

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 28 2021

In Sunday School Today: Easter Lesson

Memory Verse: Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!" 1Chronicles 16:31

Dear Parents,

Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection are essential to the Christian faith. If we teach Jesus as a respected teacher and miracle-worker who claimed to be the Messiah and who was crucified on the cross—but who was not resurrected—then we are teaching the Jesus of Judaism. If we teach Jesus as a wise teacher and prophet who ascended into heaven—but who was not crucified—then we are teaching the Jesus of Islam.

Jesus came to earth to save us from our sins. (Matt. 1:21) He died to show God's love to us (Rom. 5:7-8) so that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16) Jesus died so that we would be forgiven. (Eph. 1:7) Jesus died to bring us to God. (1 Pet. 3:18)

The time between Friday afternoon and Sunday morning must have been dark hours for Jesus' disciples. Fear, doubt, and confusion certainly overwhelmed their thoughts. Jesus, their Lord, was dead. He had been unjustly arrested, falsely accused, and severely beaten. Even worse, He had been killed in a horrible manner: by crucifixion.

The story doesn't end there. Jesus' body was laid in a tomb. The tomb was sealed and guards watched over it. The Jews remembered Jesus' claim that He would rise from the dead (John 2:19-21), and they made sure no one could steal His body and insist He had risen. Imagine their surprise when Jesus *did* rise from the dead!

Jesus' resurrection gives us joy and hope for our own resurrection. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead will raise our bodies to life. (Rom. 8:11)

As you share this Bible story, emphasize the gospel: the good news of who Jesus is and what He has done. We do not worship a dead Savior. Jesus is alive! Sadness turns to joy. There is hope for sinners.

Jesus' death and resurrection is the center of the gospel. Jesus died to pay for our sins. Jesus is alive! God gives hope and true joy to everyone who trusts in Jesus.

Family Discussion Questions:

- Why did Jesus have to die on the cross?
- Who raised Jesus from the dead?

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Easter Services Next Weekend

There are 7 services being offered next weekend. Please be sure you are reserving your spot in one of the services. I am excited to announce that our Children's Choir Spring Mini Musical will be shown at all of the indoor worship services! Sign up at: <https://cogseasterworship.eventbrite.com>



SUMMER GAMES VBS 2021

Tuesday, July 6th—Friday, July 9th, 2021

6-8PM

Train, Compete, Reach the Goal

We are super excited about offering Summer Games VBS to our COGS Kids this summer! The planning has started and it's going to be a fun 4-nights.

We still need more people to help plan this event and to make this a safe but yet fun and memorable experience for our COGS Kids and community. We will even have an Olympian visit and share about her experience in the Olympics!

Registration is open via the Eventbrite link that was emailed out. It will be a fun week with lots of games/competitions and some fun opening/closing ceremonies!

To register: <https://cogssummernamesvbs.eventbrite.com>



Nursery Help: At this time, our nursery is looking for 1 volunteer a Sunday to help in the nursery. If you would be interested in singing, playing, doing a craft with our littlest COGS Kids during the 9:45am hour, we would love to have you serve in this way. Please email Abbie or sign up on the CFM Table if you would be interested. Would love to have 6-8 volunteers to rotate once every 6-8 weeks! So far, we have 4!



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Gretna Glen Summer Camp Registration is Open!

Summer Camp Brochure is out and registration is open!

Please know that COGS will contribute \$50 towards any member/regular attendee Day Camp fee and \$100 towards any Overnight Camp.

One contribution/child/summer.



Spring Clean Up Coming Soon May 8-May 29th

Is your family looking for a way to serve? In a few weeks, a sign up genius will be coming out with many little jobs around the church grounds that need completed. If you and your family would love to serve, please sign up for one of the "clean up" jobs. All of the jobs must be completed by May 29th, so you have some time to complete them as it works for you! It will be a great way to serve all while sprucing up our grounds!

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