

Unit 19

Final Days of Jesus

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:8

When your family sits down to share God’s Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <http://bibleinlife.com/video/> to watch **Final Days of Jesus** before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well in March or around Palm Sunday.

In the video, the boy and his mom were decorating cupcakes. They talked about what he had learned in Sunday school that day about Jesus being on the cross.

- What do you think it meant for God to *forsake*, or *leave*, Jesus when He was on the cross?

Sin separates us, or keeps us apart, from God. God loves us so much that He didn’t want that separation. He wants us to be with Him forever. But sin has to be punished. God’s plan to punish sin is death. (That’s pretty scary, isn’t it?) Instead of each of us paying the price for our sins though, God sent His Son, Jesus, to earth. On the cross Jesus took the sins of all people for all time on Himself. (Maybe Jesus was feeling what it was like when sin separates people from God.) Jesus died so we don’t have to. But that isn’t the end of the story. Jesus conquered all those sins and death—and rose again!

- Why did Jesus choose to die on the cross?
- Memorize Philippians 2:8. How does this verse help you understand what Jesus did?
- As a family, create a drawing or something else, that shows what it means that Jesus chose to die on the cross.

End with a short prayer: Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus, Your Son, to die for all our sins and then come back to life again so we can live with You forever. Amen.

Unit 20

Jesus Conquers Death

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead. ... This is my gospel.
2 Timothy 2:8

When your family sits down to share God's Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <http://bibleinlife.com/video/> to watch **Jesus Conquers Death** before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well around or after Easter.

The kids in the video were playing ball when a garage door window was broken. All the kids ran away. But the boy told his father what happened. The boy did chores to pay for the window and helped his dad replace it.

The video is an allegory—a story with characters and events that are like other stories.

- What other story do you think the video story was trying to give us ideas about?

All people are sinful and broken. They need to be brought back to their loving God. God sent His Son, Jesus, to pay for all our sins. Jesus died on the cross, BUT HE DIDN'T STAY DEAD! He rose from the dead. Because Jesus paid the price for our sins, our relationship with God is fixed and we can live forever with Him.

- Why is Jesus' resurrection a big deal to you?
- Memorize 2 Timothy 2:8. *Gospel* means "good news." How is Jesus' being raised from the dead good news?
- How can your family share with others the good news, or gospel, of Jesus' being alive?

End with a short prayer: Dear Jesus, thank You for loving us—enough to die for all our sins and then coming back to life again so we can live with You forever. Amen.

Unit 21

How Believers Live

“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”

John 14:26

When your family sits down to share God’s Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <http://bibleinlife.com/video/> to watch **How Believers Live** before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well around or after May 3.

The video showed how a group of kids worked together to help at a pet adoption center. It was their way of sharing God’s love by helping others.

- How do you think believing that Jesus rose from the dead changes how we treat others?

Having things in common helps people do things together. People who believe that Jesus rose from the dead want to share God’s love with others. They often do that together in groups and communities. They share God’s love by doing what God tells them to do in His Word—like helping people in need. Sharing God’s love with others shows them who God is.

- What do you want others to know about God?
- Memorize John 14:26. These words are Jesus’ promise that the Holy Spirit helps us know more about God. How does this verse help you know that the Holy Spirit will help you help others?
- How can your family share God’s love with others?

End with a short prayer: Dear God, help us to know how You want us to share about You with others. Give us the courage to be bold in that sharing. Amen.