

You are invited to our first *Family Easter Scavenger Hunt*

WHAT a photo Easter scavenger hunt
WHO you and your family
WHEN submit pictures by Thursday, April 9
WHERE in and around your home
(practice social distancing if outside)
TO WHOM send entries to mbclakids@gmail.com
WHY finding Easter is even more fun than finding eggs



Hi Boys and Girls, Dads and Moms:

We pray you are all healthy and spending more time with the Lord each day as we depend on Him for our lives. Even though we have not been able to worship together in person or even see each other, we pray for you each day. With Easter just a few weeks away, our Children's Ministry has planned a virtual Easter get-together to celebrate our Risen Savior. Read all about it below.

Directions:

Read: There are 7 Bible passages related to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Read the passages with your family. You can space out the passages over many days or do a few all in one day. It's up to you!

Solve and Find: After reading a passage, there's a challenge for your family to solve.

Take a Selfie: Once you have the answer, find the object/place/event and take a family selfie with it.

Be Creative: The suggestions in each challenge aren't the only right answers. You can come up with your own that solves the clue. We will accept any answer found in the Bible passage or related to the passage.

Point to: When you take the selfie, be sure to either point to the object (so we know what clue you're solving) or hold up the clue number.

Submit: Send in your entries to mbclakids@gmail.com by Thursday, April 9. We will combine all your entries and on April 12, Easter Sunday, we will post them on the children's ministry website (mbcla.org/children). You can see all your friends and celebrate together.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

He is risen,
MBCLA Children's Ministry Staff

Clue #1 – Birth – Luke 2:6-12

*This story begins in a different way
The Baby Jesus was sleeping on hay
He was the Messiah, God's only Son
But His journey began as a quiet humble one ...*

With your family, find a manger/crib, bed, or something in this passage and take a selfie together beside it. Don't forget to point to it or hold up #1 for clue #1. Think about what it meant that Jesus wasn't born rich or mighty, but as a humble baby, just like us. Talk about why that is important to us as we follow Him.

Clue #2 – Baptism – Matthew 3:13-17

*As He grew, He gained respect from God and man
And His calling to save us, He began to understand
He declared He came to set the captives free
And was baptized by John to begin that journey.*

John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. **See if you can find a source of water for your family selfie.** Take some time to think about what happened when Jesus was baptized, how God spoke from heaven and what John said about Him.

Clue #3 – Ministry – Matthew 4:18-20

*Jesus began to teach all the people
They'd come to hear Him, no building or steeple
He'd talk in the mountains and down by the sea
And to those who would listen, He'd say, "Come, follow Me!"*

Jesus went to different places to teach people about God's love. If Jesus were here today, where do you think He would teach? **Take a picture of your family in the place you thought of and in the email, write down a little explanation of why you picked that place.**

Clue #4 – Miracles – Matthew, Mark, Luke, John!

*Many people came to Jesus in need
Some sick and some lame, some broken indeed
And often Jesus would heal, touch or feed
News of Him spread around Israel with speed*

There are many stories of Jesus's miracles in the Bible. With your family, pick your favorite miracle and read it together. **There are several ways to take your family selfie** – you can all point to the Scripture reference and take a picture; you can reenact the story and take a picture; or you can take a video of your family reading or telling the story!

Clue #5 – Last Supper – Matthew 26:20-30

*But some of the people did not like God's Son
And started a plan to get rid of the One
So Jesus gathered His friends for a Passover meal
And shared what would happen; it seemed so unreal*

During the Last Supper, Jesus explained that He would die and rise again, but the disciples didn't understand His words. It was here that Jesus first described communion – the bread representing His body and the wine representing His blood. After this, He left and went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray before the soldiers came to arrest Him. **With your family, go find a garden or a patch of flowers or have a meal together and take your picture together.** If you're outside, take a look around at the trees and flowers, and consider how just a few weeks ago the ground was cold and dead but today there is hope and new life. Jesus came that we might have new life and have it for all eternity!

Clue #6 – Crucifixion – Matthew 27:32-56*

*Betrayed by a friend, Jesus was arrested
He was tried by a court and His death was requested
On that saddest of days, our Savior did die
But within that dark moment, our salvation did lie*

When Jesus died on the cross, His disciples and His friends lost all hope. But God had a bigger plan, a beautiful plan that was way bigger than they could see in that moment. We remember the cross as a place of suffering but also as a place of hope for all eternity. **With your family, find a cross and take your picture and talk about how we can have hope in Jesus.**

** Parents, this can be a difficult subject to approach with children. You know your kids best and what is the best way to share this part of the story. While there is a Bible passage, use your discernment and discretion when you share.**

Clue #7 – Resurrection – Luke 24:1-12

*Some may think that our story is done.
But they would be wrong! It has only begun!
For after 3 days, Jesus rose from the dead
To give us new life forever ... just as He said!*

Our greatest hope comes in knowing that we will get to spend all of eternity with Jesus and with all who follow Him! We don't have to be slaves to sin. We can be friends with God. Jesus can help us live with joy and hope now. That is what Easter is about! **Take a picture of your family celebrating with GREAT JOY that Jesus is ALIVE!**

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