Easter Resources for Families

Picture Books

This book offers a historically accurate description of the events surrounding Jesus’ death and resurrection through Scripture and beautiful artwork. Ten-year-old Christopher wants to know the story behind the story and learns important details about this miraculous event that help him understand the season’s celebration. He also discovers his own special link to the very first Easter. The award-winning team of Paul L. Maier and Francisco Ordaz work together again to bring children a vivid picture of Jesus’ last days on Earth. The Very First Easter makes a wonderful gift for children, families, and friends. Recommended for ages 9 to 12.

Curious Little Cub loved learning about Christmas. Now she’s wondering about Easter—and peppering Papa polar bear with questions. Why do we celebrate Easter? What happened on that day? What does it mean for our faith? With simple words and easy-to-understand biblical insights, Papa explains the meaning of Jesus’ death and resurrection. Ages 3 to 8. 40 pages, hardcover from Waterbrook.

This tale of a child following Jesus during Biblical times to find out who he is will teach your children lessons from the Bible. What are the treasures in Benjamin’s Box? Come along with Benjamin and see. Like all boys and girls, Benjamin is very, very curious. Unlike children of today, however, Benjamin lives during the days of Christ! When Jesus comes to Jerusalem, Benjamin decides to follow Him and find out who He really is. At first, he thinks Jesus is a teacher, then a king. At last, Benjamin learns the good news—news that every child (and grown-up!) will want to share.

This beautifully illustrated hardback book, The Garden, the Curtain, and the Cross by Carl Laferton and illustrated by Catalina Echeverri, takes children on a journey from the garden of Eden to God’s perfect new creation. Retelling the Easter story through a Bible overview, children will discover that “because of our sin, we can’t go in” but because of Jesus’ victory on the cross, an even better garden awaits us.

Give kids a unique perspective on the events of Jesus’ Passion Week with this illustrated story by R.C. Sproul, The Donkey Who Carried a King. Davey was a young donkey who never had anything to do. Until one day some strangers arrived and Davey was given a very special task; to carry the King, Jesus, into Jerusalem. Davey sees things that he doesn’t understand, until another donkey helps him see that the King is willingly a Servant on behalf of His people.
When Maggie, the farmer’s daughter, receives a mysterious gift, she’s disappointed to find it’s only some dirt ad a lifeless bulb. But after tossing it out, she discovers that what was dead has come to life as a beautiful Easter lily! Kids will cherish the 10th anniversary edition of Higg’s beloved story of love, giving, and forgiving. Recommended for ages 3 to 7.

Once upon a mountaintop, three little trees stood and dreamed of what they wanted to become when they grew up. Each of their dreams come true in an unexpected way in this lovely retelling of an old folk tale. This classic story, beloved by young and old, is now retold in simpler text for younger readers.

Sammy and His Shepherd by Susan Hunt is a retelling of the 23rd Psalm from the perspective of a lamb (representing a child of God) describing what it is like to be cared for by a gracious, loving, and protective shepherd (God Almighty). Sammy, the narrator sheep, is taught lessons by an older sheep known to everyone as Grandmother, who explains that a good shepherd makes sure that his sheep has plenty of food and water, lots of contented rest, protection from predators, and even moments of rescue and recovery if they wander into dark valleys.

When Jotham is accused of a terrible crime, his thirteen-year-old son, Amon, races to save him. Along the way Amon joins the crowds on Palm Sunday, outwits Roman soldiers who plan to kill his father and Jesus, witnesses Judas’s betrayal, and beholds Christ’s crucifixion. End-of-chapter meditations make this ideal for family Lenten devotions. 208 pages.

Activities

Crack open the glorious story of Jesus’ resurrection! Stored in a plastic carton, a dozen rainbow-hued eggs are filled with surprises. Pop them open and find miniature symbols of Easter inside! An updated companion booklet in English and Spanish features illustrated Bible stories explaining the significance of each object. Includes decorative stickers!

Crew & Co Easter Cards
Easter is coming soon and what better way to celebrate Jesus’ death and resurrection than with these cards and the Jesus Storybook Bible! Created with original art and hand lettering, no two cards are the same! These cards are 4x5 inches with rounded corners and are professionally printed on premium matte paper. Please be sure that you have the Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd Jones for these cards. Each day’s reading will be listed on the bottom of the card.
Recapture the true meaning of Easter for little ones with this fully illustrated devotional. Designed for use during the four weeks prior to Easter, this book will help parents teach children the biblical truth about this significant celebration. The text is written in a daily format that is short, focused, and effective with a Scripture truth for each day and discussion questions.

Easter Sunday only happens once a year, but the truths behind it are big enough to shape our lives every single day. Starting on Palm Sunday, your family will spend two weeks (fourteen devotions) walking in time with Jesus as he finished the work his Father had given him. Extending your devotional time into the week beyond Easter Sunday will encourage your family to follow the risen Jesus as he calls his disciples on a Spirit-filled mission to spread the good news to all nations. Each devotion takes just ten minutes and is suitable for all ages of children. Included are suggestions for hymns to sing and family activities that give you a chance to remember and apply the truth that Christ is risen indeed!

Take ten minutes with your family each day to prepare for Easter. This flexible, easy-to-use Lent devotional will allow both adults and children to celebrate the limitless wonder of Easter. Walk through Luke’s Gospel and the Old Testament to discover why the story of Jesus’ death and resurrection is the most amazing story ever told. This is a discussion-based resource with differentiated questions for 3-4s, 5-7s, 7-12s, teens and adults! At just 10 minutes each, these devotions are an achievable joy, not an unrealistic burden. There are five devotions for each week. If you can’t get to it every day, that’s alright. Stuff happens. We hope that if you miss one you can pick it up again easily. You might discover that five a week is an unrealistic target—if so, some studies have been marked as KEY to help you choose which ones to pick.