

Reading	Writing	Crafts and Activities
<p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bkN TU Vv5Ew">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bkN TU Vv5Ew</a>  <i>The Beginner's Bible: Easter Story Video</i></p> <p>Pause throughout listening to the story to have your child point out important events. You can keep a list of events they noticed throughout the video to use for the writing activity</p>	 <p>After watching and listening to the Easter Story, work with your child to sequence the story events. This can be done in a few ways based on your child's writing abilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide your child cards depicting the events of the Easter story. Have them color and write a sentence explaining the picture</li> <li>• Talk about The Easter Story with your child and determine the most important events. Then have them create pictures and sentences to match each event.</li> </ul>	 <p>Create a prayer journal by creating 3 sections on a piece of paper. Have your child think about what they are thankful for, who/ what they would like to receive God's blessings, and something they need help with. Children can draw or write their prayers. Create multiple pages for children to have a "prayer time" each day. This can be done early morning as children are getting up or as part of the get ready for bed routine.</p>

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<p>As you are having your child complete the read aloud, have them think of answers to questions such as:          What special activities help us celebrate Easter?          What symbols of Easter did you notice in the book?</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m9NwmpA88QE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m9NwmpA88QE</a>  <i>Berenstain Bears Easter Sunday</i></p>	<p>After your child has listened to the story, ask them to remember how the Bears celebrated Easter in the story. What special activities did they do? Next, have your child think about how they celebrate Easter. What is their favorite Easter memory? Have them draw a picture of their favorite Easter memory or activity and then write / dictate 1-2 sentences explaining what their favorite memory is and why this is their favorite.</p>	 <p><i>Materials: paper cut into a circle or paper plate, paint, brown paper, marker or pen to write</i></p> <p>This simple craft highlights the meaning of Easter. Have your child paint a blue background then use green paint to create two hand prints. You can also trace and cut handprints from green construction paper. Then have your child cut out a cross shape to glue over the handprints. Finally, your child will add the quote around the edge of the circle "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. As your child is writing the quote, discuss the meaning. Why did God allow Jesus to die? Why would Jesus sacrifice Himself for us? What does it mean to have everlasting life?"</p>

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<p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5rw2U6cPgl">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5rw2U6cPgl</a>  <i>The Garden, The Curtain, and the Cross</i>            Because this video is a little longer, pause throughout the reading to talk about what you have just heard. Some questions/stopping points are listed below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>After Adam and Eve get removed from the garden... What was the best part of the garden? Why did Adam and Eve need to leave?</i></li> <li>• <i>After the temple- What is the best part of the temple? Why is there a curtain?</i></li> <li>• <i>Why did Jesus plan to die on the cross? What happened to the "Keep Out" sign after he died? Who is now invited to live with God?</i></li> </ul>	<p>Use the following quote from the text for inspiration for your child to create an illustration that matches the text.  <i>We can live with God for ever!            There will be nothing bad, and no one sad.            It will be wonderful to live with him,            And it's all because of Jesus.</i></p> <p>Write the quote in the middle of a blank sheet then add illustration around it to depict the quote. Think of some of the illustrations used in the book. What does this quote make you think of?</p>	 <p>Using plastic eggs, create "Resurrection Eggs." Number the eggs 1-12. Each egg will contain an item or picture that represents part of the Easter Story. You can either keep the eggs in an old egg carton and have your child open one and then discuss its meaning or hide the eggs around the house to have a hunt before discussing each meaning.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A small leaf/ donkey picture representing Palm Sunday</li> <li>2. Coins representing the money taken by Judas to betray Jesus</li> <li>3. Piece of bread/cracker representing the Last Supper</li> <li>4. Praying hands picture/ rosary beads representing Jesus praying in the garden</li> <li>5. Purple cloth/ tiny crown made from sticks/ grass to represent the cloths and crown Jesus was forced to wear</li> <li>6. A piece of string/ leather to represent Jesus being hurt by the soldiers</li> <li>7. Use two toothpicks to create a cross representing Jesus carrying his cross</li> <li>8. Nails to represent Jesus being nailed to the cross</li> <li>9. A piece of sponge to represent Jesus' last moments</li> <li>10. A piece of thin fabric representing Jesus' body being prepared and laid in the tomb</li> <li>11. A small rock representing the stone in front of the tomb</li> <li>12. Leave the last egg empty to show that Jesus has risen</li> </ol>