



Inspire

Celebrating His Goodness

Worship Idea/Easter Devotion

Easter is All About the LAMB

A lot of people think that Easter is all about a bunny that delivers colored eggs. But Easter is really not about the bunny; it is about the Lamb. In John 1:29, John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and says, **“Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”** Jesus was the sacrificial Lamb.

L - Laid down His life lovingly. He gave Himself lovingly and willingly. Yes, the Jewish leaders plotted, manipulated and lied in order to get Jesus crucified, but Jesus wasn't forced. He went willingly. **Read Isaiah 53:10.** In John 10, where Jesus talks about being the Good Shepherd, He repeatedly says He lays down His life (John 10:11, 14-18). He wasn't a martyr - He was our sacrifice, and He willingly laid down His life for us. **Read 1 John 3:16.**

A - Absolute perfect sacrifice. When God instituted sacrifices in the Old Testament, He made it clear that He expected the best. He wouldn't accept a blind, lame or imperfect sacrifice, but one that was perfect and without blemish. **Read 2 Corinthians 5:21, Hebrews 4:15, 1 John 3:5.** Jesus wasn't dying on the cross for any sin He committed; He was sinless, and because He was sinless He could serve as a perfect sacrifice, a perfect substitute to pay for our sins.

M - Man's debt He paid; My debt He paid. Romans 6:23 tells us that ***the wages or payment for sin is death....*** Hebrews 9:22 tells us that ***without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.*** Jesus took our place, and He died our death, and He paid the price we deserved to pay. He paid the debt for sin. **Read 1 Peter 1:18-20.** At the Last Supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, and said, ***Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.*** (Matthew 26:27-28).

B - Blood atones for me. His blood paid the price so my sins could be atoned for. Atonement means ***“at-one-ment.”*** Because of His blood, I can be right with God again (at one with Him). **Read Romans 3:23-25 and Ephesians 1:7.**

Jesus was the LAMB who showed His love by dying in our place, shedding His blood, so that through Him we can have a restored relationship with God and have eternal life.

Things to Celebrate

Education Ideas

April is International Guitar Month. Teach the women how to play a few chords or perhaps a song on the guitar.

April is also National Poetry Month—hold a poetry writing class or share your own.

April is Stress Awareness Month and April 16 is National Stress Awareness Day. Have a medical professional come and teach the women about the dangers of stress and tips on how to manage stress

April 22 is Earth Day. Do a program on how to care for our earth, recycling or rescuing endangered animals.

Fellowship Ideas

April is National Humor Month. Share jokes, enjoy a good laugh together. Watch a funny movie on April 7 as you celebrate Carmel Popcorn Day.

April 8 is Zoo Lover's Day. Take a trip to a nearby zoo with the women.

April 13 is Scrabble Day. Play scrabble as a WM program.

Service Ideas

April 2 is National Peanut Butter & Jelly Day. Make PB&J sandwiches for the homeless, after school program, or even for the Social services clients. Another service project is to make Grilled Cheese sandwiches for everyone on April 12.

April 20 is Volunteer Recognition Day. Recognize all the faithful volunteers at the corps, in WM, and in your community.

For more holidays to celebrate go to www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/

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Worship Idea/Easter Favor

Easter in My Hand

Fill plastic eggs with Skittles and include the following poem that tells the true meaning of Easter. For a printable of the poem go to: <https://www.childrens-ministry-deals.com/products/skittles-easter-poem-for-kids>

There's a rainbow in my hand
Full of colors that are bright
They remind me of the Savior
Who was born on Christmas night

He left his throne in Heaven
To forgive the sins of man
The candy from this egg
Will reveal his mighty plan

The purple one reminds me
Of the sin that's in my heart
It separated God from man
And drove them both apart

The red candy reminds me
Of the blood that Jesus lost
When he went up on the hill
And he died upon the cross

Then Sunday morning came
And the stone was rolled away
By the orange light of sunrise
Christ arose on Easter day

Green is the color of the
New life in the spring
It tells me of the new life
That knowing Jesus brings

Yellow is the color of
The gold that lines the street
In Heaven up above
Where Jesus we will meet

The rainbow in my hand says
That Jesus died for me
The Savior in my life says
That now my heart is free

INSPIRED Easter Favor Ideas



INSPIRATIONAL IDEAS from the Territory

INSPIRATIONAL books to study:

Bakersfield CA & Klawock, AK just studied *Bad Girls of the Bible* by Liz Curtis Higgs

Fairbanks, AK just studied *The Christian Atheist* by Craig Groeschel

Santa Rosa, CA just finished *Present Over Perfect* by Shauna Niequist

Movies to INSPIRE your group:

Santa Clara, CA watched *War Room*

Santa Clarita, CA watched *I Can Only Imagine*.

THQ WM Department highly recommends *Priceless*.

INSPIRED Program Ideas:

Bishop, CA held their HL Annual Party with a Dr. Seuss theme.

Centre City, CA had a Karaoke Party.

Gateway, AK did a "Nerf Gun Night" with their Home League.

Inglewood, CA had a "S'more Joy & Jesus" WM Community Luncheon

Redlands, CA has a group called "Crunch Bunch" which consists of women meeting together for a craft and lunch.

But it was the LORD's good plan to crush him and cause him grief. Yet when his life is made an offering for sin, he will have many descendants. He will enjoy a long life, and the LORD's good plan will prosper in his hands.

Isaiah 53:10 NLT

