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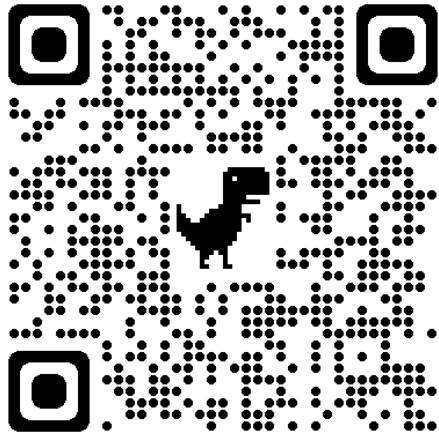
4-Week Easter
Curriculum for Kids



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Fulfilled: 4-Week Easter Curriculum for Kids is about how Jesus accomplished salvation for God’s people, as promised in the Old Testament. Children will learn the “why” behind Jesus’ suffering, death, and resurrection: He endured it all because of his undying love for us!

Big Idea: Jesus died and rose—because of His love for us!

Memory Verse: Acts 3:18. This series is available in the NIV, KJV, or ESV.

- Lesson 1: “The Suffering Servant” 1 Peter 2:24
- Lesson 2: “The Passover Lamb” 1 Cor. 5:7b
- Lesson 3: “Scorned in the Psalms” John 19:36-37
- Lesson 4: “Death is Destroyed” Hebrews 2:14-15

Credits: This series is from Elizabeth James. The editors were Samuel O’Neal and Andrew Toy. We pray this material will bless your ministry and help children feel the love of Jesus Christ.

These easy-to-teach lesson plans include the following: discussion questions and prayer, memory verse activity, printable word search worksheets, Bible story coloring pages, parent take-home review sheets, and craft activities.

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- perfect for children aged 6 to 12 (Kindergarten to 6th grade)
- designed for small churches
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Fulfilled! Lesson 1

"The Suffering Servant" 1 Peter 2:24

Summary: *Fulfilled* shows the prophecies that Jesus fulfilled through his death and resurrection. This 4-week series will help the kids understand why Jesus died and rose—because of His love for us!

This week, we will look at the Old Testament prophecy of the suffering servant (Isaiah 53:3-7) and discuss why Jesus had to undergo suffering—including what He said about his own suffering; its purpose; and what that suffering means to us, as his followers, as well.

Gospel Connection: Jesus endured suffering to bear our sins on the cross.

Big Idea: Jesus died and rose—because of His love for us!

Memory Verse: Acts 3:18

Additional Passages and Stories: Isaiah 53:3-7; Matthew 16:21-23; Luke 9:22-27

Memory Verse Activity:

Group Reading Chain

Suggested time: 5–10 minutes

Supplies: Paper; marker

Instructions:

- Write each word or phrase of the memory verse onto a separate slip of paper. Ensure there is one slip for each kid in your group. If you have a large group, consider making multiple copies and forming smaller groups of kids.
- Number the back of each slip of paper according to the correct order in the verse. (For an added challenge, you may choose not to number the slips.)
- Form groups of kids so that each kid in every group gets one slip of paper. (If you have an uneven number, you can allow older kids to read more than one part.)
- Pass out a numbered section to each kid in the group, telling them their number as you hand them out.
- Instruct the kids in each group to line up in the order of their numbers. Then challenge the kids to order themselves based on the verse.
- Once everyone is standing in order, invite each kid to read their part of the memory verse. Challenge them to read the verse as seamlessly as possible.
- Repeat this multiple times until they recite the Bible verse smoothly and effortlessly.

Lesson Illustration

Bearing weight

Suggested time: 5–10 minutes

Supplies: two sheets of paper; two hardcover books; tape

Instructions:

- Invite a kid to come and stand next to you. Provide him with a hardcover book and a sheet of paper. Challenge him to stand the paper on its edge and balance the book on top.
- Allow him a moment or two to struggle with the challenge. Then reveal the trick by rolling the paper into a tube shape and taping it. When rolled into a tube, the paper will gain added strength.

LEADER: At first, it seemed there was no way that paper could stand on the edge and hold up the weight of that book. But once the paper was rolled into a tube, it could bear the weight. In a way, this can help us imagine ourselves compared to Jesus. On our own, we could never bear the weight of our sins. However, Jesus came to suffer and die for us. He took on our sin, so we do not have to bear it ourselves. That is why he has also been called the Suffering Servant, which is what we are going to learn more about today.

Transition to **Large Group Teaching**.

