

ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY GUIDE

FINISH LINE: Easter Weekend - Gospel Era

SCRIPTURE: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

ACTIVITY 1: GOOD NEWS REVIEW

SUPPLIES: Gospel Leader Cards (found on this week's Elementary Kids Kit)

SET UP: Take time this week to review the good news of why we celebrate Easter and what Jesus did for us on the cross. Find the Gospel Leader Cards on the Elementary Kids Kit to help you walk through this good news with others. It may be helpful if you are able to print them off double-sided. If you are unable to print them off, you could create your own version of the cards as part of your activity.

DIRECTIONS: You can use the Gospel Leader Cards in a variety of ways. You can show the card and read what is on the back. You can show them in order and see if others can explain what each picture means. You can read one of the verses and see if others can guess which picture it goes with. You can scramble them and have everyone else put them in order. Let each person practice sharing the good news of Jesus with others using the cards.

WRAP UP: Spend some time praying together thanking God that He loves us and has a rescue plan for those who trust in Jesus. Thank God for sending Jesus to live a perfect life, die on the cross for our sins, and come back to life again. Thank Him for loving each of you more than you could ever imagine.

ACTIVITY 2: TIMELINE ERA REVIEW

OPTIONAL SUPPLIES: Bible Timeline One-Pager (found on this week's Elementary Kids Kit), various supplies you can use as props and costumes

DIRECTIONS: Let each person choose their favorite story from the Gospel era to act out. Feel free to be as creative as you want, using props and costumes found around the house. You can read part of the story from the Bible or use a storybook Bible to help retell the story. If you have enough people, you can divide up into groups. When one group is acting, the others can try to guess which story they are telling.

WRAP UP: After you have spent some time acting out these stories, talk about how the whole Bible points us to Jesus. Remember that 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.