rid of him forever!



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Day 38

“The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.”
(1 John 3:8)

- What reason does this verse give for Jesus coming?
- Can you remember other reasons Jesus came?

Day 37

“And the Lord God made for Adam and his wife garments of skin and clothed them.”
(Genesis 3:21)

- Whose fault was it that Adam and Eve needed clothes? (Who sinned?)
- Then why is God the One making clothes for them?
- What does this tell us about what kind of God we have?
- If God made these clothes out of skin, what did He have to do to the animals?

This is a sign of what Jesus would do. Jesus would die so that we could wear clothes of righteousness. *Righteousness* means doing everything right. Sin makes us feel naked and ashamed, but Jesus' sacrifice covers up our shame and makes us acceptable to a perfect God.

grandma and grandpa—God did what He had promised: He gave them a baby boy, Isaac.

When Isaac was a young teenager, God asked Abraham to do a very strange, almost impossible thing. He commanded Abraham to take Isaac to a specific mountain and *sacrifice* him. That meant kill him, as an offering to God. Why do you think this would be confusing to Abraham?

This story is a very important one for our faith because it contains many clues showing us what God was going to do one day to His very own Son for us.

Sunday #1

Day 36: Clues on the Mountain

Read this short story aloud:

Hundreds of years after Adam and Eve lived and died, God called a man named Abraham to leave his home and follow God to a new land, but God didn't tell Abe where it was. How do you think that would feel?

Once he arrived in the land, God blessed Abraham and his wife, Sarah. They became very rich. But they didn't have any kids, which made them very sad. After 20 years of waiting—and even though they were older than your



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Day 36

“So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two young men with him, and his son Isaac ... On the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place from afar.”
(Genesis 22:3-4)

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- How many days did Abraham travel to the mountain?
 - In the story of Jesus dying, what else took three days?

Day 35

“Then Abraham said to the young men, ‘Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go worship and come again to you.’”
(Genesis 22:5)

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- Wait a minute. Doesn't it sound like Abraham and Isaac will both come back?
 - Why do you think Abraham said that?

Day 34

“... And Isaac said to his father Abraham, ‘My father!’ And he said, ‘Here I am, my son.’ He said, ‘Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?’ Abraham said, ‘God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.’ So they went both of them together.”
(Genesis 22:7-8)

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- Remember, from yesterday's verse, what Abraham said to the young men who came with him to the mountain.
 - What does this verse tell us about what Abraham believed God could do if Abraham sacrificed Isaac? This verse tells the answer: “[Abraham] considered that God was able even to raise [Isaac] from the dead” (Hebrews 11:19).
 - What did Abraham trust God to do?
 - How would your dad feel if he had to do what Abraham was about to do?

Day 33

“And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together.”
(Genesis 22:6)

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- Who carried the wood?
 - How is this like the story of Jesus going to the cross?
 - What do you think it felt like for the two of them to have to carry these tools for what Abraham thought would be his own tragedy?



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Day 32

“Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.’” (Matthew 16:24)

- We’ve been talking about Abraham and Isaac carrying what they needed to sacrifice Isaac. How is that like what Jesus told us to do?
- Remember that Jesus said this before people knew He would die on the Cross. What kind of people would have carried crosses?
- Why did Jesus choose these words? (Only people sentenced to die carried crosses. Jesus asks us, too, to die to ourselves. Check out Galatians 2:20 together.)

Day 31

“When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, ‘Abraham, Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ He said, ‘Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.’” (Genesis 22:9-12)

- Did God know Abraham would obey?
- Why did He make Abraham take all these steps, even to raising the knife, if He knew Abraham would obey?

Parents, you may need to help your kids think about this, and come back to it throughout the next few days. Share your own answers too because all of us tend to look to comfort, security, approval, and/or power instead of God and your children will be helped knowing you struggle too.

Day 30

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.”
(Romans 12:1-2)

- We read yesterday that Abraham tied up Isaac’s hands and feet to lay him on the altar as a sacrifice. How do you think Isaac felt?
- What does God mean in this verse—that we are offering ourselves as *living sacrifices*?
- What are three things you really want, or really want to do, or really love right now?
- Are you willing to choose what God wants, even if it means not getting those things?



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about what you can remember about the story of Moses.

In Moses' time, God's people were living in Egypt. They had been slaves under Pharaoh for almost 400 years. Near the end of those long, hard years, God raised up Moses to lead His people to freedom.

God also used ten plagues to demonstrate to His people that He was all-powerful and could rescue them. He also wanted to show the Egyptian people that He was the real God, not their pretend gods made of wood and stone. How many of the plagues can you remember? You can read about them in Exodus 7:14-11:10

"And Moses and Aaron performed all these wonders before Pharaoh . . . and he did not let the sons of Israel go out of his land." (Exodus 11:10)

Sunday #2

Day 29: Clues in the Desert

Read this short story aloud:

You've probably noticed by now that God doesn't just tell His people what He will do—He shows them. These next clues to help His people and us recognize Jesus were learned through another experience they would never forget!

