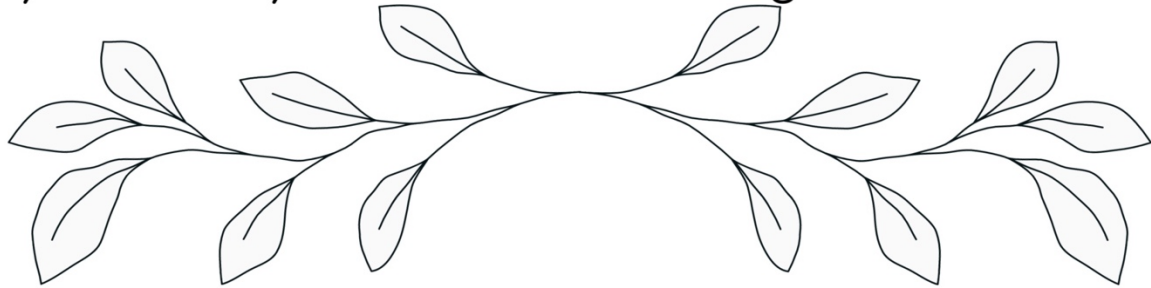




Passion Week Experience

8 days of family activities celebrating Jesus' last week





Passion Week Experience

In this packet you will find pieces to make a week's worth of activities for your family to experience together. All of these activities and printouts reflect the beauty of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Our prayer is that they will be helpful as your family set your hearts on Him during this Easter season.

Included in this packet are instructions to create the 8 piece "HE LIVES" banner. Once the banner is made, you will choose from 16 activities to use together with your family. You can have one activity a day, two for every day, or any combination. Cut out the activities you want to use, and place in the pockets of the banner for the corresponding day.

Thursday before Easter is when your family will celebrate the Passover meal, if you choose. This is the most involved activity, but can be a wonderful meal. Be sure to read through all the preparations beforehand so that you can plan out your day accordingly.

Also included in this packet are treat toppers. These would be great to use in your Easter baskets to hold sweet Easter treats.

Finally, to give you one more tool to help you prepare, you will also find a complete list of supplies needed with the corresponding activity to help you plan and shop.

Love in Christ,

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Passion Week Experience

Shopping List

Lamb Cupcakes:

Cake mix, your choice
Cupcake liners, optional
White cake frosting
Mini marshmallows
Black frosting, for drawing
Pink sugar
Pink jelly bean, or other candy for nose

Window Clings:

White school glue
Food coloring
Dish soap

10 Bridesmaids:

Modeling dough (can be homemade playdough, store bought, or air dry dough)
Paint, optional

Essential Oil Diffuser:

Essential Oils, your choice
Small glass jars or bottles

Judas Betrays:

Fabric, about 12 inches wide

Passover Meal:

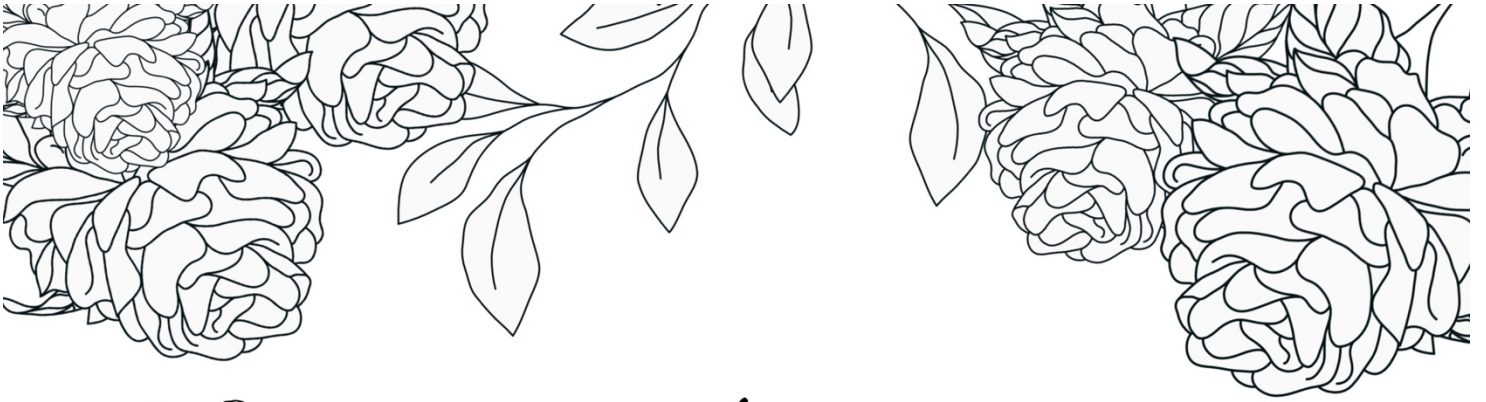
Lamb or Beef roast (see recipe)
Matzah (see recipe)
Parsley
Grape juice
Horseradish or Romaine lettuce
Chopped apples and raisins (see recipe for Charoset)
Boiled egg
Goblet or Wine glass
Vegetable side dishes, your choice
Dessert, your choice

