

Chapter 9

Jesus Died and Rose to New Life

Begin your time together in prayer by opening the book to pg 83 and read the WE GATHER together.

Pg 83:

- Discuss the questions in the box together. Help your child to understand that guides show us which way to walk and which way to go. They help us to know what to do and what not to do.
- Looking at the picture of the shepherd. Point out that at the time that Jesus lived, many men were shepherds. Shepherds were responsible for the sheep. They took very good care of them.

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- Read through the page together.
- Ask your child why they think Jesus called himself the Good Shepherd?
- Help your child understand the connection between a shepherd caring for his sheep and Jesus caring for us.

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- Point out the picture as you read aloud the statement blue statement. Have your child look at the picture as you read the Scripture story. Ask: What did the people do to welcome Jesus? (They ran to meet him. They waved palm branches.) Also ask: What did the people say? (They shouted, "Hosanna.") Read aloud the explanation of the word.
- Have your child say the word Hosanna and then color the palm branch and cut it out. Explain that the children will use the palm branch for the closing prayer.
- Explain that Hosanna is a word of praise. Ask: When do you hear this word prayed? (at Mass on Sunday) Then invite your child to show the ways they would praise Jesus if he were entering their neighborhood.

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- Show your child a map of the world (on a device or computer is fine). Locate your city and then show them where Jerusalem is. Read aloud the page.
- Ask: Why do you think so many people went to hear Jesus teach? (possible answers: Jesus taught them about God's love; Jesus was a good teacher.)
- Discuss the variety of times and places where people can pray.

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- After reading the page, be sure to explain that Jesus must have loved us VERY much to die on the cross for us.
- Talk about the feelings Jesus' mother and friends must have felt when he died. Then read what happened after Jesus' body was placed in a tomb. Ask your child how they think Jesus' mother and friends felt when they found out that Jesus had risen from the dead. Explain to them that this is why we celebrate Easter Sunday. We are celebrating and praising Jesus because he has risen from the dead. Discuss the We Respond question. Remember, Jesus wants us to celebrate that he rose to bring us new life.

Complete the Project Disciple pages 88 & 89.

Complete the Google Form to receive attendance for completing the lesson.

Close in prayer:

Dear Jesus, we love you and we praise you. Thank you for dying on the cross for us. Alleluia! Amen.