

## EASTER AND TIMELINE WEEKEND

**RESOURCES:** Check out the Gospel Era Bible Timeline One-Pager found on the Elementary Kids Kit to help you answer the following discussion questions.

The Bible is a bunch of smaller stories that point to one big true Story: The story of God and His rescue plan through Jesus.

### WHAT DOES IT SAY? (OBSERVATION)

1. What are some things you remember about Jesus' birth and childhood? (EX: He was born in Bethlehem. His earthly parents were Mary and Joseph. Angels announced His birth to shepherds.)
2. What is a miracle? (A miracle is something wonderful only God can do.)
3. What were some of Jesus' miracles? (He calmed the storm, fed lots of people with a few loaves and fish, healed the sick, brought dead people back to life, etc.)
4. What is a parable? (It is a story Jesus told to teach a lesson.)
5. What were some of Jesus' parables? (The Lost Sheep, Good Samaritan, Prodigal Son)
6. Who did not like Jesus? What did they do? (The Pharisees hated Him so much they made a plan to kill Him.)

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN? (INTERPRETATION)

1. Why did Jesus perform miracles? (Jesus did miracles to show that He is the Messiah, the rescuer God promised.)
2. Why did Jesus teach the people? What did He want them to know? (He taught about the good news of the kingdom of God, how they could love God and love others. He wanted people to know God loved them so much and was willing to forgive their sins.)
3. Did Jesus deserve to die on the cross? Why not? (Jesus never sinned so He did not deserve death like everyone else.)
4. Was God ever surprised at anything that happened? What did God have control over? (God was never surprised because He is always in control, even when Jesus was on the cross. It was part of His plan.)

### WHY DOES IT MATTER? (APPLICATION)

1. Why is what Jesus did on the cross so important? (Jesus never sinned so did not deserve punishment and death, but because He loved us, He chose to die and take the punishment we deserve because of our sin. When we believe this and that He really is the Messiah God promised to send, God forgives us, and we get to be with Him forever!)
2. What job did Jesus give His disciples before He left? (He told them to go and tell the whole world about Him because Jesus wanted everyone to hear the good news.)
3. How would you tell the story of Jesus' life on earth to someone?
4. What is your favorite story from the Gospel era? Why?