Large Group Teaching:

Suggested Time: 15–20 minutes

LEADER: This week, we are starting a new series that will prepare us to celebrate Easter in a few weeks. Easter is a very important holiday for Christians because Easter Sunday celebrates the day when Jesus rose following his death on the cross. His death and resurrection make it possible for us to be set free from sin and live with God. Everyone who has faith in Jesus will live forever.

Over the next few weeks, we are going to take some time to reflect on *why* Jesus had to die and what his death and resurrection mean for us, today. We are going to explore this by looking at some of the Old Testament prophecies related to his death and resurrection.

Does anyone know what a prophecy is? [*Allow for responses.*]

A prophecy is a message from God, usually about things that will happen, but haven't happened yet. Before Jesus was born, God revealed many things about the coming Messiah. These truths gave the people hints about the future to give them hope as they waited for that Messiah. The prophecies also made it possible for people to understand that Jesus is the Messiah; only He fulfills all the prophecies. .

Let's read a prophecy written by the prophet Isaiah. He wrote about "the suffering servant," who would set the Israelites free through his pain.

READ: Isaiah 53:3-7

LEADER: Isaiah told the people that the coming Messiah would suffer and experience pain. He would be hated and rejected. Are you surprised to hear that God described His Messiah this way? [*Allow responses.*] I imagine this description may have been surprising to some of Isaiah's listeners since the Messiah would save God's people.

But Isaiah's writing shows that, by experiencing such pain, the Messiah would set us free from our sins. We can find healing through his suffering.

Even Jesus knew that this was expected of Him. He knew that, as the Messiah, He would be the suffering servant. Listen to what He said to his disciples:

READ: Luke 9:22

LEADER: Did you see how Jesus described himself? He referred back to this image of the suffering servant that Isaiah had described. He was the suffering servant the Israelites had been waiting for! He would set them free from their sins.

Jesus knew that paying for the sins of the world would require pain, but His disciples weren't happy about it! Listen to what happened between Jesus and Peter on the topic of Jesus' suffering:

READ: Matthew 16:21-23

LEADER: Peter was one of Jesus' closest disciples, and he didn't want to see Jesus suffer. But Jesus knew that he *had* to fulfill the prophecy and obey God's plan. Jesus loved his followers—and us—so much. That's why Jesus was willing to suffer to save us.

Now check this out: Later in his life, after Jesus' death and resurrection, Peter actually confirmed that Jesus' suffering fulfilled this prophecy of the suffering servant.

READ: 1 Peter 2:24

LEADER: Even though Peter didn't want Jesus to suffer, he eventually realized that it was only through Jesus' death and resurrection that God's plan to save us could be fulfilled. Because Jesus took on our sins when He died, everyone who has faith in Him gains Jesus' righteousness. His death and resurrection made that possible!

Do you think knowing the prophecy about Jesus' suffering helped Peter see that Jesus is the Messiah? *[Allow for responses.]*

The prophecies in the Old Testament helped Peter and the other disciples know for sure who Jesus is, and they help us in the same way. Peter continued sharing the

Good News about Jesus for the rest of his life because he knew that Jesus is God the Son, sent to save us..

That's what we are learning about in our Memory Verse for this series:

READ: Acts 3:18

LEADER: Plus, knowing that God already fulfilled this prophecy through Jesus' death and resurrection gives us hope as we wait for the other prophecies in God's Word,, like Jesus' second coming and the perfect world that awaits us when He does return!

But knowing this prophecy has been fulfilled doesn't *only* give us something to look forward to, it also gives us something to do in the meantime.

Let's keep reading a little bit further in Luke 9:

READ: Luke 9:22-24

LEADER: Jesus is our perfect example of how to live. He loved us enough to suffer for us, and part of following Him means we may have to suffer for others. Just as Jesus served us, so we will serve others. We don't need to give our lives, necessarily, but we can put the needs of other people in front of our own.

Now, listen to what he said next in that passage, about the hope that awaits us when we have faith in him and follow in his footsteps in that way:

READ: Luke 9:25-27

LEADER: Jesus tells us that if we have faith in him and serve out of love, we will be set free from the taste of death! That is because he already died that death for us—and then rose again!

That is what we celebrate on Easter. Because he was the suffering servant for us, we can now be set free from our sins and live in eternity forever with God if we have faith in Jesus!

Small Group Discussion and Prayer:

Suggested time: 10–15 minutes

Discuss the following questions. Choose questions that are most appropriate for your group's age and attention level.

- What is a prophecy in the Bible?
- Why do you think God gave us prophecies?
- Who wrote the prophecy about the suffering servant?
- What did Jesus say about his own suffering?
- How did Peter's reaction to Jesus' suffering change over time?
- What is the outcome of the Messiah's suffering?
- How does Jesus' suffering affect or impact us today?