This week's story can be found in the famous Exodus story, where God seems to shout: *I want to restore our broken relationship. My Son will be the Way, He will look like this! Don't miss Him!*

So let's start by gathering a little background information. If you have time, talk

Day 29

"Thus says the LORD, 'About midnight I will go out in the midst of Egypt, and every firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die . . . all the firstborn of the cattle as well.'" (Exodus 11:4-5)

- Why did God choose the firstborn for this plague? Was there something special about firstborns?
- Like the previous nine plagues, this last one was never intended to harm God's people, Israel, but it was to demonstrate to both Egyptians and Israelites that "I AM" alone is God.

Day 28

"The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 'Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household . . . Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats . . .'" (Exodus 12: 3,5)

- Who was in charge of getting the lamb?
- What kind of lamb was it to be?



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Day 27

“...and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.” (Exodus 12:6)

- How long did each family keep their lamb?
- Would you enjoy having a soft, cuddly little lamb live with your family for four days? Would you name it and play with it and want to keep it?
- How do you think the children felt about God’s command to kill the lamb they loved?

Day 26

“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses...” (Exodus 12:7)

God is telling Moses about the last plague He will send. But He tells all the people of Israel they can be kept safe—if they follow the directions God gives them.

- A fun activity: You can paint around the doorframe of your front door with red Crayola finger paint to share the Israelites’ experience (it washes off). Or hang a red ribbon or sash over your door.
- What do you think this painting of blood signifies?

Day 25

“God said, ‘For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD.’” (Exodus 12:12)

- Why is God going to kill the firstborn of Egypt?
- Do you think this is fair?

Day 24

“The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.” (Exodus 12:13)

This night and its ceremony is called the *Passover* because death *passed over* them. The blood of the lamb on the doorways of each Hebrew house was meant to be a vivid memory that a life had to be sacrificed to save the people.

- What is the blood called?
- What saved the firstborn children of Israel when all the firstborn children in Egypt died?
- What saves us today?

Thank God in your heart that the sacrifice of a Lamb—of Jesus’ blood—makes it possible for death to *pass over* us.



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Day 23

“Remember this day in which you went out from Egypt, from the house of slavery, for by a powerful hand the LORD brought you out from this place.” (Exodus 13:3)

- How is Moses himself a clue?
- Like Moses, Jesus would deliver His people from slavery—the slavery of sin. And just like when Moses was a baby, an evil king would try to kill all the baby boys in Bethlehem so Joseph took Jesus and Mary to Egypt, so Jesus would even come up out of Egypt like Moses!

God wanted them to build this big tent tabernacle to have a place where they could all gather in His presence and celebrate everything He did for them. It was also the place where they made sacrifices for their sins. The tabernacle was where God’s holy presence could live near them. And in this huge tent, God put more clues to what the Messiah would be like.

There were two rooms in God’s house. *(Parents, this might be fun for kids to draw, on paper or with chalk on your driveway, as you describe it.)* First, a big room called the “Holy.” Second was a smaller room called the “Most Holy.” Starting with the large room, there were three pieces of furniture there: an oil-lamp stand on the left with seven branches, a table on the right with twelve loaves of special bread, and straight ahead, an altar for burning incense.

Sunday #3

Day 22: Clues in the House

Read this short story aloud:

Have you ever seen the old movie called *The Ten Commandments*? (If you haven’t, Lent is a great time to watch it and make it a family tradition.) After the children of Israel left Egypt, they began the long walk to the Promised Land.

On the way, God spoke with Moses, giving the Ten Commandments. And soon, God gave him something else: very detailed instructions on how to build a *tabernacle*. It was kind of like a church—only it was a huge tent! It had to be portable so the Israelites could carry it with them when they moved, a hike that lasted 40 years. Can you imagine camping for 40 years, and even camping when you went to church?!



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Day 22

“And you shall make a table of acacia wood . . . and you shall set the bread of the Presence on the table before Me at all times.”

(Exodus 25:23, 30)

- Why do you think there was bread in the Israelites' tabernacle?
- What do you think the Jews thought when they heard Jesus say, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst” (John 6:35).
- Older children: If Jesus is bread for our souls, what do you think our souls are hungry for?
- How is Jesus different than the bread we eat?

Day 21

“You shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The lampstand and its base and its shaft are to be of hammered work; its cups, its bulbs and its flowers shall be of one piece with it.” (Exodus 25:31)

- What does a lamp do?
- What does light do for us?
- What is it like in the dark without a light?
- How is Jesus like a lamp?

