

INSTRUCTIONS



- RANDOMLY CHOOSE ONE CARD AT A TIME
- AFTER YOU REVIEW THE CARD, DO THE ACTIVITY TOGETHER.
- ON THE BACK OF EVERY CARD IS A PUZZLE PIECE. ONCE YOUR FAMILY COMPLETES AN ACTIVITY, PLACE THE PIECE IN IT'S RELE-VANT POSITION. BY THE END OF THE CHALLENGE, YOUR FAMILY WILL HAVE COMPLETED A SPRING THEMED PUZZLE!

USE THESE 24 ACTION-PACKED CARDS TO EXPLORE AND EXPERIENCE THE RICH MEANING OF EASTER AS A FAMILY!

- THEN SEARCH THE PUZZLE TO FIND THESE HIDDEN OBJECTS: A SOCK, TWO HEARTS, A SAW, A LADDER, A RUBBER DUCKIE, A BANANA, AN ICE CREAM CONE, A PIZZA SLICE, A WALL- CLOCK, A TOY ROBOT, A TOY TRUCK, A SPOON, A FORK, A COFFEE CUP, AN UMBRELLA, AND A TOOTH-BRUSH. *WORDS: JESUS, EASTER, RISEN, ALIVE*
- POST PICTURES OF YOU WORKING ON THE CHALLENGES AS YOU DO THEM AND THE FINAL PUZZLE ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGES. THE LAST DAY TO BE ENTERED FOR A PRIZE (FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT & ICE CREAM) IS APRIL 24TH. EACH POST IS ONE ENTRY FOR THE DRAWING.

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AFTER YOU HAVE COMPLETED ALL 24 CHALLENGES, TURN THE CARDS UPSIDE DOWN AND PUT TOGETHER THIS PUZZLE. DON'T FORGET TO FIND 21 HIDDEN OBJECTS. AND DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT A PHOTO OF YOUR FAMILY WITH THE COMPLETED PUZZLE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN THE PRIZE.



CHALLENGE TO COMPLETE

Send your children on a Gospel scavenger hunt. Instruct them to find items that symbolize different parts of the Good News of Jesus. A rock (the tomb), two sticks (the cross), something black (sin), something red (blood), something white (a clean heart), and something green (growing in Christ).

QUESTION TO DISCUSS

Do you find it easy or hard to talk about Jesus and faith to other people?
Why do you think it's that way?

CHALLENGE TO COMPLETE

Call an older person (maybe a widow or widower) to have a conversation.
Have children prepare questions they would want to ask about their life and walk of faith.
(They may also want to write them a thank you card after that you can mail them.)
If you don't know someone, let us know and we can help connect you with someone in our church.

QUESTION TO DISCUSS

When you are older, what would you like to be able to tell people about your life and walk of faith?

CHALLENGE TO COMPLETE

As a family, visit a garden or park or search for pictures on the internet.
Read Luke 22:39-46. Chat about Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. Have everyone talk about what plans they have for tomorrow and what Jesus may have been thinking about for the next day. (Have a stone throwing competition—Luke 22:41.)

QUESTION TO DISCUSS

What thoughts or questions do you have about Jesus and/or Christian faith?

CHALLENGE TO COMPLETE

Give each child a dollar bill. Ask if they would trade it for five nickels. Thirty pennies? Determine which has the most value. Read Matthew 26:14-16, 47-56.
Discuss how Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 silver coins and what a poor trade he made.

QUESTION TO DISCUSS

What things in your life are trying to push Jesus out of the way and become most important?

CHALLENGE TO COMPLETE

Host your own foot-washing ceremony.
Fill a bucket with water. Grab a few towels, gather your family, and share the story in John 13:1-17.
Then take turns washing each other's feet and praying for one another.

QUESTION TO DISCUSS

What are some practical ways that we can serve each other in our home?

CHALLENGE TO COMPLETE

Assemble an Easter Basket, fill it up with goodies, and deliver it to someone's porch who may need an extra dose of Easter cheer. If you don't have items at home, draw some pictures or make some cards to send to someone who may be lonely at this time.

QUESTION TO DISCUSS

What's more rewarding—to give or receive presents?
(See what Jesus said about it in Acts 20:35.)



CHALLENGE TO COMPLETE

Have your children make a cross out of what they can easily find (tree branches, wooden spoons, markers, foil, etc.) Sit in a circle. Pass the cross and let everyone share an attitude or action from the past week that they knew didn't make God happy. Talk about how Jesus died on the cross so that we can be forgiven for our sins.

After each person shares, let the rest respond:
The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin.

QUESTION TO DISCUSS

Why is it that when we're trying to hide something, it makes us feel uneasy on the inside?

CHALLENGE TO COMPLETE

Take a morning walk around your neighborhood. Soak up fresh air and sunshine. Talk about how spring reminds us of the new life Jesus gives us. Point out the signs of new life that are starting to appear. You may want to finish your walk with a special treat at home.

QUESTION TO DISCUSS

What's your favorite part about spring?

CHALLENGE TO COMPLETE

Take your kids for a walk through a local cemetery or look up one online.

Enjoy the quiet, read tombstones, contemplate eternity, and enjoy spiritual conversations with your kids. Don't be afraid to talk about death.

We can talk about it openly because we have hope. Jesus overcame the grave, and we will live for eternity with Him. (John 3:16)

QUESTION TO DISCUSS

What will eternity with God be like?

