

Capture the Easter Season!

Easter is the most significant event in all of history. Yet before we know it, Easter day has come and gone and our opportunity to create a season of celebration for our families is behind us.

Here's a solution: In this packet, you will find a family devotional that will help you focus on the wonder of Christ's death and resurrection during the weeks prior to Easter.

Instructions:

- ◆ There are twenty cards in this packet. Each card corresponds to the events leading to Jesus' death and resurrection. Cut out each card and stack them in numerical order.
- ◆ On the back side of each card, you will find the Bible passage that corresponds to the image on the front of the card. The table on the following page gives an overview of the devotional, listing the 20 pictures, the events they represent, and the corresponding Bible passages.
- ◆ Once the cards are cut and stacked, keep them in a place where you will be reminded to interact with them throughout the week (e.g. kitchen table).
- ◆ To determine how many times prior to Easter your family can participate in the devotional, simply divide the number of cards by the number of weeks preceding Easter (e.g. 20 cards divided by 5 weeks equals 4 cards a week). Then target the days of the week that will work best for your family to interact with the cards.
- ◆ Then, invite a family member, perhaps at meal time, to pick the top card and to read the Bible passage. Or, after you've read the Scripture passage, you can spread out several cards to have a family member choose which image matches the Scripture that was just read.
- ◆ You could also roll up the card and place it in a large plastic egg to hide before or after breakfast, lunch, dinner or before bedtime a few times a week.
- ◆ Whatever creative method you come up with, take time to talk about the amazing gift of Jesus' sacrifice and then celebrate—sing together, go for a walk together, play a game, rejoice!

The key is to take the time to create a season of celebrating God's sacrificial gift of His Son, Jesus Christ!

From Glenwood's Children's Ministry Staff

Easter Empty Tomb Rolls

- 1 bag of frozen bread rolls (unbaked dough)
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- large marshmallows to equal number of bread rolls
- 1/4 cup butter, melted

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease your muffin tin. Roll out rolls to flatten and set aside. Combine sugar and cinnamon in a small bowl.

Dip each marshmallow into butter, then roll in cinnamon-sugar and place on each flattened circle of dough. Pinch dough around marshmallow, sealing all edges. **Make sure to seal well or all the marshmallow will escape.**

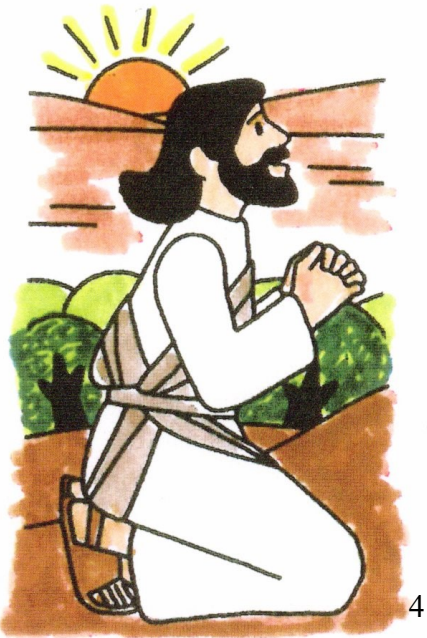
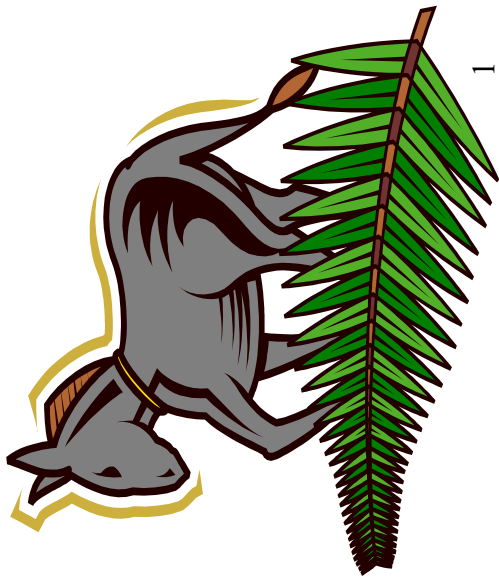
Dip tops of dough into the remaining butter and then into the cinnamon-sugar. Place roll with the sugar side up into prepared muffin cups.

Bake at 375 degrees for 13 - 15 minutes. Eat them when they're warm and talk about the wonder of the empty tomb and what Jesus' victory over death means for us as believers.

