

THE STORY OF EASTER

MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS UNIT

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8, NIV*).

OBJECTIVES OF THIS UNIT

This unit will help the children:

- Know that God sent his Son Jesus to save the world.
- Learn the story of Easter.
- Celebrate that Jesus is Alive!
- Follow the example of Jesus by serving others.
- Communicate with God through prayer.
- Know that Jesus suffered by dying on the cross so that he could become our Savior.

THE REASON WE TEACH THIS UNIT

Most of your children have heard stories about the meaning of Easter, the Last Supper, Jesus’ prayer in the garden, the crucifixion and the empty tomb; but they need to understand the true meaning of what happened and why it is such a special time for Christians.

Through these lessons they will learn who Jesus is and the reason for his coming to this world. They will study the events in the life of Jesus, from his triumphal entry to the resurrection. They will know how the Son of God faced the crowds, the loneliness, the betrayal of friends, suffering and death. Through these lessons, they will have a broader and deeper understanding of the love of Jesus. They will learn about his dependence on prayer and his fervent desire to follow the will of God, his Father. This study will show them the reality of a living God who loves them and cares about them.

Your children will see the example of Jesus as he served, prayed and showed mercy; you will find opportunities to celebrate his resurrection and experience the forgiveness and mercy of God.