

# VICTORY AT HOME

## APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER



# ARISE AND SHINE!

**"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you." Isaiah 60:1**

One of the many reasons why we love spring time, is because it represents new seasons, new beginnings! The good news is that JESUS, OUR CHAMPION IS ALIVE! HE IS RISEN!!!

These are a few words that jump into my head when I think about Spring Time: Easter, Sunshine, Flowers, Awesome Fun, Spring Break, Adventure, Excitement, Family Time, and Yes, Home Projects! What about your family? What are the words that speak to you? **Here are a few fun family ideas to consider doing during spring time!**



### Clean House

Keep Your House Clean, as you are cleaning your physical house it's important to also remember to clean your spiritual house. As a family project here are a few recommendations to keep your house clean: Pray and worship together. Catch up with your favorite Bible reading and invite the presence of the Holy Spirit into your house. Remember not to take yourself too seriously, keep Jesus at the center of your conversations, laugh often, and have fun cleaning your home and keeping it clean. **YOU GOT THIS!!!**

### Home Projects

Spring is the perfect time to start that home improvement project you've put off all winter. Bring out the lawn and patio furniture, which will likely be covered with dust, dirt and cobwebs. Give it a good washing with a hose, and if it still looks bad, get a can of spray paint to make it look almost new again. You could also make some money doing a garage sale, and you can wash the cars with your kids or simply have fun planting new flowers in your front yard. Gardening – use this as a lesson to teach your children about sowing seeds & growing their personal relationship with The Lord.



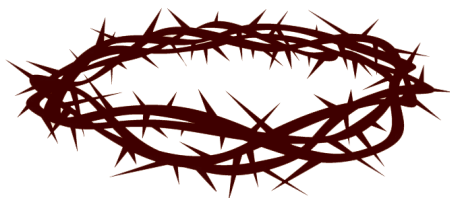
### Easter

Easter traditions for families or any traditions, for that matter, are a type of glue that holds families together and builds enduring memories.

During Good Friday, make sure to talk to your kids about the REAL meaning of Easter. After dinner time, sit with your kids, and consider doing the following:

1. **Open your Bible: Read Mathew 26 – 28.**
2. **For your elementary age kids, you can watch The Gospel Project for Kids on YouTube (Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection).**
3. **For your younger preschool kids, check out "The Story of Easter" (Jesus' Sacrifice) by Saddleback Kids on YouTube.**

The more your kids get to know Jesus, the more they will discover that this can be their life too. Your kids will have a new sense of wonder as they discover what happened leading up to Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. The good news is that JESUS IS ALIVE! He is Risen! Jesus has given us, His Holy Spirit, His love, His encouragement, and hope for our lives. Amen!



# JESUS IS ALIVE!

## PRESCHOOL

### WEEK 1

## JESUS' DEATH AND RESURRECTION - MATTHEW 28:1-6

**READ Matthew 28:6a** We are learning that Jesus died on a cross, but did not stay dead. He rose from the grave and is alive!

**EXPLORE TOGETHER** Talk to your child about the true meaning of Easter and why it is a celebration. Jesus died on the cross for our sin. A preschooler has little knowledge of sin, but may be beginning to understand when he or she has done something wrong. This can be observed in the way a child may try to hide or lie about something he or she has done. Explain that sin is anything we think, say, or do that goes against God's way. Discuss Jesus' love for your child and that He loves them even when wrong choices are made!

**Pray:** Jesus! Thank You for dying for our sin. Help us to tell our family and friends You are alive. We love You. In Jesus Name, Amen!

### WEEK 2

## JESUS IS ALIVE - LUKE 24:2-11

**READ Luke 24:2-11** Today we learned after the angel told Jesus' friends He had risen from the grave, they went to tell others the good news.

**EXPLORE TOGETHER** Talk about the Resurrection story with your child. Remind him or her on the third day after Jesus had been placed in the tomb, His friends came with sweet smelling perfume to take care of Him. But when they got there He wasn't there! The angels told them Jesus is alive. How would you have felt if you discovered Jesus' empty tomb? Who would you tell? Would you have been like Peter and wanted to see for yourself? Discuss the different emotions Jesus' friends must have felt that day.

**Pray:** Jesus! Thank You for dying on the cross for my sin and coming alive again. Help me remember to tell others You are alive. We love You. In Jesus Name, Amen!

### WEEK 3

## JESUS GIVES THE GREAT COMMISSION - MARK 16:15

**READ Mark 16:15** All month long we have talked about how Jesus is alive! Today we learned Jesus appeared to His disciples and gave them a job to do.