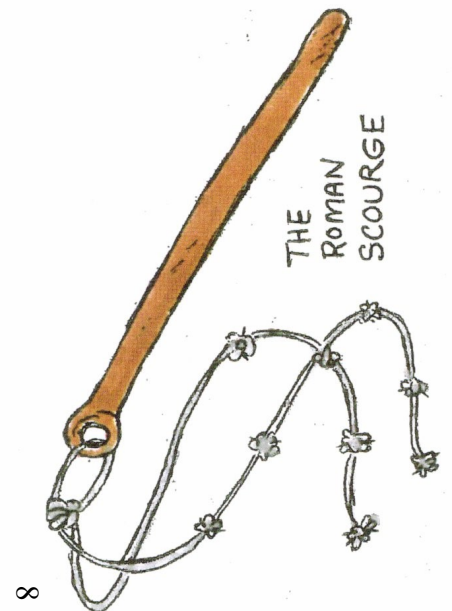
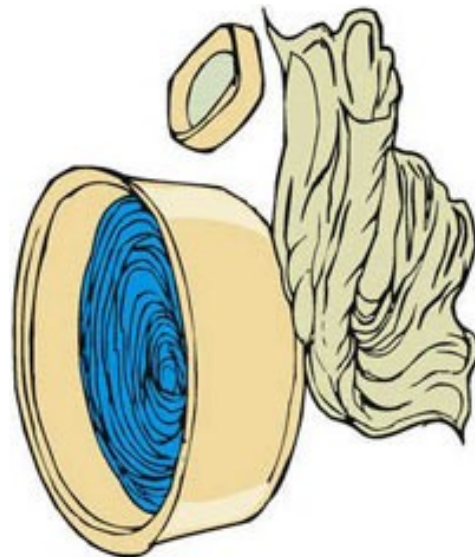
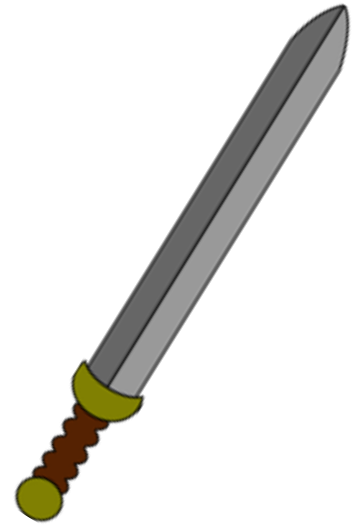


Easter Family Devotional

	Picture	The picture represents:	Scripture reference
1	Donkey	Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem	Mt. 21:1-9
2	Bag of coins; 3 coins	Bribe money paid to Judas	Mt. 26:14-16, 46-50, 27:1-5
3	Cup	The Last Supper	Mt. 26:17-19, 26-28
4	Jesus praying	The Garden Of Gethsemane	Mar 14:32-42
5	Sword	Men who came to arrest Jesus	Mark 14:43-50; Isaiah 53:7
6	Rooster	Peter denies Jesus 3 times before cock crows twice	Mt. 26:34, 69-75
7	Basin with towel	Pilate washes his hands of responsibility of crucifixion	Matt. 27:11-26
8	Roman scourge	Jesus trial and scourging	John 19:1-15
9	Crown of thorns	Mocking Jesus as the "King of the Jews"	Matt. 27-29-31
10	Simon helps Jesus carry cross	Simon helps Jesus carry cross	Mark 15:21-24
11	3 nails	Jesus' crucifixion	John 19:16-22
12	Dice	Soldiers gamble for Jesus' robe	John 19:23-25
13	3 crosses on a hill	2 criminals with different attitudes	Luke 23:32-33, 39-43
14	Roman soldier with a spear	Soldiers pierce Jesus' side	John 19:31-37
15	Sun dial	What were Jesus words at the ninth hour?	Matthew 27:45-47
16	A curtain torn in two	Upon Jesus death the curtain of the temple was torn in two	Matthew 27:50-51; Exodus 26:33-34; Leviticus 16:2
17	Spices	Preparing Jesus body for burial	John 19:38-38-42; Luke 23:55-56
18	Stone in front of tomb	The stone is rolled away and the tomb is empty	Matthew 28:1-2
19	Jesus walking away from tomb	Jesus' resurrection from the dead	Matthew 28:5-8
20	Dove	Jesus breathes on them the Holy Spirit	John 20:19-22; Matthew 28:16-20



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Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem

