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Christ-Centered Easter

**A CHILDREN'S 6-WEEK BIBLE STUDY
OF THE DEATH & RESURRECTION OF JESUS**





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*This Journal
Belongs To*

Year

Age

About the Author



Hello! My name is Lindsey Carroll, and I am the creator of Driven By Grace®. I am married to my best friend, Brendon, and we have been blessed with three beautiful children together – Easton, Aubrie, and Camden. Before you start this study, I'd love to share a little about my testimony and our family to help you understand my background and how I began writing Bible study resources.

I believe God put this desire on my heart to teach others about Him through my Bible study creations. I am a believer in Christ, seeking to know the Lord, His Word, and sharing what I learn with others. I am merely trying to obey the ideas God has put on my heart and trust that He has a plan and purpose for it all.

In October 2019, I left my 7-year marketing career to become a stay-at-home mom. I loved my job, but I had a nudge on my heart that I needed to stay home with my kids. After pushing that voice aside for an entire year, I finally decided to obey the Lord. Coming home was the best decision I made for my family. That first step of obedience led me to start homeschooling my kids, which then led to the creation of Driven By Grace®. The Lord graciously guided my family on a path that was better than any story we could have written for ourselves.

Now, I am blessed to be able to spend my time creating Bible studies for families. I started creating these studies to help my kids dive deeper into God's Word. I wanted a Bible study that was age-appropriate and covered full portions of scripture and not just verses here and there. I aim to help kids enjoy studying God's Word and learning about who He is. I want them to know what their Bible says by reading it themselves. These studies have been a blessing for my kids, and I pray they are a blessing for yours as well. To God be the glory!

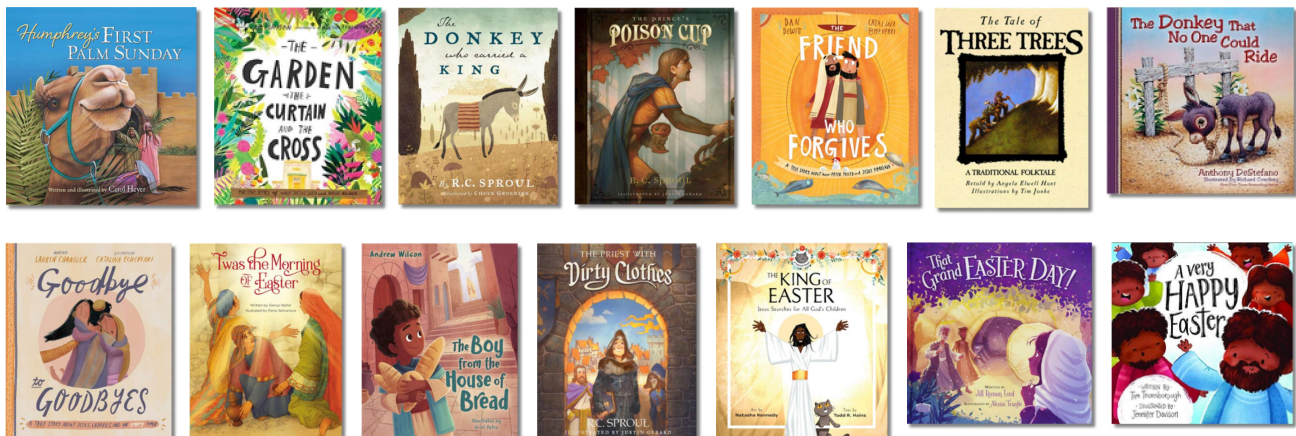
♥ Lindsey

Picture Book Recommendations

Each of these picture books relates to the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. These are great books to add to your home library to help you teach your children about Jesus' sacrifice. Scan the QR code to view the saved booklist on Amazon. You can also check your local library or search YouTube for read-aloud versions. I hope you enjoy these books!

- *Humphrey's First Palm Sunday* by Carol Heyer
- *The Garden, the Curtain, and the Cross* by Carl Laferton
- *The Donkey Who Carried a King* by R.C. Sproul
- *The Prince's Poison Cup* by R.C. Sproul
- *The Friend Who Forgives* by Dan DeWitt
- *The Tale of Three Trees* by Angela Elwell Hunt
- *The Donkey That No One Could Ride* by Anthony DeStefano
- *Goodbye to Goodbyes* by Lauren Chandler
- *'Twas the Morning of Easter* by Glenys Nellist
- *The Boy From the House of Bread* by Andrew Wilson
- *The Priest with Dirty Clothes* by R.C. Sproul
- *The King of Easter* by Todd R. Hains
- *That Grand Easter Day* by Jill Roman Lord
- *A Very Happy Easter* by Tim Thornborough

Amazon
Booklist



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Hello!



