



EASTER SUNDAY

Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

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1. PRIMARY STATEMENT: The path Jesus took to secure salvation for the world was a costly, painful, difficult one. And yet, it wasn't "plan B." God knew from the beginning what it would cost to redeem humanity, and He made us anyway.

2. BIBLE VERSE:

Revelation 13:8 [NKJV]

*"All who dwell on the earth will worship (the beast), whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the **foundation of the world.**"*

It's hard to understand God's ability to see everything from all time - all at once - but He does. He knew from creation that we would need a Savior, and Jesus has always been the plan.

Q. Which do you think was tougher for God at the beginning - knowing that your prized creation would need you to save them, or knowing that even with all your efforts, some would still choose to reject you?

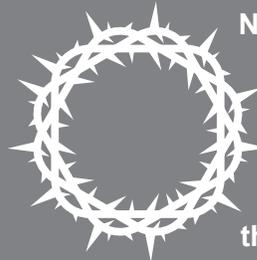
Q. If God knew humans would sin, did they really have a choice, or were they predetermined to fail?

Talk over the different angles... then be thankful that God understands things beyond what our logical brains can handle.

3. DISCUSSION:

Colossians 1:16-17 [NASB95]

"...all things have been created through Him (Jesus) and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."



Not only did Jesus know He'd have to save us... but He was the one who created the materials for the tools used to crucify Him. He even knew when He was doing it, they'd be used that way. They were made for Him! There was a level of determination and intentionality through that creation that could only be motivated by unbelievable love.

Q. When you consider Jesus as not only Savior, but Creator, how does that change the way you feel about the crucifixion?

Q. How does it affect the way you see His love for you?



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Praise God for being victorious over death, and for His great love, which is more than any human could give. Thank Him for loving you enough to plan for your salvation.



SURPRISE!

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1. POWER VERSE: **Matthew 28:5,6** *"The angel said, ...'You are looking for Jesus... He isn't here. He has been raised from the dead.'"*

What's up: "Don't Be Surprised, Jesus Is ALIVE!"

Jesus took the world by **SURPRISE** when he showed up on the scene 2,000 years ago. Never before had the world seen such power, love, and holiness. But that was just the beginning of Jesus' **SURPRISES!** In today's lesson, we learn of Jesus' biggest **SURPRISE** of ALL!

2. ACTIVITY:

(Get cupcakes or a small cake to eat while you and your child have this discussion.)



Q. Have you been to a surprise party before?

Q. Why is it called a surprise party? (i.e. the person didn't know it was going to happen)

Jesus' disciples were **SURPRISED** when Jesus was crucified and died on the cross. They expected Jesus to overthrow the Roman government so that He could be saved. Instead, He was in the grave. But nothing could equal the **SURPRISE** that the world experienced the very first Easter Sunday morning. The tomb was empty, and Jesus was alive!

3. DISCUSSION:

Q. Do you think Jesus was surprised that He was alive?



Jesus knew exactly what was going to happen! He wasn't surprised at all. In fact, He did it all on purpose! He died and rose again so that you and I could be forgiven for our sins. All we have to do is ask for His forgiveness!



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for your child if they want to receive Jesus as their Savior. Lead them in a prayer to receive forgiveness of their sin.