



WEEK TWO – APRIL 2020 – PRETEEN

Bible Story: *Above All • John 18:12–20:23 (Supporting: John 16, Matthew 26)*

Key Question: *What does Easter mean to you?*

Memory Verse: *“Don’t do anything only to get ahead. Don’t do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves. Philippians 2:3 (NIRV)*

Life App: *Humility—Putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve*

Basic Truth: *I should treat others the way I want to be treated.*

Summary: For Week Two, we celebrate Easter. We’ll see through John 18:12–20:23, how Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection makes it possible for us to have a forever relationship with God. Jesus humbly gave Himself for us as the ultimate sacrifice to rescue us from the consequences of our sin.

OPENING DISCUSSION

1. Icebreakers / Zoom SetUp

What to ask:

- 2 people share: What has been the best thing you have done this week?
- 2 people share: What's one thing you miss being able to do right now?
- Leader share: What is one thing you look forward to during this Zoom call?

What to expect:

- Leader: Set healthy standards for what this group time will look like, how much time you'll spend just catching up, and how much time you'll be engaged with the discussion questions -- NOTE: you want to prompt them to watch the weekend message BEFORE this call so they understand what is being talked about.

Recap the Weekend:

- Leader: Recap the story
- ***Consider having one of your the kids retell the story, then you can fill in the gaps

WEEKLY OVERVIEW

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Bottom Line: *What does Easter mean to you? Easter is more than chocolate bunnies and egg hunts, but for some kids they're just starting to realize this for themselves. We hope this question sparks some great discussion in Small Group about why Easter is so important to our faith. We get to really celebrate Jesus and grow in our relationship with Him.*

SMALL GROUP

1. Discussion Questions

[Application Activity]

Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Ask:
 - How did Jesus put His enemies first?
 - How did Jesus put you first?
 - Why do you think Jesus put us first?
 - What does it look like to follow Jesus?
 - So, what does Easter mean to you? If you've heard the Easter story lots of times already, what's something that stuck out to you today in particular? Is there anything you heard that you hadn't really thought about yet?
 - And if you've never really heard the story, what's something you want to know more about?
- **Note:** *For kids who share something that might necessitate a deeper conversation, follow up with them at a later time, like when everyone in the group is working on another activity or when you're waiting for them to be picked up. If you have kids who seem to be ready to take the next step in their faith, follow your church's protocol for kids who are ready to start following Jesus. For kids whose parents are believers or regular church attendees, be sure to involve them in the process and let them know their kids are asking faith-related questions.*