I am so excited for you to begin this journal. My goal for creating this journal was to help my family, and yours, dive into the story of Jesus' death and resurrection this Easter. My hope is that your children will learn something new and grow a deeper knowledge and understanding about the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross.

This journal is designed to be a Bible study for kids to grow in their Bible literacy and knowledge of the Word. This journal will walk kids through the events leading up to Jesus' death, His crucifixion, and His resurrection. Each lesson only takes about 10-15 minutes to complete. This study journal is divided into six weeks, with five days of reading each week. You can also do one lesson a day over 30 days to finish in one month.

There are activities and song suggestions included for each week. These are added for extra opportunities to learn about Christ and reinforce the lessons being learned that week. The most important thing is reading the Bible and learning about our Savior's sacrifice. I hope you and your family enjoy this study!

Activities

Follow **Driven By Grace** on Pinterest for quick access to the activities suggested in this Bible study. They are saved on the **Easter Bible Study Board**.



Music Playlist

All of the songs recommended in this study have been saved in a playlist for you! Scan and enjoy!

Apple Music



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Week One





Week 1 Summary



BIBLE READING

- **Day 1: Why did Jesus have to die?**
John 3:16 and 2 Corinthians 5:21
- **Day 2: Jesus foretells His death & resurrection**
Matthew 16:21-23, 17:22-23 and 20:17-19
- **Day 3: Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem**
Luke 19:28-40 and Zechariah 9:9
- **Day 4: Jesus cleansed the temple**
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- **Day 5: Jesus foretells the temple destruction**
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ACTIVITIES & CRAFTS

- **Option 1: Fasting**
Do a fast as a family. Every one gives up something to focus more on God and prayer. You can try a week-long fast, 2 weeks long, 1 month, or 40 days. Pick whatever works for your family.
- **Option 2: Palm Branch Craft**
Create palm branches to recreate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. See my Easter Pinterest board for ideas.
- **Option 3: Donkey Craft**
Make a donkey craft to resemble the colt that Jesus rode on. Saved on my Easter Pinterest board.
- **Option 4: Sugar Cube Temple**
Get creative and try to create a temple using sugar cubes and hot glue. Look up a picture of the temple online and try your best to recreate it.



SONG SUGGESTIONS

- "Hosanna" by The Belonging Co & Kari Jobe
- "Prepare the Way" by Chris & Bethany Solyntjes
- "King of Kings" by Hillsong Worship



Week 1: Day 1

Why Did Jesus Have To Die?

Start by Reading John 3:16 and 2 Corinthians 5:21

We start this journal by understanding why Jesus had to die for our sins. When God created the world, He made everything perfect. However, the first man and woman ever created sinned and disobeyed God. Because of their sin, all people born from them would be sinners. God’s punishment for sin is death and eternal separation from Him. However, God had a plan to save us all. He chose to send His Son, Jesus, to the earth to be born fully human and fully God. Jesus’ purpose was to obey His Father perfectly and take the judgment of sin upon Himself. Because God is holy and just, sin must be punished. Jesus willingly endured God’s wrath and judgment for all sins even though He never sinned. Jesus died on the cross, but God resurrected Him from the dead because He was innocent. We can now be saved and have eternal life with God in Heaven when we believe in Jesus.

COPY Option 1: Jesus died so we could be saved and have eternal life with Him.

WORK: Option 2: Copy verse John 3:16

Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed middle line. There are four sets of these lines provided for writing.

DISCUSS:

1. Why did Jesus have to die?
2. What does eternal life mean, and how can we receive it?
3. Before Jesus sacrificed himself, what did people have to sacrifice to be forgiven of their sins? (read Leviticus 4)



Week 1: Day 1

Why Did Jesus Have To Die?

Write a prayer to Jesus telling Him why you are thankful for His sacrifice.

PRAY:

Dear God,
Thank You for sending Your Son as a sacrifice to die on the cross so we can be forgiven of our sins. Thank You for providing a way to save us so we can have a future in Heaven with You. Amen.



