

along the way

APRIL 2024

Along The Way is a monthly resource for families to nurture faith by connecting church and home. The ideas shared are taken from the stories the kids are exploring at church on Sundays this month.



BLESS

Wee Ones (Birth -3 Years)

Jesus knows you,
Jesus loves you,
And He is always with you.

Loft (4-6 years)

God made you.
God loves you,
God blesses you.
God is with you.

Wonderground (1st -4th)

You are prized and precious,
liked and loved, capable and
curious, blessed to be a
blessing, a child of God
and a treasure in our family.



SING

As you drive around town,
listen or sing together:

Wee Ones (Birth -3 Years)

*Zacchaeus Was a
Wee Little Man*

Loft (4-6 years)

Tell it to Jesus
by Slugs & Bugs

Wonderground (1st -4th)

Jesus is Risen!
by Mike Crawford

Good Good Father
by Chris Tomlin



TALK

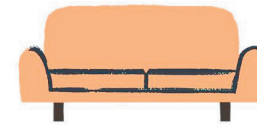
Wonder Together...

I wonder what you think about
Jesus' death?

What do you think about Jesus
coming back to life?

Take turns filling in the blank -
Jesus is like _____

Earth Day is April 22.
On Earth Day, ask...
How is Jesus like a gardener?



READ

Wee Ones (1-3 yrs)

Jesus and Zacchaeus
*read the story from a children's
Bible or Luke 19:1-10*

Loft (4-6 yrs)

Breakfast by the Sea
John 21

Wonderground (1st-4th)

*Friends Processing the
Resurrection*
Luke 24:13-35

The Good Father
Luke 15:11-32

Jesus, The Includer
Mark 2:13-17



PRAY

Wee Ones (birth -3 yrs)

Dear God,
Thank you for my eyes that
see,
Thank you for my ears
that hear.
Thank you for my arms
that hug,
Thank you for my heart
that loves.

Loft (4-6 years)

Breath Prayer
Breathe in - loving friend
Breathe out - forgive me

Wonderground (1st -4th)

Invite your child to write
and illustrate an Earth Day
Prayer. Feel free to post
on Instagram and tag
jwkidskc.

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. DEUTERONOMY 6:6-8



SAT
April 13
Serve Together:
Second
Saturdays at
AOL

WED
April 10
Serve Together:
Argentine
Food
Distribution

MON
April 22
Earth Day:
Plant a seed &
celebrate God's
creation

JULY
15-19
VBS & VBS
EXTENDED
DAY

SIGN UP
events
tab at
jacobsnell
church.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN KIDS COMMUNITY

Wee Ones (birth-3 yrs)

This month we are talking about how Jesus loves us and wants to be our friend. In the story, Zacchaeus was being greedy, but Jesus was kind and wanted to be his friend. Jesus even wanted to share a lunch with Zacchaeus. Jesus always loves us!

Loft (4-6 yrs)

Lofters will continue to learn about the resurrected Jesus and his love for Peter, even though Peter had made a huge mistake. We will join Jesus for breakfast on the beach and play in the story as we see Jesus forgive Peter and show him unconditional love.

Wonderground (1st-4th)

We're excited to keep the Eastertide celebration going for the next seven weeks! The first Sunday of April, grade schoolers will have a chat and chew about Jesus' death and resurrection, alongside the friends on the road to Emmaus. The following weeks, we'll play in the stories of The Good Father (Luke 15:11-32) and Jesus, The Includer (Mark 2:13-17) to see what Jesus was really like on the regular.



EASTER HAS JUST BEGUN!

The season of Eastertide began on Easter Sunday and goes for 50 days, culminating on Pentecost Sunday. It's a 50 day celebration! A few ways to keep the party going...



Playlists

Create an Easter playlist with resurrection themed songs...Mike Crawford just released a new single, Jesus Is Risen! Find it on Spotify or Apple Music.

Candles

Light a white candle at dinner as a symbol of Christ being alive and chasing away the darkness.



Flowers

Invite kiddos to pick flowers for the dinner table to remind everyone of the joy and beauty Jesus brings.

Feasts

Eastertide is a season of feasting and celebrating. Consider having an Eastertide casual backyard feast with friends...or invite the kids to design and prepare a mini-feast.



Reader's Corner

Set out Easter books for the kids. Read thru one of the gospels together...a passage at a time.

Credit: Little Way Chapel

"We are Easter people, called to practice resurrection in a Good Friday world."
~ Trevor Hudson