REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Reflect on these questions and journal your thoughts below, or discuss them with your family or friends. Let’s be intentional about using this time to invest in our relationships with God and with each other.

1. How did Jesus speak to you through today’s message?

2. How does your Easter today look different than in years past?

3. How have questions and doubts shaped your faith journey?

4. How have your questions and doubts led you to be the person that you are today?

5. What can you do to invite Jesus into your Easter to bring peace and hope?

NEXT STEPS

SAY YES: To say Yes to Jesus, visit hosannalc.org and click the “Yes to Jesus!” button, or click here.

PRAYER: To submit a prayer request visit hosannalc.org/prayer or click here.

GIVING: In light of the current COVID-19 crisis, The Easter Offering will be going towards crisis response, helping first responders, homeless and under-resourced, children and the elderly and families in financial crisis. One hundred percent of our regular offering will go out of Hosanna’s doors and into the hands of those who need it most. You can contribute until Wednesday, April 15. Thank you to all who are already giving online. Click here, or text HOSANNA CHURCH to 77977 to start, modify or add to your regular contributions for this offering.
Next Week at Hosanna

Big Questions
Because we’re all asking them now.

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Kids’ Activity Worksheets
On the next pages, we’ve prepared printable activity worksheets for you and your kids to complete this week.
God created everything that we see—light, water, the galaxies, birds, bugs, animals and then for His crowning achievement, God created humans. Then God said, “It was very good.” And it was very good... until God’s created people decided to disobey God and make their own choices apart from him. Then everything that was “very good”, was now very broken. A fracture was formed between God and his favorite creation, humans. God is one who loves and doesn’t want us to be away from Him. God made a plan to come to His people and to rescue everyone from sin and close the fracture once and for all.

“No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.” — Romans 8:39 (NLT)

God, we thank you for your love for us. Even when we’re lost and sinful, you sent your son to be with us so we could come back to you. Let us continue to know you and your grace everyday. Amen.
DAY 1 ACTIVITY
DRAW YOUR FAVORITE THING THAT GOD CREATED
After sin entered the world we needed some additional power. No matter how hard we tried and how much work we put in, we just couldn’t close the fracture. We needed help and God knew that. This is where His plan began with a man named Abraham. Abraham was full of faith and trust in God and when God said, “Go and be a blessing to others” Abraham went. He didn’t know where to go, but he trusted God. Because of his faith, God said I will start a rescue plan with you and your family. Awkward—Abraham and his wife Sarah didn’t have a family, but God had a plan. Now, read Genesis 15:1-6. God kept His promise, as He always does, and Abraham and Sarah went on to have a son, who had sons, who had sons and so on, until the nations of Israel were formed. God’s plan was growing, but we still needed a rescuer to fix the fracture for good.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.” — Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

“God, there are times that we feel weak or that we don’t have what it takes. But we know that when we trust in you, you can do far more than we can imagine. Help us to continue to grow in knowing you and trusting in you. Amen.

Have you ever tried to do something, but didn’t have the ability or power to do it? Maybe you wanted to win a race, but your legs just wouldn’t go any faster and someone else got there before you. Maybe the picture you were working on didn’t look anything like your grandma. Or maybe you wanted to hit a homerun, but couldn’t quite reach the fence. Some things just need additional help or power to make them happen.
The people of Israel grew and lived in Egypt and things were good until a new king arrived. The new king, Pharaoh, didn’t like the Israelites and made them his slaves. He worked them really hard and made their lives miserable. It seemed like God’s rescue plan was being stopped in its tracks. But God wasn’t done yet. God spoke to a man named Moses, through a very interesting bonfire, and told Moses how he was going to continue the great rescue plan. Read Exodus 3:1-12. Through many challenges Moses led God’s people out of Egypt and out of slavery. Things weren’t easy, but Moses remembered that God was with him and he could trust in Him. The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years and learned what it meant to follow God and be His people. During that time God provided for them and watched over them until they finally went home, to the Promised Land. Even though they were free from Egypt, they weren’t completely free from what was really keeping us from God. We still needed someone to really set His people free.

“God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God.” — Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

Have you ever had a bonfire in your backyard or gathered around a fireplace? What happens to the things in the fire? The fire takes over everything in it and burns it to ashes. Fires can be really powerful, but God is more powerful.

**QUESTION** What are some of your favorite things to do outside?

“God, thank you for all the ways that you watch over us and protect us. We thank you for being there for us and that we can talk to you any time. Help us to know you more and love you more everyday. Amen.

HELP THE ISRAELITIES GET TO THE PROMISED LAND ON THE NEXT PAGE.
D6AY 3 ACTIVITY
HELP THE ISRAELITES GET TO THE PROMISED LAND!
Have you received multiple gifts at once? Possibly at Christmas or your birthday? One of the first things you do is compare each gift. Which is bigger, heavier, feels like a box of pajamas. You are grateful for whatever you get, but you are judging what is inside based on what you see on the outside.

