



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
*Amarillo*

**Dear Parent,**

**As we approach Easter Sunday, we want to equip you to lead your family through Holy Week in a meaningful way.**

**Each day, you will have a Scripture and devotion to read together, discussion questions, and an activity for your whole family.**

**At the end of this guide, there is also an Easter Glossary. We hope that, through these devotionals, your family is able to grow into a deeper understanding of Christ's love for us.**

**We know Easter is different this year, but we can still celebrate the hope we have through Christ's crucifixion and resurrection.**

**It is a joy to serve your family.**

**In Him,  
Brad, Elaine, Cliff, and Sarah**

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# PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5

## DEVO 8

*Read Matthew 21:1-11*

As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the people were so excited! They knew Jesus had performed many miracles and fulfilled God's promise to send a Messiah, a Savior, a King to bring peace to earth and peace to their hearts. Jesus wasn't the kind of king we were expecting, but He was the kind of King we needed. Jesus was sent as our Messiah to deliver us from sin. We can praise Jesus today because of His great love for us.

## KID QUESTIONS 8

What is sin? Have you ever sinned?

What are some things you have done that are sin? Who else has sinned? Why do you think Jesus came to take away our sins?

## PARENT QUESTIONS 8

How are you putting all of your hope and trust in Jesus?

How are you allowing Him to lead in your day-to-day life?

## ACTIVITY 8

Make a list of everything that comes to mind when you think of a king (powerful, wealthy, large army, big horses, servants, etc.). How was Jesus different? Why was Jesus different? We can trust that Jesus is the King of kings.

# MONDAY, APRIL 6

## DEVO :

Read Matthew 23:25-28

The Jewish people, especially the religious leaders, believed that if they acted good enough and kept God's law, they would be loved by God. Jesus taught differently, though. He told the people that what is on the outside isn't as important as what is on the inside, in our hearts and minds. We might do the right things, but our attitude might be really ugly. The religious leaders Jesus was scolding *looked* righteous, but their motives and attitudes were wrong. Jesus wants to come into our hearts and completely transform us, from the inside out! Jesus came to clean our hearts from sin.

## KID QUESTIONS :

What are some things God tells us we are to do (obey our parents, be kind, etc.)? Based on Colossians 3:23, how does God want us to do these things (do our best, with a good attitude, etc.)? What are some things we can do when we're struggling to obey or to have a good attitude?

## PARENT QUESTIONS :

Even if our actions are right, if the motives of our heart are wrong, those ugly motives can harden our hearts and weigh us down. What are some examples of having right actions, but wrong motives? What do I need to surrender or change to allow Jesus to cleanse me from the inside out?

## ACTIVITY :

Make a batch of brownies. Before putting the batter in a pan to bake, divide in half and add lots of extra salt to half of the batter. Bake brownies as usual. The salty brownies should look the same as the regular brownies. Offer a salty brownie to your family. Explain that Jesus knows our hearts and knows about the sin and ugly attitudes we can have on the inside, and He came to clean our hearts. Enjoy the rest of the regular brownies!  
*(You can use other recipes for this activity, too—KoolAid, cinnamon sugar toast, etc.)*

# TUESDAY, APRIL 7

## DEVO :

*Read Matthew 26:6-13*

While Jesus ate dinner with the disciples, a woman named Mary came to visit. Mary was a woman who loved Jesus. He had changed her life, and her heart was devoted to Him. This showed in her actions. Mary poured a very expensive oil over His head and feet and even cleaned Jesus' feet with her hair. The oil was very expensive and cost as much as the average person earned working for an entire year! Mary gave the best of what she had to show her love and devotion to Jesus. Jesus gave all to us, so we can give all to Him.

## KID QUESTIONS :

Why were the disciples upset with what Mary did? How did Mary's actions show that she loved Jesus? What did Jesus do to show that He loves us? What can we do to show Jesus that we love Him?

## PARENT QUESTIONS :

Does our love for Jesus compel us to give? Are we willing to give the best of what we have? What are we clinging to (time, possessions, relationships, etc.) that Jesus might be asking us to give up?

## ACTIVITY :

Using uncooked beans (or rice, legos, pasta, etc.), fill a small cup or jar. As you add the beans, talk about activities & events that take up your time (school, friends, sports, etc.). When the cup is full, try to add a ping pong ball (or another similar ball/rock) on top. When we don't give God our best & put other things before our relationship with Him, it's hard for everything to fit. Empty the cup/jar. Put the ball or rock in first. Then, re-add the beans. Does everything fit better this time? We can honor God by putting Him first in our lives. Putting God first might look different right now since many of our usual activities are not an option. What new distractions do you have? How can your family keep God as your top priority?

# WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

## DEVO :

Read John 13:1-8

Jesus washed the disciples' feet to show His love. He knelt before the disciples, grasped their dirty, stinky feet in His hands and washed them. Jesus was setting an example for us to follow. Just as Jesus, who deserves all honor and glory, got down on His knees and served the disciples by washing their feet, so we are to serve one another. We are serving Jesus by serving others.

## KID QUESTIONS :

Why were the disciples surprised that Jesus wanted to wash their feet?  
How can you serve someone today?  
Why is it sometimes hard to serve others?

## PARENT QUESTIONS :

How have you served your family recently? How have you served those outside of your family recently?

## ACTIVITY :

**Parent:** Wash the feet of your family members (kids & spouse). Even though our feet are not as dirty as they would have been in Jesus' time, it is still an incredibly humbling (and maybe even uncomfortable) task. Pray over each family member as you wash their feet. **Kid:** Surprise a family member by serving them when they least expect it (set the table without being asked, give another family member control of the TV remote, share your snack or bring a snack to someone who might be hungry, etc.).

# THURSDAY, APRIL 9

## DEVO :

*Read Matthew 26:14-16, 20-25*

When we think of Jesus' disciples, what comes to mind? Maybe we would describe them as close friends, faithful followers, or fellow servants. It's hard to imagine that someone who followed Jesus and saw the miracles He performed would betray Him. As Christians, however, when we put other things before our relationship with Christ, we are, in a way, betraying Jesus. Like the disciples, we've seen God work in our lives; we've proclaimed with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord," but how have our actions, our failures to take action, and our attitudes failed Christ's call on our lives to make His love known? God calls us to put Him first in our lives—no matter what.

## KID QUESTIONS :

Have you ever been betrayed by a friend? Have you ever let down a friend who was depending on you? How do you think Jesus felt when He was betrayed by Judas? What does it mean to put God first in our lives?

## PARENT QUESTIONS :

How are you setting the example for your family by putting God first in your life? How have your actions or attitudes betrayed Jesus?

## ACTIVITY :

Count out 30 coins (or print a picture of 30 coins) and talk about what it means to put God first. Then, as a family, make a list of 30 ways you can be faithful to Jesus (telling others about Him, being faithful to attend church, reading your Bible, etc.).

# GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10

## DEVO 8

*Read Matthew 26:26-30*

Jesus gave the disciples (and us!) something to do to always remember Him and the sacrifice He was about to make on the cross. He led the disciples in a special dinner and then went to pray. Jesus knew what was about to happen; He knew that dying on the cross would be a painful experience—but He did it anyway. As a family, read John 3:16. What promises does that verse make?

## KID QUESTIONS 8

If Jesus knew how painful dying on the cross was going to be, why do you think He did it anyway?  
Why did Jesus die on the cross?

## PARENT QUESTIONS 8

How can you live differently because of the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross for you?

## ACTIVITY 8

Watch the Good Friday worship service on the FBC website ([www.firstamarillo.org](http://www.firstamarillo.org)). Use this special time of family worship as a way to start or continue conversations with your child about salvation. Share your own salvation story. When did you first understand your need for God's forgiveness? Allow your child to ask questions, and take advantage of those "teachable moments" to point your child toward Christ.

# SATURDAY, APRIL 11

## DEVO :

*Read Matthew 27:27-31, 57-60*

When was a time that you had to wait for something for a long time? How did it feel to wait? Jesus' followers didn't quite know what was going to happen next. They knew that Jesus had promised to come back to life three days later, but what if they had misunderstood Him? What if the same people who crucified Jesus tried to find the disciples to hurt them, too? Waiting can be hard, especially when we don't know what to expect or when we're used to having what we want exactly when we want it. We know how the Easter story ends; we know the hope that waits for us tomorrow. There are still so many, however, who don't know the hope of Jesus, who don't know how much God loves them. Today, in your waiting, be bold for Christ and take advantage of every opportunity to tell others about His love for them.

## KID QUESTIONS :

How do you think the disciples felt after Jesus was crucified? Why is it important to tell others about Jesus?

What are some ways you can tell others about Jesus?

