

ELEMENTARY FAMILY GUIDE (APRIL 10 - APRIL 16)

We may not be gathering at our campuses on Sunday, but Pinelake Kids is still happening...in your house! Below you'll find instructions and resources you can use to spiritually invest in your child. Don't be nervous...you've got this! Be patient, have fun, and know you're making a difference in their life.

Overview

BIBLE PASSAGE: John 18:12-20:23

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 4:25

BIBLE STORY: Jesus' Death and Resurrection

MAIN POINT: Jesus died and rose from the grave to save us!

Instructions

SET A TIME AND A PLACE. We have put together a special Easter experience for you and your whole family called *Easter Jam*. We encourage you to watch it together on Friday or Saturday before our Easter services on Saturday night or Sunday morning.

PLAY THE VIDEO. When it's time, play the video on your computer, the TV, a phone or tablet, or whatever works best in your home.

DISCUSS. After you're done with the Easter Jam experience, use the activities and discussion questions later in this guide to reinforce the truths your kids learned.

PRAY. After you've finished discussing the questions, pray together. It doesn't have to be long or profound. Just pray something like, "Jesus, thank you for dying on the cross and rising from the grave to save us from our sins."

SALVATION CONVERSATION GUIDE. The story of Jesus' death and resurrection is a great time to talk to your kids about the salvation Jesus offers us. Plus, they may already be asking questions on their own! To help, we've made a video available on the family resources page you can watch with your child and a conversation guide you can use afterwards.



EASTER — JAM —

Easter Jam is an Easter Celebration **BIG** enough for the whole family.

Included is everything you need to have a fun, memorable, and family-centered celebration around the Easter story.

START by going to the family resources page to watch Easter Jam on Friday or Saturday and follow the prompts in the video to complete the event.



RESOURCES PAGE:

<https://pinelake.org/family-resources/#elementary>

SUPPLIES:

(Gather before starting the video)

PEEP JOUSTING

2 Peeps (or large marshmallows)

Microwave

Microwaveable plate

Toothpicks

Marker or Sharpie (optional)

EASTER EGG THROW-DOWN

At least 10-20 pairs of socks

Laundry basket

THIS EVENT FEATURES:

- *Engaging activities
- *An Easter story presentation everyone can understand and enjoy
- *Family questions to spark conversation
- *A fun song to sing or dance along to.

For more resources, check out
PINELAKE.ORG

EASTER — JAM —

Below is an overview of two activities in the Easter Jam video.

It's a good idea to read over the directions prior to starting.

You may also want to print out a copy of this and have it on-hand for reference.

ACTIVITY 1: PEEP JOUSTING

WHAT YOU NEED:

2 Peeps (or large marshmallows)
Microwave
Microwaveable plate
Toothpicks
Markers or Sharpie

WHAT YOU DO:

One half of the family challenges the other half to a Peep-jousting duel by melting Peeps in a microwave. You'll need toothpicks to serve as the arms or jousts.

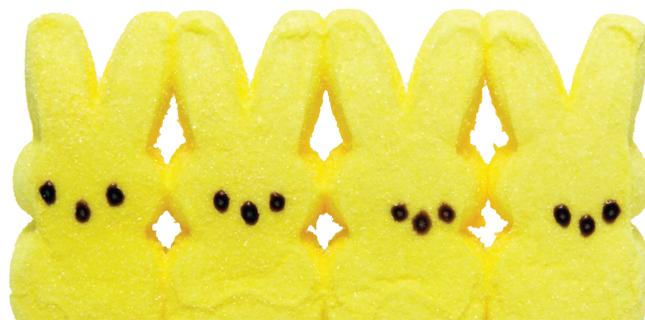
DIRECTIONS:

First, divide the room into two teams. Next, take two PEEPS® and assign them to a team. If you don't have any PEEPS®, no worries, big marshmallows will work as well. Team A gets Peep A, and Team B get Peep B. You can come up with cooler names like Lord Sugarcoat, or Sir Sprinkles...you get the idea. You can also use a marker or a sharpie to decorate your PEEPS® to give them some personality. Draw a moustache on your Peep, give them some mean eyebrows, or a fancy outfit...let your creative juices flow.