Day 20

“You shall make an altar as a place for burning incense.” (Exodus 30:1)

Incense is something, like a spice or a liquid, burned to make a sweet perfume fill the air. In the tabernacle, it is a symbol for the incense in heaven. Revelation 8:3 tells us about incense in heaven: “Another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints.”

- What is the incense that's in heaven?
- What does this tell us about what God thinks of the prayers of His people?

Day 19

“And you shall make a veil of blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen. It shall be made with cherubim skillfully worked into it . . . And you shall hang the veil from the clasps, and bring the ark of the testimony in there within the veil. And the veil shall separate for you the Holy Place from the Most Holy.” (Exodus 26:31,33)

- What is a veil? This kind of veil would have been too thick to see through.
- Why did God want the veil or curtain to be so thick?



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Day 18

“And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.”

(Matthew 27:50-51)

Yesterday we read about the thick curtain of the tabernacle separating the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place.

- What happened to the temple curtain when Jesus died?
- What does this mean? (Jesus broke the barrier of our sin separating us from God!)
- Why do you think it ripped from top to bottom?

Day 17

“The inner sanctuary [Solomon] prepared in the innermost part of the house, to set there the ark of the covenant of the Lord...And Solomon overlaid the inside of the house with pure gold and he drew chains of gold across, in front of the inner sanctuary, and overlaid it with gold.”

(1 Kings 6:19, 21)

When King Solomon built a house for God, called a temple, it was much bigger and more elegant than the tabernacle tent. This verse tells us Solomon coated the inside of this “Most Holy” place with pure gold!

- What kind of person do you think would live in a house covered in gold?
- Why do you think this verse mentions that the gold is pure? Is this a clue? (God is pure. He doesn't have any flaws. The gold used in His house had to be pure like He is.)

Day 16

“Construct an ark of acacia wood ... and you shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and out ... and you shall put into the ark the testimony ...” (Exodus 25:10-11,16)

- What is the ark?
- Was it like Noah's ark?

Exodus 40:20 reads, “[Moses] took the testimony”—the Ten Commandments—“and put it into the ark.”

- Why would it be important that the stone tablets were in there? The commandments teach us God's standard, and that we can't reach God on our own without a Messiah!



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Excited with their strange discovery, they both took the scrolls back to show their family. His tribe, who were Bedouins, kept the scrolls hanging on a tent pole while they figured out what to do with them. Eleven more caves nearby hid precious scrolls.

What Muhammed found that day were many copies of Old Testament books written on scrolls. This included the book penned by the prophet Isaiah. That means that we can prove that prophets predicted these clues about who the Son of God would be almost 700 years before Jesus was born. Let's read some of the verses found in the old scrolls.

Sunday #4

Day 15: Clues in the Scrolls

Read this short story aloud:

It was winter in Palestine, shortly after the Second World War. A fifteen-year-old boy named Muhammed and his cousin, Jum'a, were herding livestock in the desert. While taking care of their animals, Jum'a noticed some holes in the rocky hillside.

He threw in a rock to see how big they were—then called Muhammed over to see. When Muhammed bent over to look he fell in! *Whoa*. Inside the hole was a pot that looked old. And inside the pot were ancient scrolls!

Day 15

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."
(Isaiah 7:14)

- Can you find the clue in this verse?
- What could people know about Jesus from this verse, written seven centuries before it happened?

Day 14

"For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given; and the
government shall be upon his
shoulder, and his name shall be
called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty
God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace."
(Isaiah 9:6)

- From this verse, how will people know who God's Messiah is?
- For older children: How is God's government different from the government of people?



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Day 13

“There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him ...” (Isaiah 11:1-2)

- Who was Jesse? (Hint: His son killed a giant!)
- What is the “shoot” of a plant?
- What part is the root?
- How could a human like Jesse have a shoot? God’s saying something here. Could this be a clue?

Day 12

Yesterday, the clue from Isaiah said the Messiah would come from Jesse, David’s dad. Read what God had promised to King David hundreds of years earlier, “When your days are fulfilled to walk with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for me, and I will establish his throne forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son.” (1 Chronicles 17:11-13)

- What does it mean that God will “establish [David’s] throne forever”?
- How could a man that came from David’s line be a king forever?
- Who could it be?

Day 11

“But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed ... He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth ... And they made his grave ... with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.” (Isaiah 53:5,7,9)

- What do these verses tell us about what the Messiah will do? There are a lot of clues here!
- What can you remember about Jesus’ death that made these prophecies come true—that solved the mystery?

Day 10

“The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to [Jesus]. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ‘The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed.’ And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” (Luke 4:17-21)

- Now, what are the clues in this reading from Luke?
- What work would God’s Messiah do?



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Day 9

“A voice cries: ‘In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.’” (Isaiah 40:3)

- Who could this prophecy be about?
- Who prepared the way for Jesus, living in the desert?
- How do people usually get ready for someone important, like a president?
- How did John the Baptist get people ready for Jesus?

