

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 do to show her love for Jesus? *Mary poured expensive perfume on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair.*
  - Why was Judas upset about the perfume? *Judas wanted to sell the perfume and steal some of the money.*
  - What did Jesus say to Judas? *Jesus told him to leave Mary alone. He knew he would not be with them for much longer.*
  - What is something you can do this week to thank God for sending Jesus to us?
- ☐ **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 container of mustard, 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>

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- ☐ **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.*
  - **What did Jesus pray about in the garden?** *He asked God to "remove this cup," which was about the pain he was about to go through.*
  - **What were the disciples doing while Jesus prayed? What were they supposed to be doing?** *The disciples fell asleep. They were supposed to stay awake to keep watch and pray.*
  - **Why did Jesus ask them to stay up and keep watch? Who did Jesus know was coming?** *Jesus was going through a difficult time. He knew he was going to be betrayed and arrested.*
  - **What are some ways you've felt hurt in the past?**
- ☐ **CHALLENGE:** Spend this week in intentional moments of prayer to God about your feelings – Have your kids start their prayers with "God today I am feeling \_\_\_\_\_, and I know you understand this feeling." Then encourage your kids to share exactly how they are feeling to God! God wants to know all of us – the happy, the sad, the frustrated, the anxious. Consider modeling/reflecting this to your kids by praying a prayer in front of them where you share with God about how you are feeling.
- ☐ **EXAMPLE PRAYER:** "God today I am feeling anxious, and I know you understand this feeling. I have a big test coming up and even though I've been studying for it I am just not sure how I am going to do. I want to do really well but I'm nervous I am going to do bad. God, please help me to be confident and help me to know that you have made me smart and capable! Thank you for understanding what it feels like to be nervous or anxious. In Jesus' name, amen."

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- ☐ **BIG IDEA:** Jesus makes all things new.
- ☐ **BIBLE:** Luke 24:1-12
- ☐ **ASK:**
  - What did they find when they arrived at the tomb? *The stone was rolled away, and Jesus was missing.*
  - Why was the tomb empty? *Because Jesus rose again!*
  - What did the women do after this experience? *They ran to the disciples to tell them what happened.*
  - When are times we need something new? What are some things Jesus might make new?
  - Who can you share the story of Jesus with this week?
- ☐ **CHALLENGE:** Help your kids find a rock/stone. On one side of the rock, have kids write "old me" in permanent marker. On the other side, have them write "new me" and decorate that side with bright colors. Remind them that the stone being moved at the tomb showed us that Jesus made things new for all of us!! **Jesus is the best part of Easter – take every opportunity this weekend to remind them of this!!!!**

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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 all the disciples locked in a room? *They were scared and worried.*
  - Why do you think Jesus appeared a second time to his friends? *To reassure them that he really was alive and to include Thomas!*
  - Read John 20:29. Who are the people "who have not seen and yet have believed?" *Us!*
  - When are times you feel disconnected from God or find it hard to talk to God?
  - Who can you talk to, or what can you do to reconnect to God?
  - How can you encourage a friend who feels disconnected from God?
- **CHALLENGE:** Have your kids create a friendship chain to remind them of all the people around them and how they are all part of God's redemptive plan to save his people from sin! Using strips of paper, tell your kids to write the name of a friend on each strip, then interlock the pieces of paper together to create one long chain! Encourage your kids to write down the names of friends who also believe in Jesus or friends they want to help know Jesus more. Have them hang it somewhere in their room. Encourage them to pray over the friends they have linked into their chain.