**EXPLORE TOGETHER** After Jesus rose from the dead He spent time on earth talking to His followers. Ask your child how he or she thinks the disciples felt when they saw Jesus. Talk about how your child would have felt if he or she had been there. Talk about the very important job Jesus gave to His disciples and to us. You can teach your child to tell others about Jesus even now. Discuss some people and places you can tell others about Jesus.

**Pray:** Jesus! Thank You for making a special place for us. Help us to remember to tell others You are alive. We love You. In Jesus Name, Amen!

### WEEK 4

## JESUS GOES TO HEAVEN - LUKE 24:50-51

**READ Luke 24:50-51** Today we learned Jesus went to Heaven to prepare a place for us, but He will return one day!

**EXPLORE TOGETHER** Many children love playing house. Allow your child to help you in household duties one afternoon. Allow him or her to empty small wastebaskets into a larger trashcan or help you put the laundry into the dryer. Let him or her plan dinner and help set the table for a family dinner. Remind your child Jesus is alive and is in Heaven preparing a home for us. Jesus is making everything perfect for us when we get there. When everything is just right, He will come back to earth and take us to heaven with Him.

**Pray:** Jesus! Thank You for dying for our sin, rising from the grave, talking to Your friends, and making a place in Heaven for us. Help us to share what we have learned about You with those we meet. Thank You for loving us. We love You. In Jesus Name, Amen!

# LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR

## ELEMENTARY

### LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR - LUKE 10:25-37

WEEK 1

**Read Luke 10:25-37.** This week in Vickids your student learned about loving your neighbor. He/she heard the parable of the Good Samaritan as an example of how to love our neighbors by showing them mercy, love, and compassion. He/she learned everyone is our neighbor and was encouraged to put mercy, love, and compassion into action.

**Explore Together:** Today's culture is very self-centered. We focus on what is best for us, rarely taking into consideration those around us. The Bible is very clear that we should love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Talk with your child about what the Bible means by "neighbor". Tell them that their neighbor is anybody that they come in contact with. Throughout the week, help your children perform random acts of kindness for their "neighbors." They can bake cookies for their next-door neighbors, or while they are at the grocery store, they can help someone push the cart out to the car and unload groceries.

**Pray:** God, I thank you for showing me how to make loving others a high priority. I pray that my family and I will be able to love those around us like You love Your children. Fill my heart God with your love, so that we can share it with those who need it, in Jesus name Amen!

### SEEKING THE LOST - LUKE 15:1-32

WEEK 2

**Read Luke 15:1-32.** Today in Vickids your student heard one or more parables to reinforce the fact that God searches for the lost and celebrates when they are found. He or she was reminded God shows us mercy when He forgives our sin. Your student was encouraged to thank God for seeking the lost and pray for someone who needs to be found.

**Explore Together:** God loves every person on the earth and longs for everyone to know Him. He is constantly pursuing the lost and rejoices when He saves them. Play a game of "hot and cold" with your child. Hide a dollar bill somewhere in your house, and have your child go on a treasure hunt for it. If your child is far away, say "cold" or "freezing," and if your child is close, say "warm" or "hot." Once your child has found the dollar, remind him that just as he wanted to find the treasure, God wants to find and save all the lost people in the world.

**Pray:** God, thank you for your Word and how you have shown the lost the blessings of walking with You. I pray that You will bring lost people into our lives so that our family can share Your love with them. Lord I pray that our family would be able to bravely share our testimonies with the lost and bring them closer to you, in Jesus name, Amen.

### FROM DEATH TO LIFE - LUKE 23:26-46; 24:1-12

WEEK 3

**Read Luke 23:26-46; 24:1-12** Today in Vickids your student learned Jesus was crucified on the cross and rose again three days later. He/she learned Jesus demonstrated mercy in sacrifice when He gave His life for our sin. Students were encouraged to worship God as their risen Savior and share the message of His sacrifice to those around them.

**Explore Together:** Jesus lived a perfect life, free from sin. Because of this, He was able to die on the cross as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. Because of this life-changing event, we are no longer bound to our sins, and we have the freedom to walk with God daily. Talk with your child about world-changing events in history, like wars, peace treaties, and disease. Talk about how these events have changed the world for better and for worse. Explain to them that no other event in history could ever compare to the resurrection when Jesus died so that they can live. They should use this new life to serve and glorify God.

**Pray:** God, we thank you for your sacrifice on the cross, we worship you, the risen Savior and thank you for giving us the courage to tell the world You did for them. I pray with my family and thank you for what You did for us on the cross. Father, show us how to make decisions that glorify You and how to point others to You, in Jesus name, Amen.

