

Hi Parents,

Happy Easter! Below are children's lessons for this week to remind us that the power of the resurrection doesn't end Easter Sunday! As we continue to celebrate Easter week and Spring Break, I have included some resources that may help you dive deeper into the Easter Story with your children. Several of you contacted me for additional books and videos that you could share to paint a more detailed picture of Jesus' journey to the cross, including his suffering on our behalf. This week I'm highlighting the Saddleback Kids lessons that we use in King's Kids.

[Easter Story Playlist](#) -- This YouTube playlist journeys from The Triumphal Entry through Jesus' Ascension, and includes separate videos that detail each piece of the Easter Story. The video "The Story of Easter/Jesus' Sacrifice" in particular highlights the crucifixion. This week I encourage you to watch the 7 video clips together with your kids and discuss what they represent to us as present-day Christ followers. End each devotion in prayer.

I've also been asked to provide some book suggestions. Below are links to three of my personal favorites to use during the Easter season.

[What is Easter?](#) By Michelle Medlock Adams

[The Very First Easter](#) By the Beginner's Bible

[The Berenstain Bears and the Easter Story](#) by Jan & Mike Berenstain

For a fun hands-on activity that uses some of that Easter candy your kids likely have on hand (or that you might find on sale while you're doing your "essential" food shopping this week), review the Easter Story using the poem below and jelly beans:

*Red is for the blood He gave,  
Green is for the grass He made,  
Yellow is for the sun so bright,  
Orange is for the edge of night,  
Black is for the sins we made,  
White is for the grace He gave.  
Purple is for the hour of sorrow,  
Pink is for the new tomorrow.*

*A bag full of jelly beans,  
Colorful and sweet,  
Is a Prayer...a Promise...an Easter treat!*

You could also use the poem and colorful beads to make bracelets, or using crayons or construction paper. The variations are endless. Be creative with the supplies you have on hand!

I pray your Easter Week and Spring Breaks are filled with family, fun, and overflowing joy! Miss you all. Looking forward to worshipping together soon!

In His Love,  
Nichole