

Easter at Home Week 4

March 6

Hi Parents and Kids of West Springs Church! Welcome back to week four of Easter at Home! We are excited you are continuing this journey of exploring Lent and Easter with your family. We hope and pray that throughout your time with Easter at Home you can connect with your family and make space for God to be present and speak to you. We also want to encourage you, throughout each week of Easter at Home, take photos of you and your family working through the activities, prayers, and discussions, we would love to see how it is going and share it with our church community!

This week's material focuses on the saving grace of Jesus, the commitment that God made through Christ, promising that whoever believes will not perish, the old is gone, the new is here. This week you should begin to think about Christ sacrifice on the cross and the impact it has on our faith, how fundamental the cross is to Christianity.

Scripture

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

John 3:16-21

¹⁶For 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. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. ¹⁹This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

-This week we have two scriptures, both centered around the transformative love of Christ and how His sacrifice on the cross is so important. Take a moment to discuss why we read two scriptures this week and what we learn about Jesus from these scriptures.

Reflection Question

What have you learned about Easter and Lent over the past 4 weeks? What have you learned about God and how God loves us? How does the scriptures we read connect to Lent and the Easter Story?

Activity

This week's activity is two colouring pages, a simple and fun craft that Parents and Kids should work on together. The goal of this week's activity is to give you time as a family to slow down and connect. Part of Lent is intentionally giving up something, however another aspect is prayer and meditation, use this colouring page as your time to connect with you family and meditate on that blessing. Use these two colouring pages to discuss last weeks Lost Sheep parable and connect it to this week's discussion of Jesus' unfailing and redemptive love.

Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for how deeply you love us, that in your love is new creation. We pray for the whole world, that you will help everyone who is hurting, scared, hungry, cold, alone. We pray that they may find your light and love Jesus. Help us to love those around us, everyone we meet and treat them just like you would.

We pray this in your name,

Amen