### SEEKING THE SAVIOR - LUKE 19:1-10

WEEK 4

**Read Luke 19:1-10** Today your student learned Zacchaeus sought to see Jesus, and Jesus sought to save Zacchaeus. He/she learned Jesus is able to change lives. Your student also learned that we are to follow Jesus' example of showing mercy through acceptance of those around us. Students were challenged to show God's mercy through their words and actions.

**Explore Together:** Our world is full of people seeking a relationship that will save them from loneliness, wrong choices, or pain. God offers that relationship through salvation and freedom from sin. With your children, practice telling others about Jesus. Take turns with your child being the unsaved person, so that both of you can practice sharing the gospel. Share the Romans Road with your child (Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; Romans 5:8; Romans 10:9-10), which is an easy tool to use when sharing the gospel. Remind your child that people all over the world are looking for a Savior; we just have to tell them about Him.

**Pray:** God, thank you for all you have done for us, we look to You to meet our every need. I pray with my family and thank You for Your provision. Lord we pray that our family will remember that everything we have comes from You, and that we would always give you the glory, in Jesus name, Amen.

# THE WORLD NEXT DOOR

## do you have intergenerational friendships?

According to Barna Research, two-thirds of Americans (68%) say they have a close friend who is either 15 years older or younger. A quarter of Americans (25%) has an older confidant, while fewer (16%) have a younger friend. Of those who enjoy multigenerational friendships, the plurality (27%) reports having both older and younger friends. Women are especially likely to report intergenerational friendships, usually with older peers (31% vs. 19% of men).

Still, a third of U.S. adults (32%) doesn't closely commune with other generations. The data point to many factors that could set the stage for intergenerational friendships, including respondents' age, current season of life and where they spend their time. These findings are worth noting for churches hoping to cultivate multigenerational congregations—and, indeed, one's faith community also has bearing on the likelihood of cross-generational connections.

To help you with knowing which generation is which, here is a cheat sheet:

**Gen Z** were born between 1999-2015

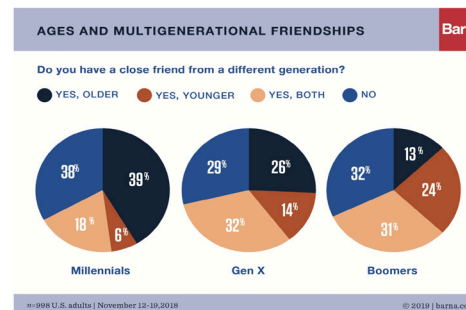
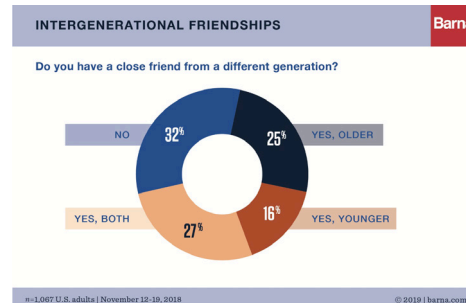
**Millennials** were born 1984 to 1998

**Gen X** were born 1965 to 1983

**Boomers** were born 1946 to 1964

**Elders** were born before 1946

What this means for us is that the church as well as the workplace are still the best settings for building and fostering these relationships! Take a minute and think of someone that is either 20 years older or 20 years younger than you. Now is a great time to strengthen this relationship and change the statistics for the better of our society and your legacy.



## Campus Calendar

### NORCROSS

04/06 - Salvation/Water Baptism Workshop - 9:30am  
Lower Level Connector

04/07 - VicKids Volunteer Orientation - 1:15pm  
Lower Level Connector

### HAMILTON MILL

05/05 - Victory at Home - 1:00pm Classroom B  
Parent Child Dedication Workshop

05/12 - Victory at Home  
Parent Child Dedication In-Service Ceremony

### MIDTOWN

04/06 - Men United mens meeting

Victory Midtown is continuing to meet weekly at The Gathering Spot. With the new momentum of this campus, VicKids Children's Ministry would like to invite you to serve with us! Please connect with any VicKids team member to learn more about this opportunity!

Join Us & Invite a Friend or Family You Know!

# EASTER

Norcross - All 3 days  
Hamilton Mill - Sat & Sun  
Midtown - Sun only

Fri, Apr 19 | 7:30pm  
Sat, Apr 20 | 4pm & 6pm  
Sun, Apr 21 | 9am, 11am & 1pm

EasterInAtlanta.com

*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."*

**Martin Luther King Jr.**

## MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"Love your enemies! Do good to them. Lend to them without expecting to be repaid. Then your reward from heaven will be very great."

Luke 6:35 NLT

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