Easter Story Cookies:

Whole pecans or chocolate chips
Vinegar
3 egg whites
Sugar

Jesus Basket:

Rocks



Banner Instructions

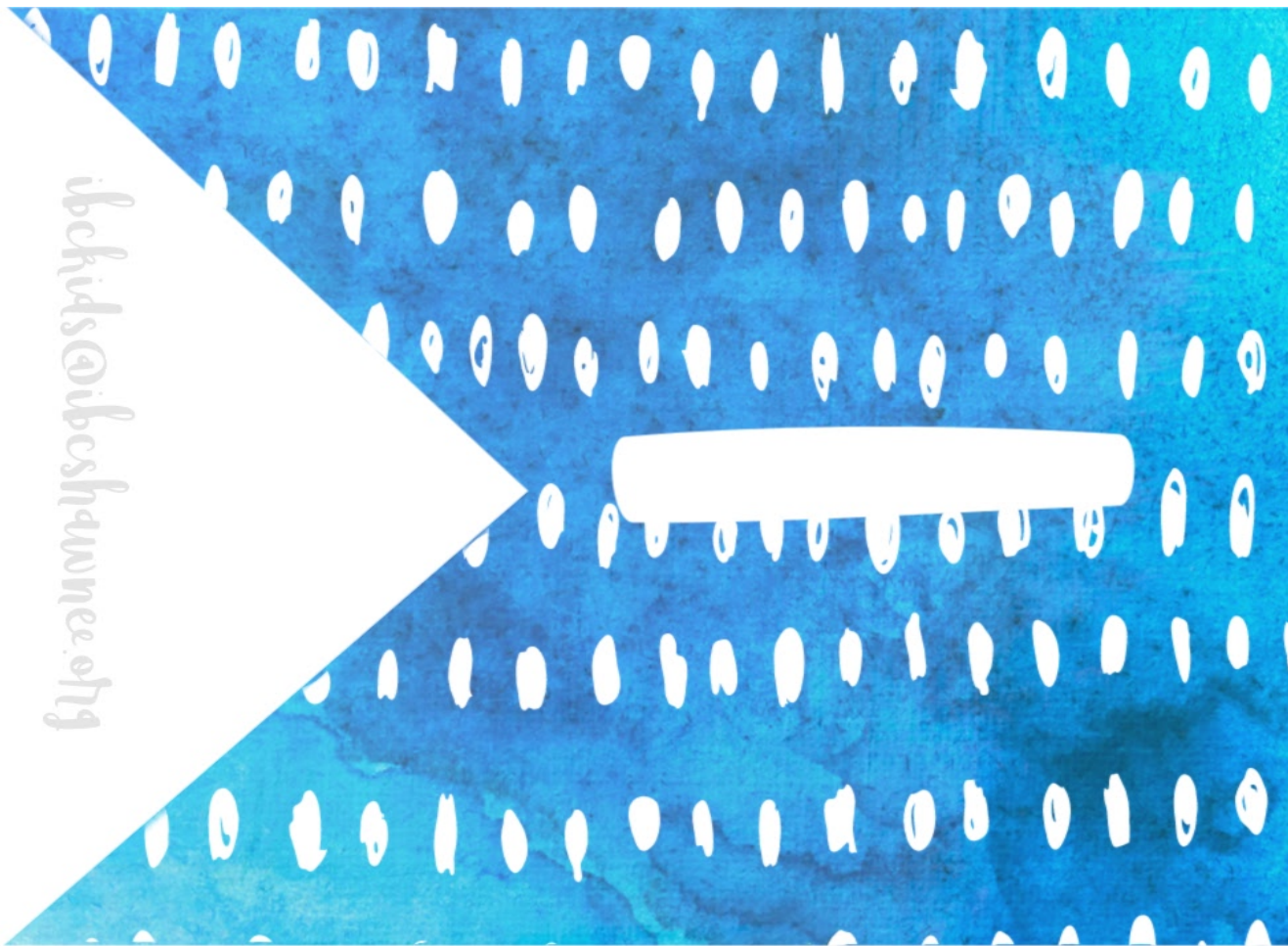
1. Cut out all 8 banner pieces. Each piece is for the 8 days leading up to Easter, starting with Palm Sunday and ending on Easter day.
2. On the back of each piece of the banner you will create a small pocket to hold the activity choice for each day. Using copy paper, cut out eight 5" by 3 1/2" rectangles.
3. Glue three sides of the rectangle (left, bottom, right) and attach to the back of the banner piece.
4. Using rope or cute ribbon, attach the banner pieces to read "HE+LIVES" where you want to display your banner will decide how far apart to space the letters.
5. Cut out the activities that your family will be using for the Passion Week Experience.
6. Place the activity in the correct pocket of banner. H=Palm Sunday, E=Monday, +=Tuesday etc.
7. Display and use starting Palm Sunday

