

Growing Together

Bible Story

Jesus is arrested at Gethsemane.
Matthew 26:36-56

Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection 6:

Jesus did the right thing, even though it was hard.

Bible Verse

"If you love me, obey my commandments" (John 14:15).

In Touch

Today your child learned that Jesus did the right thing, even though it was hard. The children learned that Jesus understands how hard it is to do right. Yet the reward of Jesus' action is great: His life of obedience to God's will makes it possible for us to live with God.

Good Works

Let your child choose one of many right things to do. Together, come up with a list of things your child can do around the house, such as dusting, scrubbing the floor, and making a simple dessert. Write each task on an index card. If your child can't read, photograph or draw each task. Put the cards or pictures in a special box. Each day, have your child choose a card and do the task that's written on it. Praise your child for choosing to do what's right.

Eggshell Mosaic

Hard boil several eggs, and let them cool. Let your child help remove the shells. Keep the eggs to use in egg salad or to make deviled eggs. Crush the shells into small pieces. Prepare Easter-egg dye according to package instructions, or create your own dye by mixing 2/3 cup water, 2 teaspoons vinegar, and approximately 24 drops of food coloring for each cup of dye. Dye a handful of shell pieces in each color. Use a small strainer to retrieve the shells from the dye. Shake off the excess dye, and put the shells on paper towels to dry. When they're dry, have your child glue the pieces to a piece of construction paper to make a mosaic for Easter.

Right or Wrong

Draw a happy face on one sheet of paper. Draw a sad face on another sheet of paper. Put the sheets of paper facedown in front of you the next time you watch television or read a book with your child. When a character in the show or book faces a conflict, have your child pick up one of the papers. If the paper has the happy face on it, work with your child to think of a good thing for the character to do. If the paper has the sad face, think of a bad thing for the character to do. Then talk about the consequences of the character's actions.

Super Challenges

Have fun challenging each other to complete difficult and zany stunts such as counting all the blades of grass in a square foot of your yard or turning 10 somersaults in a row while shouting, "Jesus loves me!" Talk about how hard it is sometimes to do the right thing. Reassure your child by telling him or her that God is pleased when we honestly try our best to do the right thing.