

Lock-Down Sunday School – A 4-week series about Trusting God

Do whatever you want to make this work for you – feel free to use your own ideas/resources, change around the order, or skip things entirely.

Option 1 – Sunday School – use this as a normal Sunday School lesson, on Sunday morning (or whenever) – doing one thing from each category will take about 30minutes to an hour and half (or longer) depending on which things you choose to do.

Option 2 – Everyday Devotional – do a little everyday – break down the story into smaller chunks to focus on each day. Pick an activity or two to do each day. I recommend spending a few days learning the Bible verse & songs, if you're using those options.

Week 3 – Easter (Stuck in a tomb)

Worship Time

Continue to learn these songs from last week, or sing your favourite worship tunes:

I'm Trusting You - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0VDpHibftHs>

I Will Trust in You - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TIJU3te81Dg>

The format is a little different this week – as the long story needs to be divided into smaller chunks. I've integrated the activities in with the story – so you can break it up by doing things in between the parts of the story.

Under 5s

The Last Supper

- Read about the Last Supper in a children's story Bible
- Questions (use ones that fit your own child's understanding/abilities)
 - o What did Jesus call the bread and wine?
 - o Can you think of why he did that (if they cannot, do not answer it – tell them to listen out for the reason later in the story)
 - o Where did Jesus say he was going?
 - o Why were his friends sad?
 - o Jesus' friends were going to miss him – who do you miss while we stay home?
- Activities
 - o Draw/colour the last supper meal
<https://www.pinterest.nz/pin/566820303104483517/> (this is only an image as a guide, there is not a printable for this one)

- Make a last supper placemat & then use it
<https://pk1homeschoolfun.com/last-supper-placemats-coloring-page/?v=f24485ae434a>
- Decorate a paper plate & cup with markers

Jesus is Arrested & Crucified

- Read the story of Jesus' arrest and crucifixion from a children's Bible
- Questions:
 - What did Jesus pray?
 - Why did the leaders arrest Jesus?
 - What was the important thing Jesus had told his friends before he died?
- Activities:
 - Try one of these cross crafts:
 - <https://twitchetts.com/2019/03/preschool-cross-craft.html/>
 - <https://meaningfulmama.com/easter-cross-craft-for-sunday-school-classrooms.html>
 - <https://www.catholicicing.com/cross-craft-for-preschoolers-a-bible-craft-for-the-letter-c/>

Jesus comes back to life

- Read the story of the resurrection from a children's Bible
- Questions:
 - Who guarded Jesus' tomb?
 - Who moved the stone?
 - What message did the angel tell the women?
 - How do you think they felt when they saw Jesus was alive?
- Activities:
 - Empty tomb garden: <https://www.pinterest.nz/pin/449374869044721095/>
 - If you have playdoh make a tomb scene – a cave, big rock, an angel, soliders, the women – whatever you want to add
 - Colouring pages: <https://whatsinthebible.com/eight-best-easter-coloring-pages/>

There are more crafts, games, & activities at the end of the lesson

Over-5s

- Story Options:
 - Read it from the Bible – break it into chunks as with the preschool program
 - Read it from a kids' Bible
 - Watch one of the video versions on Minno (remember you can ask me for a code for a free month)– I recommend the What's in the Bible version
 - Watch the Saddleback Church version (5min):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL8R158Ujp4>
 - Watch the Superbook video (20min):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3F0rt2AiqJY>
- Questions (use the ones that fit your child's understanding):
 - Why was Jesus arrested?
 - What do you think of what Pilate did?
 - Why do you think Jesus let himself be killed?
 - What do you think it would have been like to be a disciple during this story?
 - What was your favourite part of the story?
 - What surprised you about this story?
 - Do you have any questions?
- Other Story Ideas (if you're telling it multiple times during the week)
 - Any of the ideas from the previous weeks will work, or...
 - If you have a set of resurrection eggs, it's time to get them out :-D
 - Go on a scavenger hunt to find items from the story & then use them to tell it together. You can find a Bible scavenger hunt here:
<https://crossfiresundayschool.weebly.com/isolation-friendly-easter-hunt.html>

Activities – do as many or as few as you want

Memory Verse:

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path.

Ways to Learn it:

- With one of these cool songs:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FUR1ufexry0> or
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t_zUJC4aAJc

- Make a poster of the verse to hang on your wall – work together or each make one (then put them all up so you see them everywhere you go!)
- You might want to only do half the verse if you think your child will struggle with learning the whole thing at once.
- If your family is already confident with Prov 3:5-6, find a new one together – google ‘Bible verses about Trust’ if you need some ideas

Prayer Time:

- Try one or some of the activities here –
<http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/p/hands-on-easter-story.html>

Crafts:

(all templates & instructions are on our pinterest page, along with more ideas. Visit: <https://www.pinterest.nz/craftsitter/kids-ministry-at-home/>)

- Build a resurrection garden out of lego – here’s one version – but use your imagination - <https://frugalfun4boys.com/build-lego-resurrection-garden/>
- Tinfoil cross painting - <http://www.lbrummer68739.net/6th-grade-projects-gallery/lenten-tiffany-style-art/>
- Printable Easter scene - <https://www.catholicicing.com/religious-easter-craft-for-kids-make/>

Games/Playtime:

- Take some time individually to spend with God – think about the Easter story & about what it means to and for you. We do this a bit in CrossFire (5+), so don’t underestimate your kid’s ability to sit and listen to God. Ask God to give each of you words or pictures, draw/write them and then come back together to share. I find it helps to play worship music in the background so the silence doesn’t cause giggles.
- Challenge each person to find something in the house that reminds them of Jesus’s death and/or resurrection – you might like to make it a contest
- Wash each other’s feet – tell about how earlier, before Jesus was arrested, he washed the feet of each of his disciples. He did this as an example of how we are to serve one another. After the footwashing brainstorm other ways you can serve individually and together
- Have a Resurrection Celebration Party – decorate the house, cook/bake something extra yummy, put on some joyful praise music & celebrate that Jesus is alive!