

April Gospels: Questions to ask your kids

Use the following summaries and questions to help explain this month's Gospels to your kids.

April 5 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Matthew 27:11-54: The story of Jesus' suffering tells us that his friends left him, he carried his cross, he was laughed at and he was beaten. Yet, he continued to love everyone.

- Why did Jesus not try to get back at those who made fun of and betrayed him?
- Are there times it is hard for you to love some people? What might you do during those times?
- Like Jesus, we are called to always love. What acts of love will you do for others during this Holy Week?

April 12 | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

John 20:1-9: Mary Magdalene was the first to discover that the tomb where Jesus was buried was empty. Peter and John later realized, too, that Jesus is risen!

- Why is it said that today (Easter) is the greatest day for all Christians?
- Why is Mary Magdalene called "the apostle to the apostles"?
- If you had found the empty tomb, how would you have felt? What would you have done?
- What things make you happy?
- Easter lasts fifty days. How will you celebrate it for

that length of time?

April 19 | Second Sunday of Easter

John 20:19-31: The first time the Risen Christ appears to his disciples, one of them is missing. When Thomas hears, he does not believe; he wants proof. In his great love, Jesus helped Thomas believe and understand.

- What or who around us proves to us that Jesus is alive? What, in our world, helps you to believe that Jesus is alive?
- Have you ever been like Thomas and had lots of questions and doubts?
- What did Jesus think of Thomas' doubts? How did Jesus treat Thomas?
- Thomas reached out to touch Jesus and then he believed. How do you reach out to touch Jesus today? How do you reach out to other people?
- Thomas' prayer was "My Lord and My God." What would yours be?

April 26 | Third Sunday of Easter

Luke 24:13-35: Two discouraged disciples are joined by Jesus on the road to Emmaus. They pour out their hearts to him, but they do not recognize him. Jesus explains the Scriptures to them. It is only when Jesus takes bread, blesses it, breaks it and gives it to them that they recognize him.

- Where/when do you recognize Jesus?
- Are there people in your life who help you recognize Jesus?
- Meals are important. What do you like about your family meals? How is Jesus with you during your family meals?
- Thinking back now, was there a time this past week that

Jesus was close, but you missed him because you were too busy about other things, or perhaps too upset or too angry?

- wonder?
- Jesus became transfigured (changed) and appeared dazzling white. How can you tell when someone has been touched by God's love?
- When the disciples saw Jesus in his glory, they heard, "Listen to him." How will you listen to him this week?