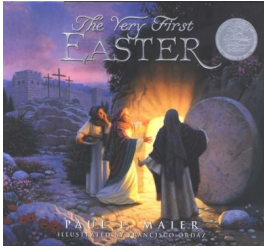
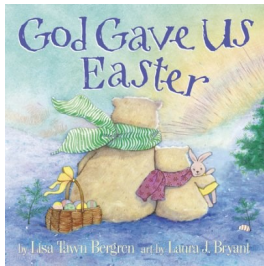


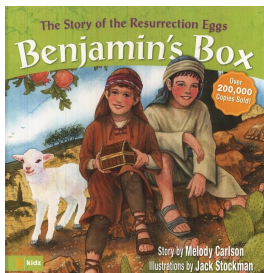
## Easter Resources



*The Very First Easter* by Paul Maier. This book offers a historically accurate description of the events surrounding Jesus's death and resurrection through Scripture and beautiful artwork. Ten-year-old Christopher wants to know the story behind the story and learns important details about this miraculous event that help him understand the season's celebration. He also discovers his own special link to the very first Easter. Recommended for ages 9 to 12.



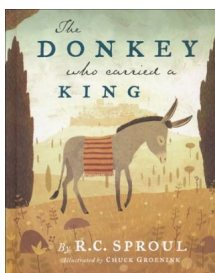
*God Gave Us Easter* by Lisa Tawn Bergren. Curious Little Cub loved learning about Christmas. Now she's wondering about Easter—and peppering Papa polar bear with questions. Why do we celebrate Easter? What happened on that day? What does it mean for our faith? With simple words and easy-to-understand biblical insights, Papa explains the meaning of Jesus's death and resurrection. Ages 3 to 8. 40 pages, hardcover from Waterbrook.



*Benjamin's Box* by Melody Carlson. This tale of a child following Jesus during biblical times to find out who He is will teach your children lessons from the Bible. What are the treasures in Benjamin's Box? Come along with Benjamin and see. Like all boys and girls, Benjamin is very, very curious. Unlike children of today, however, Benjamin lives during the days of Christ! When Jesus comes to Jerusalem, Benjamin decides to follow Him and find out who He really is. At first, he thinks Jesus is a teacher, then a king. At last, Benjamin learns the good news—news that every child (and grown-up!) will want to share.



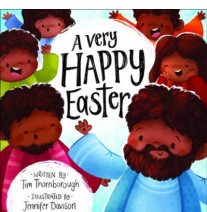
*The Garden, The Curtain, and the Cross* by Carl Laferton. This book takes children on a journey from the Garden of Eden to God's perfect new creation. Retelling the Easter story through a Bible overview, children will discover that "because of our sin, we can't go in" but because of Jesus's victory on the cross, an even better garden awaits us.



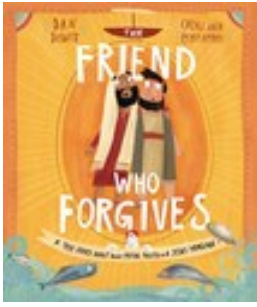
*The Donkey Who Carried a King* by R.C. Sproul. Give kids a unique perspective on the events of Jesus' Passion Week with this illustrated story by R.C. Sproul, *The Donkey Who Carried a King*. Davey was a young donkey who never had anything to do . . . until one day some strangers arrived and Davey was given a very special task: to carry the King, Jesus, into Jerusalem. Davey sees things that he doesn't understand, until another donkey helps him see that the King is willingly a Servant on behalf of His people.



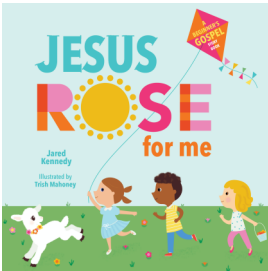
*The Easter Fix* by Steph Williams. This is the story of how God sent Someone—Jesus—to fix everything. But Jesus didn't come just to fix a few things. He gave His life to fix the thing that makes everything broken . . . our broken friendship with God. This engaging retelling of the Easter story helps preschoolers understand why Jesus died and came alive again. Notes for parents at the back help to explain the details of this account from the Bible. Part of the *Little Me, Big God* series of storybooks for pre-schoolers. These books are ideal to give away at church toddler groups and for use in children's ministry.