Messiah. The culmination of Holy Week includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Those days correspond to the Jewish holidays Jesus kept during His last week of life.

Like our winter holidays that span eight days (Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Day), the Jewish springtime feasts also span eight days—and have done so since God established them in the book of Leviticus. Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread always occur on the 14th and 15th of the same month, kind of like Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are always on the 24th and 25th of December. But the third feast, First Fruits, has always been celebrated on a Sunday (like American Thanksgiving always happens on a Thursday, but doesn’t have a date that stays the same). First Fruits is the Sunday after Unleavened Bread.

In the year Jesus died, God displayed His perfect timing, set in motion before time began: All three feasts were consecutive: Friday, Passover, Saturday, Unleavened Bread, and Sunday, First Fruits ... exactly on the days when Jesus died, was buried, and rose again.

Sunday #5, Palm Sunday

Day 8: Clues from Jesus

Read this short story aloud:

Detectives use the words *hot* and *cold* to describe their cases. When the clues and tips seem to stop, they say their case has gone *cold*.

Exactly the same thing happened in the Bible. For thousands of years the clues about the Messiah continued to be given, like bread crumbs sprinkled along the path. Then suddenly the clues stopped. For four hundred years there was not a single word from God.

Then, on the darkest of days, an angel broke the canopy of space and announced, “This shall be a sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloth, and lying in a manger.” Another clue was given. Then when Jesus turned thirty, He began giving lots of clues. He was connecting the dots between all the clues God had given in the Old Testament to Himself.

Today is Palm Sunday, the start of Holy Week. Each day we will read the I AM verses from the book of John where Jesus plainly told His disciples He was the



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Day 8

“The woman said to Him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I who speak to you am He.’” (John 4:25-26)

Very plainly Jesus said, “I am Messiah.”

- Do you know the story of this woman? What was her background?
- If Jesus was offering this woman eternal life, what does that mean for you?

In the year Jesus died, Palm Sunday was on the 10th of Nisan, which was the day each family was to take a perfect, spotless lamb into their homes. As Jesus rode into the city on the donkey, the sacrificial lambs were being led into the city to be purchased by each family in preparation for Passover.

Day 7

“I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger ... I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” (John 6:35, 51)

- Do you remember what was in the tent tabernacle on one of the tables?
- What kind of nourishment does Jesus give us as the Bread of Life?
- Are you feeding your soul on Him?

Day 6

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12)

- These words were spoken in the temple in Jerusalem. The Jewish rules understood He was identifying Himself with God, the creator of light. Why is it important that Jesus is the light?
- Was there something in the tent tabernacle that was used for light?
- Why is light so important to humans and every living thing?

Day 5

“I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, He will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.” (John 10:9)

- How many kinds of doors can you name?
- What is the purpose of a door?
- Talk about Jesus as *the* door. What does that mean to you?



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Day 4

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6)

Spoken on Thursday night at the last supper with His disciples, the official beginning of the Passover feast, this trio of names tell us more about Jesus, the great I AM.

- How many ways are there to God? How many did Jesus list? (One. He is *the* way.)
- Where does truth come from? Why did Jesus say He is the truth?
- Why will it matter so much to the disciples to know Jesus is the life in just a few hours?

Day 3

"I am the good Shepherd. I know my own and My own know Me. I lay down My life for the sheep." (John 10:14-15)

- Do you know another shepherd in the Bible? What did he do to protect His flock? (David killed the bear and the lion to save them.)
- What does Jesus, the good Shepherd, say He will do for His sheep, His children?
- How do you feel knowing Jesus cares for you?

Today is Good Friday. Do you know why it is called good? What happened to Jesus during the night after the last supper? Jesus plainly said He would lay down His life for the sheep. Is that what He did on the cross?

Day 2

"I am the true vine,' Jesus said, 'and My Father is the vinedresser. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides I Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.'" (John 15:1, 5)

- Do you remember that Jesus likened His blood to wine? When did He say that?
- Can grapes grow without being attached to a vine?

Today is Saturday, and for the disciples Jesus is dead. They were sad. Their dreams were dashed. They didn't remember that Jesus said, "I am the life." Are there times in your life that you, too, forget what Jesus said?



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- How would you feel if someone you loved very much had died and then unexpectedly came back to life?

Easter Sunday is a day to celebrate more than any other day of the year. Jesus is alive forevermore! May you sing and dance and have great joy all day today and in the days to come.

To help you keep this miracle fresh, do what many Christians did for centuries and many still do around the world, greet your family and friends with these words:

***"Christ is Risen!
Christ is Risen Indeed!"***

Sunday #6
Resurrection Day
Christ is Risen!

Day 1

"I am the Resurrection and the Life.
Whoever believes in Me,
though He die, yet shall He live."
(John 11:25)



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