

The Wonder of Easter

Top Tips for Family Church



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This is the moment they have been rehearsing for! My kids play church hilariously well – they argue over who is on the notices, they play in their own music group, they have made a pulpit from a box before. This is their time to shine!

This Sunday, take the opportunity to run your own home church using the Faith in Kids [Wonder of Easter](#) resources (find them on our website faithinkids.org). If you start this weekend you will be looking at the resurrection on Easter Sunday. As we journey through tough times over the coming weeks, there is no better news to remember than the Wonder of Easter.

DATE	LESSON	PASSAGE
22 Mar	The return of the King	Luke 19:30, 35–40
29 Mar	Taken away by guards	Luke 22:47–54
5 Apr	Saved! Just in time	Luke 23:32–34; 39–43
11 Apr	Jesus is alive!	Luke 24:36–49
19 Apr	He's gone, we're still happy	Luke 24:50–53

Preparation

- Read through the Bible passage first – they are all from Luke's gospel
- Read through the lesson – pick out the activities your kids will enjoy
- Get everyone engaged by sharing out responsibilities within your family and preparing stuff you need – someone can print worksheets, someone else can get craft stuff and props together
- Set a time to start, pray and go for it!

Top Tips

- You know your family – play to your strengths. If you are arty and creative go all out on making and acting. If you are thoughtful and reserved, spend more time on discussion questions and use worksheets.
- Involve everyone – family church means everyone has a part to play. Don't leave it to Mum, we're all in this together!
- Engage younger ones by getting them to rehearse and plan a Bible drama.
- Who will choose the two or three songs you will sing? Don't let a lack of musical talent hold you back. Use CD's, Spotify or YouTube. God delights in your great sound even if it's awkward and out of tune.
- Older children and teenagers could lead discussion times and prep visuals/power point.
- Consider face timing/skyping/including someone else, especially if you are a smaller family. Particularly think about those who are on their own. Or include another family who don't feel confident doing this themselves.
- Approach the time together not as a "professional" leading the lesson but as a participant. Learn with your kids. Ask them to help you. Talk with them about the things that surprise you or that you find hard to believe.

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- Look around you at the situation. How does *this* word from God speak to it? How is he making sense of what we are seeing and feeling?
- Enjoy yourselves! There are lots of negatives about our current restrictions. Make family worship a positive highlight. Laughing and smiling is to be encouraged!
- Pray together about what you have learned, and for your family, community, country and the world. Ask God to be kind and to help us love one another and trust him.
- Be encouraged – no matter how it went. No matter who argued, fell out, or lost the plot this was a win. You pointed your family to Jesus in a time of crisis. We often learn good things through how we handle what went badly!
- Remember who is with you and for you – you have the Holy Spirit's help, you can do this!

As our big church family meets in our own little families, help each other. Pray for one another. Share your successes. Share your failures. Share your one encouragement. Spur one another on. Why not set up a WhatsApp group with other families from your church or home group. Other families believe that your family finds this easy – telling your story of chaotic family church encourages them to have a go, too. We are all in this together. How great to know we are all trying to do the same thing on our journey to know, feel and trust the good news that Jesus is alive and on the throne of heaven.