*A Very Happy Easter* by Tim Thornborough. This fresh retelling of the Easter Story focuses on the emotions of Jesus's friends and invites children to copy the expressions they are making. As they learn about how Jesus died and rose again, they will see that Jesus's friends felt fear, sadness, surprise and joy, and they will have the opportunity to think about how they would have felt. This book is a great way to make story time interactive and explain Easter to young children in a way that connects emotionally and builds empathy. A wonderful Easter gift for young children.



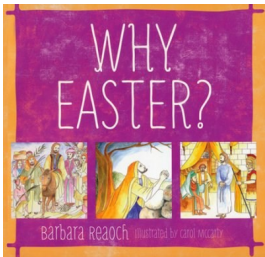
***The Friend Who Forgives* by Dan DeWitt.** Do you ever talk before you think? Mess up? Let others down? That's what Peter did, again and again and again, and it led him to abandon his best friend, Jesus. Peter loved Jesus. He felt terrible when he pretended not to know Him. He thought all was lost when Jesus died, but after He rose from the dead, Jesus went and found Peter and forgave him. Jesus explained that His death took the punishment for all of Peter's mistakes and that His resurrection showed that the penalty was lifted. Peter spent the rest of his life telling people that if they put their trust in Jesus, they could be forgiven too—again and again and again.



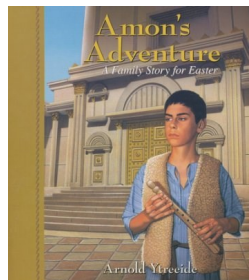
***Jesus Rose for Me* by Jared Kennedy.** For children ages three to seven, this beautifully illustrated book begins with Palm Sunday and ends with Easter, when Jesus rose for us. Children will learn that Jesus is our King, and that everyone who trusts in Him is part of His forever family. Help your kids understand that Jesus died for us and rose from the dead



***Sammy and His Shepherd* by Susan Hunt** is a retelling of the 23rd Psalm from the perspective of a lamb (representing a child of God), describing what it is like to be cared for by a gracious, loving, and protective Shepherd (God Almighty). Sammy, the narrator sheep, is taught lessons by an older sheep known to everyone as Grandmother, who explains that a good shepherd makes sure that his sheep have plenty of food and water, lots of contented rest, protection from predators, and even moments of rescue and recovery if they wander into dark valleys.



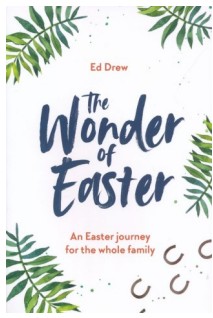
***Why Easter?* By Barbara Reaach.** Recapture the true meaning of Easter for little ones with this fully illustrated devotional. Designed for use during the 4 weeks prior to Easter, this book will help parents teach their children the biblical truth about this significant celebration. The text is written in a daily format that is short, focused, and effective with a Scripture truth for each day and discussion questions.



***Amon's Adventure* by Arnold Ytreeide.** When Jotham is accused of a terrible crime, his 13-year-old son, Amon, races to save him. Along the way Amon joins the crowds on Palm Sunday, outwits Roman soldiers who plan to kill his father and Jesus, witnesses Judas's betrayal, and beholds Christ's crucifixion. End-of-chapter meditations make this ideal for family Lenten devotions.



***Mission Accomplished* by Scott James.** Nearly 2,000 years ago, a simple wooden cross and an empty tomb served as the setting for the greatest rescue mission in history—the good news of a loving Father going to great lengths to save His broken children. Every year at Easter, with a joyful shout of “Christ is risen!” we declare again the climax of this great story. Starting on Palm Sunday, your family will spend 2 weeks (14 devotions) walking in time with Jesus as He finishes the work His Father gave Him. Extending your devotion-al time into the week beyond Easter Sunday will encourage your family to follow the risen Jesus as He calls His disciples on a Spirit-filled mission to spread the good news to all nations. Your family will learn that God calls every Christ follower to that very same task, promising that His power and presence will help us as we go. Each devotion takes just 10 minutes and is suitable for all ages of children. Included are suggestions for hymns to sing and family activities that give you a chance to remember and apply the truth that Christ is risen indeed!