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Easter Story Cookies

To be made the Saturday before Easter. Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Do not wait to preheat, because you will turn the oven off when you place the cookies in the oven.

You need:

- 1 cup whole pecans (or you can use chocolate chips)
- 1 tsp. vinegar
- 3 egg whites
- pinch of salt
- 1 cup sugar

- ziplock bag
- heavy wooden spoon
- tape
- a Bible

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Good Friday Nature Walk

Go on a walk in your neighborhood. Look for the following items to collect. When you return home look up the Bible verses to go with each verse.

- the biggest leaf
- a thorny branch
- two sticks to make a cross
- something sweet smelling
- a large rock
- an example of new life

Friday

Good Friday Mattheus Mark

the biggest leaf Read John 12:13
a thorny branch Read John 19:2
two sticks to make Read John 19:17
a cross
something sweet Read Mark 16:1
smelling
a large rock Read Luke 24:2
an example of Read Luke 24:5-6
new life



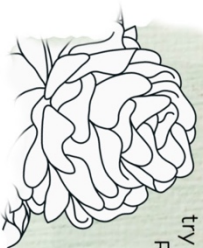
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Easter Story Cookies

1. Place pecans in a zipper bag and let children beat them with a wooden spoon to break into smaller pieces. Read John 19:1-3
2. Let the children smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp into a mixing bowl. Read John 19:28-30
3. Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Read John 11:25-26
4. Sprinkle a little salt into each hand to taste. Add 1 pinch to bowl. Remind them that tears are also salty. Read Luke 23:26-28
5. Add the sugar. The sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because he loves us and wanted to save us. Read Psalm 34:8, John 3:16
6. Beat on high mixer for 13-15 minutes until stiff peaks form. The white cookie represents how Jesus washed away our sin because of the cross. Read Isaiah 1:18
7. Fold in broken nuts (don't mix) and drop by teaspoon onto lined baking sheet. Read Matthew 27:57-60
8. Place in the oven and turn the oven off. Tape oven off to seal it. Read Matthew 27:65-66
9. Leave in the oven overnight. In the morning try a cookie. It should be hollow. Read Matthew 28:1-9



Saturday





Palm Sunday Parade

Make palm branches from the green paper provided. Create a parade. If you want use stuffed animals lined up in two rows. Put on fun costumes or fancy clothes.

