

Unit 19

Final Days of Jesus

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

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 our sins. Jesus' death was God's perfect plan to bring us back to Him.

- Why did Jesus choose to die on the cross?

At the Last Supper, Jesus showed His friends how much He loved them by washing their feet—a job usually reserved for household servants. Then Jesus told His friends about another act of service He would offer—one much bigger, more costly, and infinitely more important. We remember that sacrifice through Communion.

- What do you know about Communion? Why is it important?
- Memorize 1 Corinthians 11:26. What does it mean to proclaim something? How does Communion "proclaim the Lord's death"?
- In what other ways can we proclaim that Jesus died for us?

End with a short prayer: Dear God, thank You for Jesus and for the plan You had to save us. Help us to always remember Jesus' sacrifice and to proclaim it every day by the things we do, the words we say, and the way we live. In Jesus' name, amen.

Unit 20

Jesus Conquers Death

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1

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 and what it teaches us personally about God and who He is.

- 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.

- What is sin? Have you ever sinned? How does your sin make you feel?
- Does your sin change the way God feels about you?
- Memorize Psalm 46:1. How can this verse give you courage to keep trying?

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. In Jesus' name, amen.

Unit 21

How Believers Live

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

James 5:16

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?

Because Jesus is alive and with God in Heaven, we know He is listening when we pray. We can talk to Him anytime, in any place, about anything—and we can be sure He is listening.

- What do you pray about most? What is it hard for you to pray about?
- Memorize James 5:16. Does anything about this verse surprise you? Why?
- What are some things that you can start doing to make your prayer time a priority?

End with a short prayer: Dear God, thank You for hearing us when we pray and for listening to big things and small, in good times and bad. Help us to take this time with You seriously and to use our prayers as ways to help and encourage others. In Jesus' name, amen.