

B4KIDS EASTER DEVOTIONAL

REVIVE



INTRO

Spring is here and that means Easter is coming! This is the time of year where everything around us is bursting with life and new beginnings. And, because of the death and resurrection of Jesus, we too can be an overflowing well of living water for our families and friends.

Over the next few days we are going to walk through the book of John together. The B4Kids team has written some simple reflections for children that coordinate with the B4Church Easter devotional. Use these reflections as a launching pad into family discussion.

We want to encourage you to come to God's Word each day with a heart ready to receive.

You do not need to know all the answers. Keep it simple. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would guide us into all truth. John 16:13 says, "When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own but will tell you what He has heard. He will tell you about the future"

We pray you and your family are blessed and experience Jesus in new ways this Easter season.

LET'S FAST

During this 21 day devotional, we want to encourage your family to fast! What is fasting? Fasting is simply a sacrifice that we give to God. A sacrifice is not something that you do not enjoy doing, such as the dishes or laundry (we still have to get those done!) A sacrifice is something that you enjoy and instead of keeping it for yourself, you give it to God. Like many people in the Bible, you could give up food, or even give God things such as TV, social media or video games - really anything!

The heart of fasting is to make room for you to hear more from God. God

sees your heart, and He cares about why you do things. Fasting is not a “rule” that you have to follow, it is a personal decision to sacrifice something that maybe you really care about in devotion to God.

Here is a quick guide of how to fast:

- Decide what to fast from.
- Consider fasting for 21 days while you do this daily devotional!
- Use the time you gain because of your fasting to be with God. For example, instead of watching TV for 20 minutes, use that time to be with God in your Bible, in prayer and/or in worship.

DAY 1

PASSAGE:

John 1:4

REFLECTION:

Light shines super bright when things are dark. Jesus is THE light, the best light! He makes dark things bright and sad things happy. This week pray that your friends and family see the light of Jesus when they are sad.

DAY 2

PASSAGE:

John 3:36

REFLECTION:

God has a special job for you to do! He wants you to choose to do that job with a happy heart. When we choose God's plan for our lives we will be happy!

DAY 3

PASSAGE:

John 4:14

REFLECTION:

Have you ever been super thirsty? Did you know that your heart can be thirsty, too? Jesus' love takes away the thirst in our hearts. You can also help a friend's thirsty heart by being loving and encouraging just like Jesus!

DAY 4

PASSAGE:

John 5:21

REFLECTION:

Did you know that inside your body, there is something called a spirit? When you ask Jesus to live in your heart and be your forever friend your spirit comes alive! Today, throw a dance party celebrating Jesus in you!

DAY 4

PASSAGE:

John 5:21

REFLECTION:

God is all powerful! In the Bible, you see Jesus raise people from the dead (John 11:1-44) and give them life. But, did you know that everyday Jesus is giving you life? He is the author and creator of life. Jesus is pleased to give you life! Today, pray about what it looks like to have a relationship with the One who gives you life.

DAY 5

PASSAGE:

John 5:26

REFLECTION:

Jesus is real! He is alive today and wants to be everyone's forever friend. Would you like Jesus to be your forever friend?

DAY 6

PASSAGE:

John 5:39-40

REFLECTION:

Pray for your friends and family to see that Jesus is God! He is the only true and living God!

DAY 6**PASSAGE:**

John 5:39-40

REFLECTION:

Reading our Bibles is very important to our walk with Jesus because that is how we discover more about who God is and how He speaks to us. But the Bible is not just a school book, it is the living Word of God! God wants us to read the Bible to learn more about Him because He cares for us.

Tomorrow, when you read the Bible, start off by praying for the Holy Spirit to join you in your reading. Invite Him in! God wants to speak to you through His Word, not just have you read the Bible like a textbook.

DAY 7

PASSAGE:

John 6:27+33

REFLECTION:

Jesus fills up our empty hearts with His love and friendship. Just like bread fills up our tummies, Jesus fills up our hearts.

DAY 8

PASSAGE:

John 6:40

REFLECTION:

God loves you! He will never stop loving you. Even when you make mistakes and have tough days, God's love will never stop.

DAY 9

PASSAGE:

John 6:53

REFLECTION:

Understanding God can be hard, and that's okay! When you talk to God today, ask God to help you know Him in a special way.

DAY 9**PASSAGE:**

John 6:53

REFLECTION:

Did this passage sound weird to you when you read it? Let's be honest, it is a bit of an odd passage. But remember that Jesus often speaks in metaphors. A metaphor is expressive, comparing two things that are different but have similar qualities.

When we read the Bible, we are consuming, or "taking in" information about who Jesus is. God wants for us to have hearts that are hungry to know who He is. Today, write a prayer to Jesus about how you want to know Him more; ask Him to show you more of who He is.

DAY 10

PASSAGE:

John 6:63

REFLECTION:

Jesus' words in the Bible are alive and powerful. When you read the Bible, Jesus' words go into your eyes and ears, and then, they travel down into your hearts, where they change you and fill you up with love and joy.

DAY 11

PASSAGE:

John 6:68

REFLECTION:

Asking Jesus into your heart is the only way to be God's forever friend and to live with God forever in heaven.

DAY 12

PASSAGE:

John 8:12

REFLECTION:

When Jesus lives in your heart, you become a bright light in the dark too, just like Jesus! You can show the light of Jesus inside you by being kind to others, sharing, saying kind things. How can you show the light of Jesus inside your heart to others?

DAY 13

PASSAGE:

John 10:10-11

REFLECTION:

Shepherds take care of sheep. They feed them and lead them to safe places. Jesus is like a shepherd, taking good care of His children. You can trust Jesus to be a Good Shepherd to you! He will always love you and take good care of you.

DAY 14

PASSAGE:

John 10:17

REFLECTION:

Jesus loves you so much that He died for you. But Jesus did not stay dead. He came to life again, and because He rose from the dead, He has power over death and sickness. How cool! Thank Jesus for His amazing power today.

DAY 15

PASSAGE:

John 10:28

REFLECTION:

You can trust that Jesus will always take care of you; He will never stop loving you.

DAY 16

PASSAGE:

John 11:25

REFLECTION:

When we have Jesus in our hearts we are forever friends. Even when our bodies die, our spirits stay alive with God forever and ever in heaven! Because of this we do not have to be scared of dying.

DAY 17

PASSAGE:

John 12:25

REFLECTION:

The only thing that matters in life is doing the special job that God created for you to do. When we choose Jesus, God gives us blessings, or good things, to enjoy and life will go on forever in heaven.

DAY 18

PASSAGE:

John 14:6

REFLECTION:

Jesus wants to be your best friend! He wants to spend time with you everyday. He loves you. What do you want to know about Jesus today?

DAY 19

PASSAGE:

John 15:13

REFLECTION:

Jesus' love for you is SO BIG. It is bigger than anything you can imagine. Jesus loved you so much that He died for you on the cross. He died so that you could have life with Him. Whoa, that is crazy wonderful love! Praise Jesus for His love for you today.

DAY 20

PASSAGE:

John 17:3

REFLECTION:

Do you have a hard time understanding the Bible and Jesus? You are not alone! The Bible can be hard for both little kids and grown-ups to understand, that is why Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to live inside us. The Holy Spirit helps us understand the things that are hard for us; the Holy Spirit is always with us, there to bring us comfort, help, and show us the way.

DAY 21

PASSAGE:

John 20:31

REFLECTION:

The Bible shows us who Jesus is and how He wants us to live. The Bible also has the power to change our lives. What are you going to read about Jesus today?