Read together Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the people celebrated him as king. They sang praise and shouted victory.

Using your parade, reenact the story of Jesus's entry into the city. Celebrate him as King and Savior.

Palm Sunday

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Greatest Command Window Clings

- Supplies:
- White washable liquid glue
 - Food coloring drops
 - Dish soap
 - Transparency *provided

Mix 2 T glue, 1/4 tsp soap, and 3-5 drops of food coloring. Mix as many different batches of colors as desired

Paint the glue mixture onto transparency or plastic wrap. Let dry 8-10 hours. Once dry peel from transparency and apply to clean windows.

Sunday

Greatest Command

Monday Linings

Read Matthew 22:34-40

The religious leaders who asked this question were trying to catch Jesus in a trick.

What is the most important thing you need to do, according to Jesus?

What is the second most important thing you need to do?

Pray together as a family. Think of things you do that keep you from following this command. Ask for forgiveness. Pray and ask God to help you think of ways to obey him more.



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Palm Sunday





Passover Meal

This is a special meal to be served on Thursday night. There will be some preparations before hand to make this experience special. Recipes are included in your Passion Week packet.

Ingredients:

- Lamb Roast (or Beef Roast, no Pork)
- Matzah Bread
- Bitter Herbs (horseradish or Romaine lettuce)
- Parsley
- Salt water
- Grape Juice and nice goblet/glass
- Charoset (apples and honey)
- Boiled egg
- Additional vegetable side dishes
- Dessert
- Special plate to hold Passover ingredients

Thursday

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Essential Oil Diffuser

Make oil diffusers for all the rooms in your home to remind you about how Jesus was anointed for his death.

You will need:

- small jars, any kind, but a small mouth to the jar would be preferred
- fresh twigs
- essential oils, your choice
- water

Read John 12:1-11, Mark 14:1-9

Why did the woman pour oil, according to Jesus? Why were the disciples upset about it?

Wednesday

Essential Oil Diffuser

1. Mix together warm water and essential oils. You will need about 20-30 drops of oil per 8 ounces of water.
 2. Pour water mixture into bottle with narrow mouths
 3. Place 3-5 sticks into the bottles.
 4. Place in rooms around your house. As the water is absorbed the smell from the water mixture will infuse.
- You can mix scents of oils that you think are pleasant. Spearmint and lemongrass, or lavender and eucalyptus for example
- You can also decorate the outside of your glass jars with paint or hot glue decorative rope or strings to the glass



Wednesday



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Passover Meal

You will need to plan your Passover Meal ahead of time. The Passover celebration began when the Israelites were freed from Egypt. Many elements of the Passover have rich meaning, pointing to the eventual coming of the Messiah, Jesus. The symbolism of Jesus dying on this holiday even further points to God's plan of redemption.

Included in your Passion Week activities are many of the recipes you will need to prepare ahead of time for this special meal. Use the day to pace your preparations and heart. Set your table in a special way. Have your family help clean the home. Below you will find approximate times needed to prepare each special food to be served, to help in your planning.

For the meal, be sure to use the Passover meal guide..

1. Cheroset (Herose) 20 minute
2. Roast Lamb or Beef (begin day before) 1 hour and 30 min cook time
3. Unleavened Bread (Matzah) 20 minutes
4. Vegetable dishes of your choice
5. Dessert of your choice



Thursday





Lamb Cupcakes

Monday before Passover would be the traditional day that a family would go to purchase their Passover Lamb to be sacrificed. This is the day that Jesus tossed the tables in the temple.

Ingredients:

- Cupcakes, plain
- White icing
- Mini marshmallows
- Pink sugar
- Pink jelly beans
- Black icing to make lines



Read John 1:29-34

What did John the Baptist say about Jesus before he was baptized?

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Jesus Basket

- Supplies:
- Easter baskets
 - Rocks that can be drawn on
 - Permanent Marker
 - Supplies to fill baskets for Easter morning

Read Mark 15:33-41

Jesus knew that he was going to die on the cross, This is why he came. He had to die on the cross to take our punishment for the sins we do.

