

Hey families! Here's a look at what your kids are learning this month.

## MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."  
— 2 Peter 3:18a (NIV)

## APRIL 6TH

This week, kids hear about how **Jesus was anointed** with perfume by Mary.

- ☐ **BIG IDEA:** God sent Jesus to save us.
- ☐ **BIBLE:** John 12:1–8
- ☐ **ASK:**
  - Whose house did Jesus have dinner at? *His friends—Mary, Martha, and Lazarus.*
  - What did Mary give to Jesus? *Perfume.*
  - What did she do with the perfume? *She poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped it with her hair.*
  - Who did God send to save us? *Jesus.*
- ☐ **CHALLENGE:** Using things around your house, blindfold your kid then have them guess what they are smelling as you place something under their nose! This could include a candle, a jar of pickles, peanut butter, a crayon! After smelling all these things, remind them of the story of Mary and Jesus – consider rereading it as a family or watching this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mkiUmR8OQWk>

## APRIL 13TH

This week, kids hear about how **Jesus prayed** in the garden of **Gethsemane** before being arrested.

- ☐ **BIG IDEA:** Jesus understands when we're hurting.
- ☐ **BIBLE:** Matthew 26:36–46
- ☐ **ASK:**
  - Where did Jesus go to talk to God in our Bible story? *To the Garden of Gethsemane.*
  - Who did Jesus take with him to the garden? *His friends, the disciples.*
  - What did Jesus ask his friends to do for him? Did they do it? *Jesus asked them to stay awake. No, they kept falling asleep.*
  - Who understands when we are sad or hurt? *Jesus.*

- **CHALLENGE:** Spend this week in intentional moments of prayer! Encourage your kids to pray small prayers to God when they are waking up in the morning, eating breakfast, in the car, after shopping at the store, when they brush their teeth. Consider asking them questions like “What is something we did today you want to share with God?” “What can we thank God for today?” “Who is someone who could use God’s love?”

## APRIL 20TH

This week, kids hear about how **Jesus died and came back to life!**

- **BIG IDEA:** Jesus makes all things new.
- **BIBLE:** Luke 24:1-12
- **ASK:**
  - How did Jesus die? *On a cross.*
  - Where did they put Jesus' body when he died? *In a tomb.*
  - What did the women find when they arrived at Jesus' tomb? *The stone was rolled away, and the tomb was empty.*
  - What news did the men in shining clothes share with the women? *Jesus is alive!*
  - Who makes all things new? *Jesus.*
- **CHALLENGE:** Host an egg hunt for your kids making sure to leave a few eggs empty. When they go to open their eggs, they will be sad to see an empty egg. Remind them the good news of Easter is that just like their egg is empty so was Jesus’ tomb was empty!! **Jesus is the best part of Easter – take every opportunity this weekend to remind them of this!!!!**

## APRIL 27TH

This week, kids hear about how **Jesus showed his scars** to his disciples.

- **BIG IDEA:** Jesus connects us to God.
- **BIBLE:** John 20:19–31
- **ASK:**
  - Why were Jesus' friends hiding in a locked room? *They were scared. They thought the same thing that happened to Jesus would happen to them.*
  - Who was missing when Jesus first came to visit? *Thomas.*
  - Did Thomas get to see Jesus? *Yes, Jesus came back so Thomas could see him, too.*
  - What is the good news? Who can you tell? *Jesus is alive! Everyone!*
- **CHALLENGE:** Create a family friendship chain! Using strips of paper, write the name of a family friend, then interlock the pieces of paper together to create one long chain! Hang it somewhere in your house and be reminded of all the people around your family and how you’re all part of God’s redemptive plan to save his people from sin!