

# DEVOTIONAL

for parents



Easter Sunday is supposed to be a time of joy and celebration (cue the candy, pastel eggs, and sunshine). But before Easter Sunday could happen, Good Friday had to happen first. Before the joy, hope, and light of Jesus' resurrection could be experienced, Jesus and his followers first had to experience some deeply frightening, painful, hopeless, and dark moments. Maybe you've had moments like that before too. This Easter, whether you feel like you're living in the darkness of Good Friday or the light of Easter Sunday, there's something new Jesus wants to help you discover about his death and resurrection. In this two-week series from the Gospels, we'll discover Easter isn't just something that happened 2,000 years ago — it's something that's still happening today. We'll discover **Jesus is with us in the darkness**, and **Jesus is the light in the darkness**.



Want to learn and grow alongside your kid as we go through this teaching series? You can! Spend a few minutes each week **studying** the passages of Scripture we'll be teaching, **praying** about what God wants to do in you and in your family, and **growing** by putting God's words into practice in your own life.

## WEEK 1

**Jesus is with us in the darkness.**  
Philippians 2:5–11; John 13:1–3; Genesis 1:2

### **STUDY**

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.  
**What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

### **PRAY**

What feels dark in your life right now? Ask to be reminded of God's presence in the darkness.

### **GROW**

**So what's your next step?** Do you need to turn to God for comfort or peace during a difficult time? Do you need to spend time thanking Jesus for his sacrifice on Good Friday? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

## WEEK 2

**Jesus is the light in the darkness.**  
John 20:1–18; John 1:1–5; John 8:12

### **STUDY**

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.  
**What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

### **PRAY**

Say thank you for the ways God has brought light into the darkness in your life.

### **GROW**

**So what's your next step?** Do you need to spend more time reflecting on, and thanking God for, the ways Jesus has saved you? Do you need to share that story with someone else? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.