A sin is anything we do, or don't do that is disobedient to God. Our sin separates us from God, because he is holy and perfect and cannot be with sin. The only way to save us from our sin was for Jesus to take the punishment of God's wrath for all our sin. This is what he did on the cross.

Easter Sunday (Eid Saturday)

Jesus Basket

Put the rocks with different sins written on them into each of your children's Easter baskets. Cover them with a blanket and set aside. After the kids go to bed Saturday night, replace the rocks in their baskets with special Easter items you have. Place the rocks in a separate basket that has the name of Jesus on it.

On Easter, talk about how Jesus took the punishment of our sin on the cross, and overcame it's power in his resurrection. Read Ephesians 1:19-20



Easter Sunday



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Lamb Cupcakes

1. Bake cupcakes according to directions on box and let cool
2. Once cool, add white frosting to the tops of each cupcake, spreading evenly.
3. Press mini marshmallows into the outside perimeter of the cupcake. Add a second layer at the top of the lambs face, leaving room to add the ears.
4. Cut one mallow in half diagonal. Dip each sticky half into pink sugar. Add to the top corners of the lamb face for ears.
5. Using black frosting, write in two eyes and mouth.
6. Attach a pink jelly bean for a nose.



Monday






Point Me To The Cross

Every day you will follow instructions by folding the plain paper with two dots in a certain way. Read the following passages together about Jesus's last week. On Friday you will reveal a special surprise to remind you about the most powerful act of love.

- Day 1: read Mark 11:1-14
- Day 2: read Mark 11:15-25
- Day 3: read Mark 13:34-37
- Day 4: read Mark 14:1-11
- Day 5: read Mark 14:17-26
- Day 6: read Mark 15:16-41

Palm Sunday

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Prayer Cross

You will need to prepare 6 small paper boxes. You can find instructions for this at [ibkidsmin](https://ibkidsmin.instagram.com) instagram stories. We used 4 1/4" square cardstock to make the boxes with 1" scored lines.

Read Matthew 21:12-17

People were selling sacrifices for profit in the temple area. Jesus knew this didn't honor God. What did he do to express his frustration with the people who were trying to make money in God's temple? What did Jesus call the temple, instead of a den of robbers?

Monday

Prayer Cross

1. You will need to make 6 paper boxes using cardstock. Check out our Instagram stories for directions on how to assemble the boxes. Each box starts from 4 1/2 inch square cardstock.
2. Once you have created the boxes, staple them together to form a cross.
3. Roll the prayers up and seal with tape or glue. This action of sealing a prayer can be symbolic to how we are trusting our needs in the Lord.
4. Place the scrolled prayers vertical into the boxes. You can hot glue, or secure them into the boxes if you want to display this prayer reminder without them falling out.



Monday

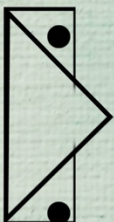


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Print Me To The Cross

Each day you will fold the piece of paper in a special way and set it to the side for another day.

1. Lay the paper with the two dots on top facing you. Fold the left bottom corner up to the right edge of the paper.
2. Fold the right bottom corner up to the left edge of the paper, kind of making an upside down house shape.
3. Fold the triangle part of the paper up to make this shape
4. Fold the Big triangle part of the paper in half, with the two dots on the outside
5. About an inch from the new triangle area, tear the page straight down (see instructions on paper)
6. Fold open the paper to reveal



Palms Sunday





10 Bridesmaids

Before Jesus was arrested, he told many parables about his death and resurrection, and about his future return to earth after his ascension.

Read Matthew 25: 1-13

What did each bridesmaid have to prepare? Were all of them ready to use it? Explain. What happened to the bridesmaids who didn't have enough oil? What does this story explain about Jesus?

Supplies:

Air dry dough or any play dough you own or can make.
Battery tea light
Paint, if desired

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Judas's Money Bag

Read John 12:1-11 and Matthew 26: 14-15

Although in both of these stories there is a woman who anoints Jesus with oil, they are two different times and ladies.

What does John 12 tell about Judas? According to Matthew, what did Judas decide to do? How much money did he get?

Judas was a good friend of Jesus, one of his disciples. Although he seemed to care about the poor, he actually was greedy for money.