## PARENT QUESTIONS :

Who has God called you to share His love with? How have you been faithful to that call?

## ACTIVITY :

As a family, pray for people in your neighborhood, school, workplace, and family who need to know about Jesus. Pray that missionaries living all over the world would be able to boldly share the hope of Easter with others today. Invite a neighbor or friend to watch the FBC Amarillo Easter service on TV or online tomorrow. (8:30am—TV Cable Channel 6 or livestream at [www.firstamarillo.org](http://www.firstamarillo.org) // 10:00am—Channel 10 or Cable Channel 12)

# EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12

## DEVO 8

*Read Luke 24:1-8*

He is Risen!! Today, we celebrate a Risen Savior, and we thank a God who was willing to send His very Son to die on the cross for us. Today, we have hope of an eternal home in heaven because of Jesus conquering the grave. Today, we rest in the assurance that we serve a God who loves us more than we can imagine.

## KID QUESTIONS 8

Why do we celebrate Easter?  
How do you think the women felt when they saw the empty tomb? Why is Jesus' resurrection important?

## PARENT QUESTIONS 8

How does the way your family celebrates Easter remind your family about Jesus' death and resurrection? How does the resurrection affect the way you lead your family?

## ACTIVITY 8

After you worship on TV or online with FBC Amarillo, make Resurrection Rolls with your family. (Recipe on Page 9) During each step of the recipe, re-tell the Easter story, and as you enjoy your treat at the end, pray together thanking God for sending Jesus to die on the cross for our sins and rise again three days later.

FBC Amarillo Easter Worship: 8:30am—TV Cable Channel 6 or livestream at [www.firstamarillo.org](http://www.firstamarillo.org) // 10:00am—Channel 10 or Cable Channel 12

## RESURRECTION ROLLS RECIPE & LESSON

### Ingredients:

2 cans of crescent rolls

16 large marshmallows

½ cup melted butter

¼ cup granulated sugar

2 tablespoons cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

### Instructions & Bible Story:

“Jesus is God’s Son who was sent to earth to pay the price for our sin. He never sinned. The white of this marshmallow represents the purity and sin-free nature of Christ.”

“After Jesus died on the cross, His friends prepared Him to be buried with oil and spices.” Dip the marshmallow in butter, then in sugar and cinnamon.

“Jesus was wrapped in linen and placed in a tomb with a large rock rolled in front.” Wrap the marshmallow in one triangle of dough covering it completely like a ball (rock).

Complete this process for all 16 triangles and marshmallows.

Place in the oven for 10-12 minutes. Allow rolls to cool.

“After three days, Jesus’ friends went to visit the tomb— but the rock was rolled away! Two angels said, ‘Why are you looking for the living among the dead?’”

Reveal that when you cut open a roll or take a bite that the marshmallow has disappeared, leaving an empty “tomb.”

Remind children that the rolls are sweet just like the love God has for us.

# EASTER GLOSSARY

## **BETRAY**

Hurting or not giving help to someone who trusts you. *Judas went behind Jesus' back to help His enemies.*

## **CRUCIFY**

To kill someone by nailing his/her hands and feet to a cross. *The soldiers crucified Jesus.*

## **ETERNAL LIFE**

To live forever in heaven. *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" John 3:16*

## **GRACE**

The kindness and love that God gives or shows us even though we don't deserve it. *God shows us grace by forgiving our sins. (See Ephesians 2:8)*

## **LORD'S SUPPER**

A special time where we remember all that Jesus did for us and say thank you to God.

## **MOCK**

To laugh at or make fun of someone. *The soldiers mocked Jesus.*

## **RESURRECT**

To bring back to life. *Jesus died on the cross, and God resurrected Him from the dead three days later.*

## **SALVATION**

Praying to ask Jesus to be the leader of your life.

## **SIN**

Deciding to do things our way instead of God's way. *God has the power to forgive our sins through Jesus dying on the cross. (See 1 John 1:9)*

## **TOMB**

A type of grave where dead bodies were placed. *Jesus' body was placed in a tomb after He died on the cross.*

# EASTER WORSHIP AT FBC AMARILLO

Television:

8:30 am on KZBZ Cable Channel 6

10:00 am on KFDA Channel 10 or Cable Channel 12

Livestream:

8:30 am on [www.firstamarillo.org](http://www.firstamarillo.org)

(Saved to the webpage for replay)

Radio broadcast:

11:00 am on KIXZ-AM 940

6:00 pm on MIX-94.1