Mt. 21:1-9

Bribe money paid to Judas

Mt 26:14-16, 46-50, 27:1-5

The Last Supper

Mt. 26:17-19, 26-28

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Mark 14:32-42

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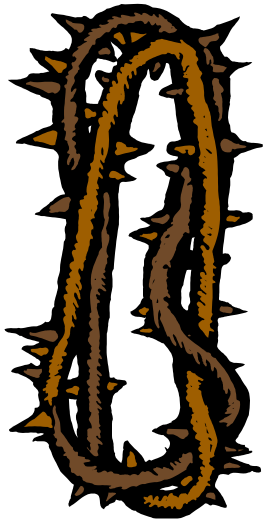
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John 19:1-15



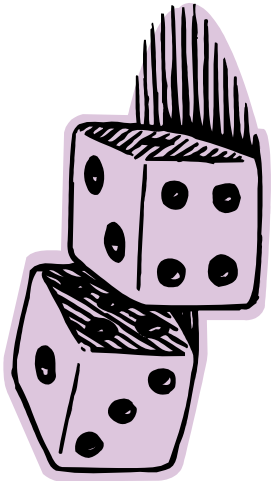
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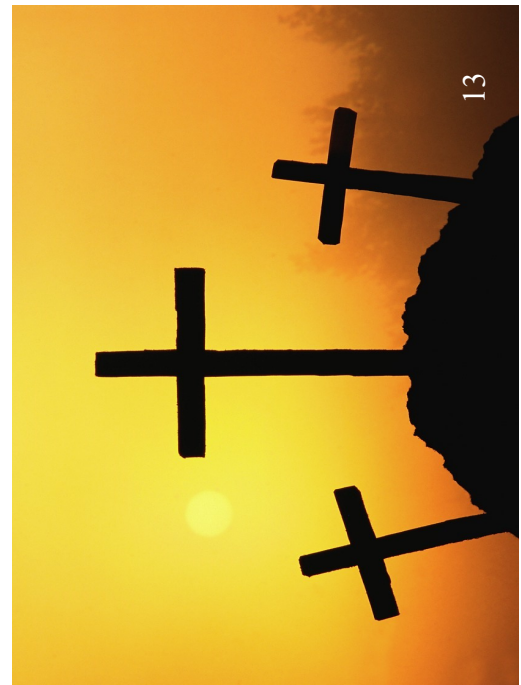


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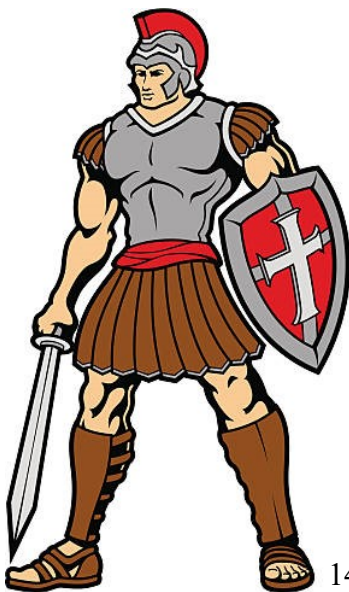


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Mocking Jesus as the “King of the Jews”

Mt. 27:29-31

Soldiers gamble for Jesus’ robe

John 19:23-25

Soldiers pierce Jesus’ side

John 19:31-37

Simon helps Jesus carry cross

Mark 15:21-24

What were Jesus words at the ninth hour?

Mt. 27:45-47

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Jesus’ Crucifixion

John 19:16-22

Two criminals with different attitudes

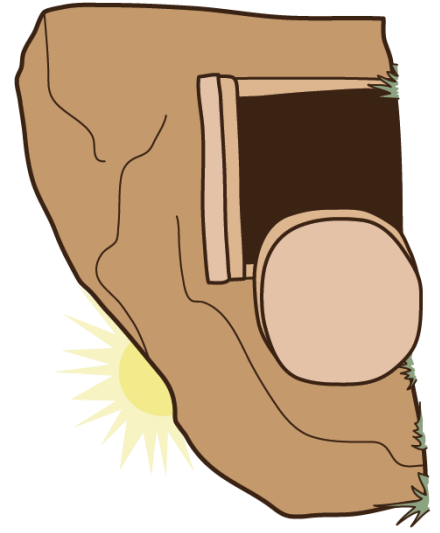
Luke 23:32-33, 39-43

Upon Jesus death, the curtain of the temple
was torn in two.

Mt. 27:50-51;
Exodus 26:33-34;
Leviticus 16:2



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Preparing Jesus body for burial

John 19:38-38-42;
Luke 23:55-56

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Jesus' resurrection from the dead

Mt. 28:5-8

The stone is rolled away
and the tomb is empty

Mt. 28:1-2

Jesus breaths on them,
“Receive the Holy Spirit.”

John 20:19-22;
Matthew 28:16-20