You will make a money pouch. Look around your home for any extra coins or money. Collect the money in the bag to donate to Mission Shawnee.

Wednesday

Juday's Money Bag

1. First make a money bag. You can do this by cutting out a fabric circle about the size of a dinner plate.
2. Punch or snip holes evenly around the perimeter of the circle, about 8-10
3. Using bakers twine or yarn, stitch through the holes in the fabric. To keep the end of the string from fraying, you may secure them by wrapping scotch tape around the ends, or dipping the ends in wax and letting the wax cool.
4. Pull the string so both ends stick out from the circle evenly. Gently pull the strings from the fabric to create a pouch.



Wednesday



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10 Bridesmaids

1. Using your choice of modeling dough, make a small ball about the size of a golf ball
2. Flatten the ball on a smooth surface
3. Using a butter knife, trim the flattened circle to a wide tear shape. Try to curve the edges up to make a lamp shape
4. Leave out to dry
5. Once dry, add a votive (or real) candle to your lamp



Thursday





Jesus Washes Feet

Read John 13:1-17

Why did Jesus wash the feet of his disciples? Do you think they felt comfortable with him doing it? Why or why not? Even though Jesus was their teacher, he showed them the example that leaders are to serve.

Supplies: Large bowls or pans with warm soapy water, towels

Wash your family's feet. This can be quiet and worshipful or fun dramatic play.

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Seal a Doorway

Read Matthew 27:57-66

After Jesus died on the cross, at 3:00, his friend Joseph, acted quickly to prepare his body for burial before sunset. A stone was rolled over the tomb. The next day, soldiers were placed to guard the tomb and seal it closed.

Using crepe paper and tape, choose a door in your house to seal closed. No body should use this doorway for the next couple days. Leave it up until Sunday to remind you of how long the friends of Jesus had to wait for his resurrection.

Friday



Friday



Send a Prayer

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Thursday



Jesus Washes Feet



Candle Experiment

Read John 19:28-30

Jesus died on the cross, because every person has sin, and our sin keeps up separate from God. By dying on the cross he made a way to take our sin and the punishment we deserve for himself, and to make us clean when we believe in him to save us.

Do the following experiment to illustrate the saving power that Jesus showed on he cross.

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Resurrection Lightning

Supplies:

- a dark room
- a blown up balloon
- spoon or other metal object

Go into a dark room or closet. Rub the blown up balloon on top of your heads, creating a static charge. Use the metal object and hold it near the balloon, triggering the electric shock, or homemade lightning.

Read Matthew 28:2-7

Just as the angel looked like bright lightning, this is a great reminder of Jesus resurrection power. It is a powerful light in a dark world.

Easter Sunday

Resurrection Lightning



Easter Sunday



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Candle Experiment

1. The coin represents you. Place near the center of the plate. "You are valuable to God, because He created you to love him."
2. Pour about an 1/8 cup of colored water on the plate, make sure to cover the coin. "The water represents sin. Every one of us, although valuable to God, is separated from him because of sin. Sin is the things we do or don't do that break his commandments"
3. Place the candle on the plate and light it. (Use a real candle) "This candle represents Jesus. He is God's Son and was sent to earth to save us from our sin. He is the light of the world. Jesus knew to take away our sin there would be a great sacrifice. He would have to take the full punishment of all our sin from God and would have to die."
4. Place a glass upside down covering the candle, but not the coin. Let it set. All the water should be drawn on the plate to the space under the glass with the candle. "When Jesus died, He took our place and received the punishment we deserve from God. By doing this, Jesus redeemed us from death. When we repent from our sin this gift of eternal life is ours so that we can become a light for the world too."



Saturday





Jesus is Risen
TELL YOUR PEEPS



Jelly Bean Prayer

Black is for our sin, the wrongs we have done

Red is for Jesus blood, he shed for everyone

White is for a clean heart, when in Jesus we believe

Gold is for the streets in heaven, promised when we receive

Green is for growing, hide his Word in our heart

Put your trust in Jesus, give your life a brand new start



In Christ, all will be made new

1 Corinthians 15:22

