

# CELEBRATE EASTER



## THURSDAY NIGHT

*Read John 13:1-17 together. Then wrap a towel around your waist and wash your children's feet. Then talk with your kids about what it means for families to serve one another like Jesus served the disciples. Come up with two practical ways you can serve each other this Easter weekend.*

## GOOD FRIDAY

*Go outside with your kids and read the story of the crucifixion in John 19:1-37. Look for something purple, a thorn, some dirt and two branches for the cross. Discuss the meaning of each item in the story, and use dirt as an example of why Jesus had to die - that our sin makes us unclean in God's eyes, but Jesus' death washes us clean from our sin.*



## HOLY SATURDAY

*Take a walk as the sun is setting, bring a flashlight, and as you walk find the largest rock you can.*

*Read Mark 15:42-47. Discuss how Holy Saturday was a dark day because Jesus was still in the grave, and the stone was still in front of the tomb. Using the flashlight, share how even though this day is dark, Jesus is still the light of the world. (John 8:12)*

# EASTER SUNDAY



## RESURRECTION ROLLS

**Supplies Needed:** crescent rolls, marshmallows, cinnamon & sugar (or red sprinkles), melted butter.

*As you start, quiz your kids about what happened on Good Friday after Jesus died.*

Spread out the crescent roll triangles individually on a baking sheet. Tell them these represent Jesus' tomb. Next roll one marshmallow first in butter and then in the sugar/cinnamon mixture. This represents Jesus'

body being prepared for burial with oil and spices. (You can use red sprinkles to represent blood instead of cinnamon if you want.) Place the spiced marshmallow in the center of the crescent roll wrap it up, and press the edges together so the crescent roll seals. This represents the tomb being sealed with the stone. Bake the crescent rolls according to the directions on the package. After they cool a bit, let your child open up one of the rolls. The marshmallow is gone - Jesus is alive!

## BIBLE VERSE SCAVENGER HUNT

**Instructions:** Use the Scripture references to find the clues. Then take a picture of each item. If an item is not available, draw a picture of it then take a photo! Have fun!

Something outside the same color as the item in John 12:12-13.

The food item in Mark 14:12.

The kitchen item in Luke 22:17.

The body part in Luke 22:50.

The animal in Luke 22:60.

A crayon the color of the robe in Mark 15:17.

What Jesus carried in John 19:17.

A sign like the one in Matthew 27:37.

What the soldier used in John 19:34.

The item in Mark 16:4.