Take some time to share prayer requests. Then lead the kids in prayer. You may also read the prayer below.

Dear God,
Thank you for giving us Jesus
And allowing Him to make the ultimate sacrifice for us.
Thank you that he was willing to suffer for us
And be the suffering servant,
Setting us free from our sins.
We pray that we would follow in his footsteps
And serve him and others in love, as well.
In Jesus' name, Amen!

Application Craft

Craft-Stick Cross Craft

Suggested time: 10–15 minutes

Supplies: Paper; scissors; wooden craft sticks; markers; construction paper; glue

Instructions:

- Before class, write or print out 1 Peter 2:24 on small pieces of paper, one for each kid. (For additional challenges, kids may write the verse out for themselves.)
- Give each kid two wooden craft sticks.
- Allow the kids to decorate both craft sticks.
- Give each kid one piece of construction paper.
- Demonstrate how to lay the sticks across each other so that they form the shape of a cross. Instruct the kids to glue the craft sticks together in that shape onto the construction paper.
- Give each kid a copy of 1 Peter 2:24. Instruct them to glue it onto the construction paper.

LEADER: When Jesus died on the cross for our sins, He fulfilled what had been written in the Old Testament about “the Suffering Servant.” This servant had to experience intense suffering and pain as well as be crushed for our sins—all so that we could be healed. Jesus was that servant. He suffered and died on the cross, bearing our sins even though He never sinned. Jesus’ death and resurrection allows us to be healed from our sins!

Application Game

Stack of Books Race

Suggested time: 5–10 minutes

Supplies: Books of similar sizes and weights (about 10)

Instructions:

- Form groups of kids. Instruct each group to stand in lines side by side.
- Place a stack of books beside each group.
- Instruct the kids to take turns placing one or more books on their heads and walking across the room or to a designated spot.
- Advise the kids to only place as many books on their heads as they can carry without dropping them. If a book falls, the kid must pick it up and go back to the starting line. If the kid makes it to the designated spot, she will return the books holding them normally for the next kid to use.
- Once all kids have gone, see what the record was for how many books one kid could balance on their head.
- Challenge the kids to try again, and see if they can improve their numbers.
- Applaud the kid who can carry the most books without dropping them.

LEADER: You all did a great job figuring out how to balance the books and carry them across the room! But even if you balanced the most books, there still was a limit to how many you could balance, wasn't there? That's like the illustration we did at the start of class with the paper and the books. Fortunately for us, there is no limit to the number of sins that Jesus bore when he died on the cross for us. He was able to bear each and every one of them! That is why we call Him the Suffering Servant, who heals us from our sins.



Bible Word Search

AFFLICTED - CHRIST - DESPISED - FULFILLED - GOD - HEALED

INIQUITY - JESUS - LORD - PEACE - PROPHETS - REJECTED - SUFFER

F U L F I L L E D Y P
U W R R T V P D X O R
A F F L I C T E D O O
H M G O D H J S A Z P
S H R R D R A P O C H
C E Q D B I B I K O E
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Word Search Answers

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A Note for Parents

This series is teaching kids about the Easter story by tracing some of the prophecies that Jesus fulfilled through his death and resurrection. This will help them understand the “why” behind Jesus’ suffering, death, and resurrection: that he endured it all because of his undying love for them!

This week, we looked at the Old Testament prophecy of the suffering servant (Isaiah 53:3-7) and discussed why Jesus had to undergo suffering—including what he himself said about his own suffering, its purpose, and what that means for us, as his followers, as well.

As we go through these lessons, spend some time at home talking about each principle and what was discussed. Guide your kids to put into practice the principles they are learning in church. Some possible suggestions for conversation or activity include:

- Who wrote the prophecy about the suffering servant?
- What is the outcome of the Messiah’s suffering?
- What did Jesus say about his own suffering?
- How did Peter’s reaction to Jesus’ suffering change over time?
- How does Jesus’ suffering affect or impact us today?
- Think about your own life and a time you suffered. Did the difficult time end up benefiting you or someone else in some way? Share that experience with your kid, and then pray together about how we are called to follow Jesus and serve others.
- Practice the Memory Verse (Acts 3:18) with your kid.

Review and discuss the lessons with your children regularly. You might already have a dedicated prayer or Bible time in your home. If so, great! If not, perhaps it is time to start one. It doesn’t have to be formal. You can speak about God’s truth on the way to activities or around the dinner table. Remember that training a child is a constant task, but it is also the most significant and rewarding one we can undertake.