CHALLENGE TO COMPLETE

Put a puzzle together (physical or online). As you work on a puzzle, discuss how you can't see the whole picture until every piece is in place. Then explain how our lives are like an incomplete puzzle. Though it's hard to understand how certain events fit into God's plan, we can trust that He sees the whole picture and knows how all the pieces fit together.

QUESTION TO DISCUSS

What is one of the toughest challenges you ever had to go through? What did you learn from it?

CHALLENGE TO COMPLETE

Cut out large paper raindrops. On each one, write one thing you're thankful for. Hang them in a window or on the wall/door so you can be reminded how God showers us with His goodness.

QUESTION TO DISCUSS

What do you appreciate the most about each member of our family?

CHALLENGE TO COMPLETE

Today look for signs of God's presence. Where do we see, hear, or feel God around us? Maybe in the kindness of strangers, or the beauty of nature, or the boldness of someone standing up for what's right? As you gather around the dinner table, invite each family member to share where and how they saw God earlier today.

QUESTION TO DISCUSS

What's your biggest dream? What's your biggest worry?



CHALLENGE TO COMPLETE

Take a night walk as a family. Observe how a flashlight ensures safe stepping. Remind your children that God's Word is a lamp to guide our feet and a light for our path. Share a story from your life where you were faced with a difficult situation and how God's Word lit a path for you.

QUESTION TO DISCUSS

Have you ever felt confused about what to do? (If relevant, feel free to share a verse that addresses the situation).

CHALLENGE TO COMPLETE

Go outside. Ask each person in your family to find a quiet spot. Practice being still and listening (for at least, 2-3 minutes).

Later, talk about the sounds you heard. Discuss how to be still and listen for God's voice.

QUESTION TO DISCUSS

Can you remember a specific time in your life where you KNEW that God was speaking to you?

CHALLENGE TO COMPLETE

Build something in the Bible from Legos (or any other supplies you can find at home: spaghetti, marshmallows, blocks, shoeboxes, etc.)

QUESTION TO DISCUSS

Why is Easter so important? What does candy and painted eggs have to do with Easter?

CHALLENGE TO COMPLETE

Go on a walk or bike ride and look for a cross. Count how many crosses you can find, either as a team, or make it a game and keep points. Count two points for an actual cross on a church or side of the road, and one point for something that looks like a cross (i.e. a broken branch).

QUESTION TO DISCUSS

Why is the cross of Jesus such a big deal?

CHALLENGE TO COMPLETE

Can you finish this sentence?
God so loved the world that He...
hint, look up John 3:16

Someone once said that you can give without loving but you can't love without giving. Today, follow God's example of generosity, and love others through giving. Encourage every member of the family to pick one thing they will give away.

QUESTION TO DISCUSS

What does it mean to be a Christian?

CHALLENGE TO COMPLETE

Go on a walk and look for interesting rocks. Bring them home and make a pile out of them. Explain that in the Old Testament God asked His people to use stones as reminders of His faithfulness.

Recall ways God has been faithful to your family. Leave your rocks at your front door as reminders of God's faithfulness.

QUESTION TO DISCUSS

Everyone takes a turn finishing the sentence: Remember when...?



CHALLENGE TO COMPLETE

Make an Easter picture tree. Anchor a small branch in a pot. Have your kids look through magazines or print some from online and cut out images that remind them of Jesus. Glue pictures on card stock, attach short pieces of string and hang the pictures on the branches.

(You could also do this on paper.)

QUESTION TO DISCUSS

Close your eyes and think of God. What kind of picture comes to mind?

CHALLENGE TO COMPLETE

Memorize Romans 5:8 as a family. Have each member of the family create a poster of this beautiful verse. Take time to celebrate God's unfailing, unconditional, unfathomable, unstoppable, and unending love.

QUESTION TO DISCUSS

What makes you feel loved?

CHALLENGE TO COMPLETE

Place a white carnation in a vase (or even a paper towel with one end in a cup). Read 1 Peter 1:18-19. Discuss what it meant that Jesus was a "lamb without blemish or spot." Add a dozen drops of red food coloring to the water. Watch what happens over the next 2-3 days. Use the red flower petals or end of the paper towel as a reminder that Jesus took our sins upon Himself when He died on the cross.

QUESTION TO DISCUSS

What are some sins that we struggle with that Jesus took on Himself when He died?

CHALLENGE TO COMPLETE

Read Matthew 27:57-61. Wrap one of your children in a sheet ("grave clothes"). After your kids have stopped giggling, allow the child to break free from the sheet. Talk about how sad the disciples must have felt when Jesus died, and how happy they must have been when they saw that He had conquered death.

QUESTION TO DISCUSS

What are some things that make you feel sad?
What makes you feel really happy?

CHALLENGE TO COMPLETE

Give everyone a piece of paper and a pencil (marker or pen.) Play "What a Beautiful Name" by Hillsong Worship. Ask everyone to draw the feelings, thoughts, and images that this song brings to mind. After the song, have everyone take turns sharing their art and the story behind it.

QUESTION TO DISCUSS

How can we know God is real?

CHALLENGE TO COMPLETE

During dinner, have cupcakes for dessert with one candle on each. Use trick candles to show how Jesus, the Light of the World, appeared to be extinguished but wasn't. Light the candles and blow them out together. When the candles relight themselves, talk about how Jesus defeated death and is alive and well today. (or cover up the candle with a cup so the light is "gone" but then reappears when uncovered.)

QUESTION TO DISCUSS

Jesus says we are the light of the world (Matthew 5:14-16). What does that mean?

