

Weekly Resources

April 13 - April 18

Monday, April 13

Scripture Reading | Mark 16:1-8

Reflection | The followers of Jesus felt afraid, perplexed, and uncertain on the day of Resurrection. They needed Jesus to reassure them with His presence. God reassures us with His presence in the Bible when we experience similar feelings.

Prayer | Pray for Jesus to be powerfully present in the lives of the people around you and to the ends of the earth.

Family Application | Talk about a time you were afraid and how it felt. Share how Jesus helped you through.

Tuesday, April 14

Scripture Reading | John 20:1-9

Reflection | Notice how many times John says that people were running. There was an excitement and anticipation about that Resurrection morning. Are you still excited about Jesus' victory? Is there a sense of anticipation with which you are living?

Prayer | Pray that the joy and excitement of Resurrection Sunday will not fade, especially in the midst of our COVID crisis.

Family Application | Take turns sharing what you are happiest about Jesus' resurrection. How are you going to share that joy with others?

Wednesday – April 15

Scripture Reading | Luke 24:36-45

Reflection | Jesus had to open the disciples' minds to understand the (Scriptures) Bible. It is important that we pray for the Holy Spirit to open our minds before we read the Bible.

Prayer | Pray for the first responders and health care workers who experience the fear of infection. Pray for their families.

Family Application | Popcorn prayer: Dad or mom starts the prayer and others "pop" in with their prayer requests or praise. Read your favorite Bible story together.

Thursday – April 16

Scripture Reading | John 20:10-18

Reflection | Mary expected Jesus to be the same after the resurrection as He was before, but Jesus points out that He now has a resurrected body and must return to heaven. He tells her not to "hold on to Him." He is sitting at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. The victory has been won.

Prayer | Pray that God would help you to live victoriously with confidence to share the resurrection as Mary did.

Family Application | Share the Easter story with someone, send a card, or color an Easter pictures from our online resource.

Friday, April 17

Scripture Reading | Luke 24:30-32

Reflection | The disciples' hearts were burning within them as they spoke to Jesus. When we read God's Word, which is about Jesus Himself, do our hearts burn within us?

Prayer | Pray for those afflicted with the coronavirus and their families.

Family Application | Discuss how we can keep the love of Jesus alive and "burning" in our hearts.

Saturday – April 18

Scripture Reading | John 20:19-23

Reflection | Jesus offered peace to the anxious hearts of the disciples. He breathed on them so that they would receive the Holy Spirit. Let Jesus do the same to you.

Prayer | Pray for the families of those who have died of the coronavirus.

Family Application | Talk about why it's so hard to trust Jesus in difficult times. When we don't have God's peace we worry and are anxious. Pray to God to fill you with His peace.