

Unit 19

Final Days of Jesus

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters.

Psalm 23:1–2

When your family sits down to share God's Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <https://davidccook.org/echoes/resources> to watch **Final Days of Jesus** before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well in March.

In the video, the kids talk about God's plan to save us and forgive us for our sins. The only way for that to happen was through the sacrifice of His own Son. Jesus was forsaken (or rejected) by God because of our sins. Jesus' death was God's perfect plan to bring us back to Him.

- Why did Jesus choose to die on the cross?

Jesus is sometimes called the Lamb of God because He was the perfect sacrifice for our sins. But throughout the Bible, Jesus is also referred to as a good and gentle shepherd. And we, as His people, are the sheep. He cares for us, protects us, guides us, loves us, and knows us by name.

- What else do you know about the work of a shepherd?
- Read Psalm 23, and then memorize verses 1–2.
- Does thinking of Jesus as a shepherd make you see Him any differently? How?

End with a short prayer: Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to guide, protect, and care for us. Thank You that He loves us enough to die in our place as part of Your perfect plan for our salvation. Help us to live in a way that honors His sacrifice. In Jesus' name, amen.

Unit 20

Jesus Conquers Death

“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

John 15:13

When your family sits down to share God’s Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <https://davidccook.org/echoes/resources> to watch **Jesus Conquers Death** before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well in April.

The kids in the first part of the video explain why Jesus coming back to life is so important—what it means to all of us as Christians, what it teaches us personally about God and who He is, and how it can change the way we live each day.

- Why is Jesus’ resurrection a big deal to you?

The second part of the video shows a boy doing chores to help make up for a mistake he made. While we can’t EVER do enough right things to make up for the wrong things we’ve done, God does want us to do our best to serve Him and to live like Jesus. But when we mess up, we can always turn to God for help and forgiveness.

- Does your sin change the way God feels about you?
- Memorize John 15:13. How does it feel to know that Jesus thinks of you as His friend?
- How can you show Christ’s compassion, grace, patience, and love to others?

End with a short prayer: Dear God, You love us no matter how many times we sin and disappoint You. Help us to remember that You are always there to help us make the right choices—and You’re always there to forgive us when we don’t. Your love for us is amazing, and we praise You for it. May we share it with others by the way we live. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Unit 21

How Believers Live

For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.
Philippians 2:13

When your family sits down to share God's Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <https://davidccook.org/echoes/resources> to watch **How Believers Live** before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well in May.

The kids in this video talk about how Jesus' resurrection makes a difference in the way we live our daily lives—how we think, what we feel, and how we treat those around us.

- How does believing that Jesus rose from the dead change how we treat others?

Jesus' resurrection changed Peter's life forever! Peter knew without a doubt that the Lord he served was God's own Son, and he boldly told anyone who would listen. The Holy Spirit gave Peter strength he didn't have on his own, and the Bible says we have that same power too!

- How does it feel to know that the Holy Spirit can work through you?
- Memorize Philippians 2:13. What "good purpose" might God have for you?
- Can you describe a time when this verse can give you courage and strength you may not have on your own?

End with a short prayer: Dear God, thank You for sending your Holy Spirit to live within us, giving us the courage and strength we need to serve You. Help us to boldly follow You in all we do and say. In Jesus' name, amen.