

An Easter Walk

Here is a way to discuss the Easter story while going for a walk with your little one. First read or talk through the Easter Story.

The Easter Story

(Use the following, or Read from the Jesus Storybook Bible - pg. 286 - 317)

Jesus grew up and became a man. He chose twelve men to be his special friends. They learned many things about Jesus and believed that He was God's Son. The town was celebrating a special holiday. It was called Passover. As Jesus entered the city, the people waved branches from palm trees. The people shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!", "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Jesus celebrated a Passover meal with his special friends. One of Jesus' friends was named Judas. He loved money. One night some men with dark hearts told Judas they would give him lots of money if he would help them catch Jesus. They wanted to kill Jesus because they did not like the things that He said or did.

Jesus went to a garden to pray. Early in the morning the soldiers came to catch Jesus. They took a rope, tied his hands and took Him away.

The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They made fun of Him saying, "hail, king of the Jews!" They spit on him, and took a stick and struck him on the head again and again.

The soldiers gave Jesus a big heavy wooden cross to carry up a hill called Calvary. He tried to carry it but He was too tired and sore, so a friend who loved Jesus carried it for Him. At the top of the hill the soldiers laid Jesus on the cross and nailed His hands and feet to it. Then they stood the cross in the ground and waited for Jesus to die.

When Jesus died the whole earth shook and the rocks split. When the soldiers saw the earthquake and all that happened, they were terrified and said, "Surely He was the Son of God!"

After Jesus died a man who loved Jesus asked the soldiers if he could bury Jesus. The soldiers gave the man Jesus' body. He took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of a rock.

The soldiers took a big, heavy stone and rolled it in front of the tomb. Then soldiers stood in front of the tomb guarding it.

On Easter day, three days after Jesus had died, two ladies went to the tomb to put spices on Jesus' body, because they loved Him dearly. As they went they wondered how they would roll the stone away to get inside the tomb.

Suddenly there was a great earthquake. An angel from heaven had come and rolled away the big, huge stone. The guards saw the angel and they were so scared that they began to shake. The angel knew that the two ladies were afraid. The angel told the women, "Do not be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus but HE IS NOT HERE, HE HAS RISEN, JUST LIKE HE SAID HE WOULD." The ladies ran from the tomb to find Jesus' friends and tell them what they had seen and heard.

While you are walking ask your child to find:

1. A branch - (Matt. 21:8-9)
Remind your child about the branches the people waved when Jesus entered the city
2. Something prickly - (Matt. 27:27-31)
This represents the crown made out of thorns.
3. A piece of wood - (Matt. 27:31-32, John 19:16-18)
It was out of wood Jesus' cross was made
4. Something no longer alive - (Mark 15:37)
For truly the Savior did die
5. 3 things that are dark in color - (Matt. 27:57-60)
There were three days of darkness, light could not be found following His death.
6. A large stone - (Matt. 27: 65-66)
It was a huge stone at the opening of the grave, that the angel moved!
7. Something living - (Matt. 28:5-6)
Jesus Christ died and was resurrected and He surely lives today!!