This is exactly what the prophet Samuel did when he was looking for Israel’s next king. Israel had its ups and a lot of downs while it was a growing nation in the Promised Land. God was always their king, but they wanted a king like all of the other nations had. So God led Samuel to find the next king of Israel. Read Samuel 16:1-13. Samuel judged by what was on the outside, but God judges by our heart. He wants to know if we love Him and love others. David was someone who loved God and because of his heart, God made him King of Israel. David wasn’t perfect but God used David to continue the rescue plan to fix what sin did. From David’s family the true King would be born...but we had to wait and wait and wait to receive the most amazing gift that could be ever given.

“You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!” — Luke 1:31-33 (NLT)

“God, we thank you that you are our shepherd and our king. We thank you for meeting our needs and watching over us. Even when we may not understand your plan, we know that you are on the throne and that you care for us. Amen.

**COLOR THE SHEEP AND GIVE THEM NAMES ON THE NEXT PAGE.**
DAY 4 ACTIVITY
COLOR THE PICTURE OF THE SHEEP!
Many people were awaiting the birth of a mighty king that would come fight for them and defeat their enemy, but what they got instead was a baby. This child wasn’t born in a palace, but He was still king. A king mightier than they could’ve imagined and defeating enemies that they didn’t expect. Read Luke 2:1-14.

This baby was named Jesus and he was two things in one. He was fully human, like us, but He was also fully God, because He is the Son of God. Jesus was sent by God to be the rescuer that we needed since the beginning of time when sin fractured our friendship with God. Jesus was the answer to God’s plan that we had been waiting for. People expected Him to come in like a warrior, but instead He was a servant. People wanted Him to tell people to straighten up and do better, but instead He said, “Love God and love one another”. This didn’t sit well with some people and is what eventually led to Jesus fighting the greatest battle, by using His life to pay for our mistakes. When Jesus died on the cross, He closed that fracture once and for all, and now we can all come to know God and His forgiveness. This was not quite the entrance that was expected, but it was EVERYTHING that we needed and more. It gets better. When everyone thought that Jesus was dead, ‘BAM’ He came back to life. Jesus is more powerful than anything that we could imagine, even death, and He is alive and with us always!

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”
— John 3:16 (NLT)

“Jesus, we thank you for coming to rescue us and showing us your love. You are the true King. Thank you for bringing forgiveness and allowing us all to have a friendship with you. Thank you for being with us and allowing us the chance to speak with you anytime and anywhere. Amen.

TRY TO FIND ALL OF THE WORDS ON THE NEXT PAGE.
SEARCH FOR THE WORDS IN THE EASTER STORY!

Day 5 Activity

ANGELS  CRUCIFIED  GOSPEL  MARY  SALVATION
CHRIST  DISCIPLES  HOLY  MIRACLES  SAVIOR
CHURCH  EASTER  JESUS  PRAYER  SPIRIT
CROSS  FAITH  LAMB  RESURRECTION  TOMB
DAY 6 A NEW DAY

Was there a time that you were grateful to have a friend by your side? It could be a classmate, a neighbor, a sibling or a parent and you were happy to be spending time with them. It’s great to be able to play and celebrate with a friend, but we really need a friend when we have a bad day.

We can trust that Jesus is a friend that is always with us. On the good days and the bad, He is there and wants to hear about our day. You may be thinking, “Isn’t Jesus a man, so how can He be everyone?” Well, let’s find out how this works. Read Acts 1:6-11. Jesus ascended to heaven where He can watch over everyone, but He didn’t leave without giving us a gift. He gave us the Holy Spirit, which means that He is able to be with all of us all of the time. Let’s think about air for a minute. You can’t see it, but it’s in each of us and it’s all around us. That’s just like the Spirit of God. It’s in us and around us. On the good days and bad, he is there and is ready to help and listen. Now that Jesus is with us, it’s our job to continue to grow and share this Good News. We can grow by reading our bible and building our faith through learning more about Him. We can grow by talking with Him and singing songs to Him and going to church to worship Him. When we grow in knowing Him, then we can share who He is so that others can know Jesus’ gift of love, forgiveness and life in Him. This news is too BIG to keep to ourselves!

“Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.” — Ephesians 3:17-18

PRAY

“Jesus, you are amazing. Thank you for being alive and with us. Because of this good news we get to grow in our friendship with you. Give us the strength and courage to share this good news and to continue to seek you in our everyday lives.” Amen.

FINISH THE OTHER HALF OF THE PICTURE ON THE NEXT PAGE.
DAY 6 ACTIVITY
FINISH THE PICTURE OF JESUS!