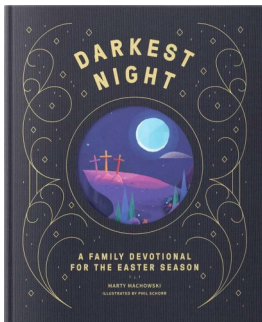
***The Wonder of Easter* by Ed Drew.** Take ten minutes with your family each day to prepare for Easter. This flexible, easy-to-use Lenten devotional will allow both adults and children to celebrate the limitless wonder of Easter. Walk through Luke's Gospel and the Old Testament to discover why the story of Jesus's death and resurrection is the most amazing story ever told. This is a discussion-based resource with differentiated questions for 3-4s, 5-7s, 7-12s, teens, and adults! At just 10 minutes each, these devotions are an achievable joy, not an unrealistic burden.



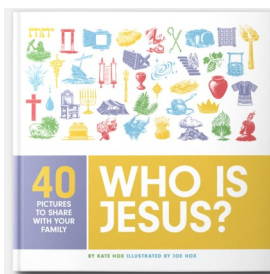
***Something's About to Happen in Jerusalem* by Sue Jakes and B.A. Snider.** This is a study in the Scriptures from Luke 18:31–Luke 24. Beginning with Jesus's announcement to the disciples, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem" to His command to "Go and make disciples" at His ascension, the days surrounding His resurrection are unfolded for even the smallest child to understand. Hymns, craft ideas, and memory verses are included, and this will be a great tool for your children to study the meaning of the Resurrection.



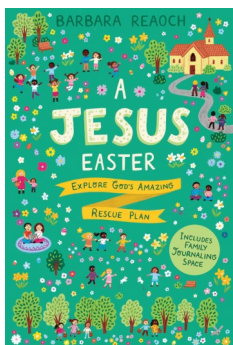
***Resurrection Eggs from Family Life.*** Crack open the glorious story of Jesus's resurrection! Stored in a plastic carton, a dozen rainbow-hued eggs are filled with surprises. Pop them open and find miniature symbols of Easter inside! An updated companion booklet in English and Spanish features illustrated Bible stories explaining the significance of each object. Includes decorative stickers! .



***Darkest Night Brightest Day* by Marty Machowski** shows families how Easter morning turned the world upside down and right side up. Start a new Easter season tradition with your family by reading this beautifully illustrated "upside down" book that includes 14 Bible stories for Passion and Easter weeks. Begin on Palm Sunday with the first side, *Darkest Night*, with 7 stories that recount the events of Passion Week, ending with Christ's crucifixion and burial. Flip the book over on Easter morning and continue by reading *Brightest Day*, featuring 7 more stories that progress from Christ's resurrection to His ascension and Pentecost. Machowski weaves the four Gospel accounts together into one harmonized story and provides questions for family discussion. Children are sure to remember the contrast between the darkness at the death of our Lord and the light-filled events from Christ's resurrection onward. Targeted to families with preschool and grade school children but can be used in family devotionals with teens as well.



***Who Is Jesus?* by Kate Hox.** How do you help a child know someone they can't see and hear? In *Who Is Jesus?* author Kate Hox and illustrator Joe Hox bring forty word-pictures of Jesus to life so children can get to know Jesus better. The Bible is filled with stories and symbols that point us to Jesus as the Savior, the only One who can bring us back to God. In *Who is Jesus?*, families will explore together the rich imagery of the Bible and learn about God's great love for His people through Jesus Christ His Son. Written with the 40 days of Lent leading up to Easter in mind, but it can be used any time throughout the year. Each picture of Jesus includes a captivating illustration, a key verse to remember, Bible passages to discuss, a family devotion to read, reflection questions, and a song. Twenty stories from the Old Testament and twenty from the New Testament tell about snakes, sticks, rocks, shepherds, sheep, water, bread, and so much more.



***A Jesus Easter* by Barbara Reaach.** Help your family to appreciate the awesome, life-changing events of Easter with this 30-day devotional. These easy-to-lead devotions start by looking at Genesis and take us through the Old Testament to see how Easter was always part of God's amazing plan for His people. The remainder looks at the Easter story itself, helping families to experience the full joy of our resurrection hope. Each day, there is a passage to read together, questions to think about, an explanation, and a prayer. There are also age-appropriate application questions, with some for younger children and some for older children, as well as journaling space so that family members can write or draw their own response to what God has shown them. So why not set aside a little time each day in the run-up to Easter with this inspiring and innovative resource to celebrate what Jesus has done for us?