Week 1: Day 2

Jesus Foretells His Death & Resurrection

Start by Reading Matthew 16:21-23, 17:22-23, and 20:17-19

In this part of Jesus' life, He is now preparing His twelve disciples for His death. Jesus dying on the cross was part of God's sovereign plan from the beginning, and Jesus is now sharing that plan with His disciples. In Matthew, Jesus tells His disciples about His upcoming death and resurrection three different times. The first time, in chapter 16, Peter denied it and told Jesus he didn't ever want that to happen. Jesus gave a harsh rebuke to Peter because anyone that tried to discourage Jesus from dying on the cross was fulfilling Satan's plan and not God's. The third time Jesus shared about His death, in chapter 20, He prophesied exactly what would happen. He told His disciples He would be betrayed, mocked, scourged, and crucified. Jesus prophesied of His death and said He would be raised on the third day.

COPY Option 1: Jesus said He would be killed and raised on the third day.

WORK: Option 2: Copy verse Matthew 17:22-23

Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed middle line. There are four sets of these lines provided for writing.

DISCUSS:

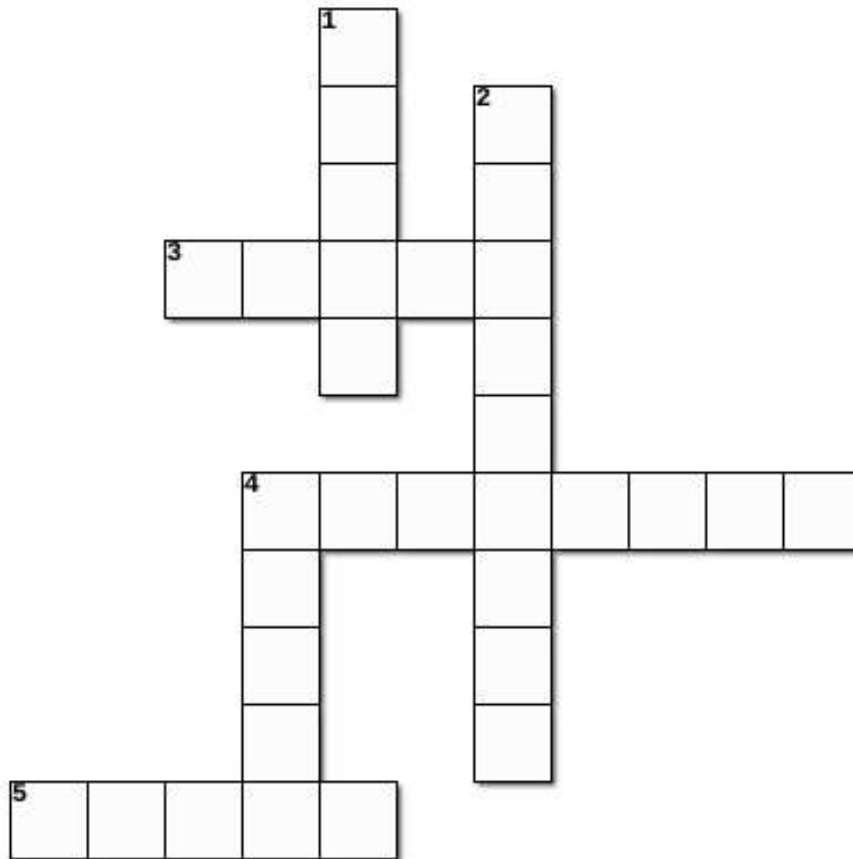
1. How was Jesus able to perfectly predict how He would die?
2. What did Jesus mean when He said He will be raised on the third day?
3. Why did Jesus rebuke Peter in chapter 16?
4. How many disciples did Jesus have?



Week 1: Day 2

Jesus Foretells His Death & Resurrection

Complete the crossword puzzle. Words are based on what you learned today.



Across

- 3. Savior of the world
- 4. Prediction of future events
- 5. What day did Jesus rise

Down

- 1. What Jesus died on
- 2. Jesus' 12 closest followers
- 4. Who was rebuked by Jesus

PRAY:

Dear Jesus,
Thank You for willingly dying on the cross. Thank You for sacrificing Your life to save us. We pray we would remember what that sacrifice means and never take it for granted. In Your name, Amen.

Week 1: Day 3

Jesus' Triumphal Entry Into Jerusalem

Color the picture.



PRAY:

Dear God,
Thank You for fulfilling Your word and having Jesus fulfill the prophecy in Zechariah. Thank You for always being true and keeping Your word. You are all-knowing and the ultimate promise keeper. Amen.