Next, you need to prepare your PEEPS® for battle. Stick a toothpick in each Peep to prepare them for battle. Think of the toothpick as a joust, a lightsaber, or sword – just depends on how serious your family is about the competition. Make sure the toothpick is facing forward, toward the other Peep.

Place the two combatants on a microwaveable plate. No social distancing necessary – you want the Peeps to be close together and facing one another.

Finally, time for the big event. Gather around and put the plate in the microwave, setting the timer to 45 seconds. You won't let it run that long. In fact . . . don't let it run that long! Then, press start. Watch at a safe distance until the peeps drop their toothpick-sabers and one touches the other. The toothpick that touches the other Peep first, wins!



ACTIVITY 2: EASTER EGG THROW-DOWN

WHAT YOU NEED:

10-20 pairs of socks (socks that have matches)
Laundry basket

WHAT YOU DO:

Have two family members battle it out to see who can find the most sock matches, roll them into a ball, or an Easter Egg and toss them into a laundry basket in one minute.

DIRECTIONS:

For this one, you need a laundry basket and socks. LOTS of socks. Clean or dirty, doesn't matter, as long as they have a match.

Next, choose two people to play. You'll also need two people to be scorekeepers.

To get started, dump all the socks on one side of the room. And don't worry, those socks will make their way back to the basket real soon. Then, place the basket on the other side. When the host says "Go," players will grab a sock, go through the pile to find the matching one, roll the socks together in the shape of a ball, or an Easter Egg and then toss them across the room into the laundry/Easter basket.

The player with the most sock-eggs in the basket at the end of the timer wins. If you don't have scorekeepers to help you count, you'll have to keep up with that number on your own! That means everybody's on the honor system, alright?

Parents, I'm looking at you.



Use this guide as a follow-up resource for after you watch Easter Jam together to have fun with your kids and help them know the meaning of Easter.

MEMORY VERSE

“He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.” Romans 4:25 (NIV)

BIBLE STORY

Easter
John 18:12-20:23
(John 16, Matthew 26, supporting)

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus died and rose from the grave to save us!



ACTIVITY: EASTER EGG ROUNDUP

WHAT YOU NEED:

5-10 plastic Easter eggs per person (*If you don't have these already at home, work together as a family to draw the amount of eggs you need and cut them into cards, similar to how a matching game is set up.*)

WHAT YOU DO:

Give each person 10 eggs and ask them to separate the halves. Everyone should keep the bottom half of each egg while putting the top halves in a big pile all together. Have someone call out “GO!” and then everyone races to be the first to find their matching egg halves and get all their eggs put back together. *If you have preschoolers, they can play too! Consider pairing them up with an older sibling or a grownup to make the competition fair.*

For an added twist, divide your family into two teams. Keep time on your phone as one team works as fast as they can to put all the eggs together. When they finish, it's the other team's turn to try to beat their time.

After that, if you haven't already had an egg hunt today, do one now! Keep the teams the same as before and let one team hide the eggs. The other team tries to find all the eggs—while being timed, of course! Then the teams switch roles.

TALK ABOUT THE BIBLE STORY:

- What's your favorite part about celebrating Easter?
- Why do we celebrate Easter? (*Jesus put us first by dying on the cross and raising from the dead so we can have a relationship with God*)
- Who did Jesus give up His life for? (*Everybody!*)

If your kid is asking questions about salvation and starting a relationship with Jesus, that conversation can be exciting and intimidating at the same time! Check out the video you and your child can watch together on the family resources page and use the Salvation Conversation Guide for help as you navigate this milestone!

PRAYER

Use this prayer as a guide, either after your discussion or right before bed tonight:

“God, we can't even begin to thank You for Easter and how You put us first. Thank You that You loved us so much that You gave up Your only Son so that we can have a relationship with You. Please guide us as we learn more about You and how Jesus put us first. Be with us as we work on putting others first and become more like Jesus. Thank You for this day we get to spend celebrating that Jesus is alive. In His name we