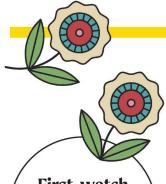
week of April 9, 2023

# Community Garden: Growing from the ground up

PARENT GUIDE
Preteen



First, watch this week's video!

Humility:
Putting others
first by giving up
what you think
you deserve

## **Memory Verse**

"Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves." Philippians 2:3, NIrV

#### **Bible Story**

Crucified and Risen John 18:12–20:23 (John 16; Matthew 26)

### **Key Question**

How do you celebrate Easter?

Use this guide to help your family learn how God can help us have humility.



## **Activity**

**Before or After?** 

#### What You Need:

Sheet of paper, writing utensil

#### What You Do:

On one side of the paper, write "BEFORE." On the other side of the paper, write "AFTER."

Invite your child to play a game. Say, "I'll read a list of things that happened in our Bible story today. If the part I read happened BEFORE Jesus rose from the dead, flip the paper to BEFORE. If it happened AFTER Jesus rose from the dead, flip the paper to AFTER."

Read the following events, allowing your child to answer BEFORE or AFTER for each one:

- ► Jesus didn't try to run from the religious leaders and soldiers even though He could have called angels to defend Him. (before)
- Jesus was beaten. (before)
- Jesus' friend Mary went to the tomb early in the morning. (after)
- Mary arrived at Jesus' tomb and discovered that the stone had been removed and Jesus wasn't in the tomb. (after)
- Pilate questioned Jesus but couldn't find that He had done anything wrong. (before)
- Mary ran to tell the others what she had seen. (after)
- Jesus was nailed to a cross. (before)
- Jesus' friends hid out, afraid the religious leaders might come for them too. (after)

# Talk About the Bible Story

How would you explain the meaning of Easter to someone?

Why do we need Jesus in order to have a true relationship with God? (Because Jesus died on the cross for our sins.)

What are some things that can get in the way of the true meaning of Easter? What can we do to keep Jesus in our Easter celebrations today?

Parent: Tell your child one way you celebrate that Jesus is alive—whether by praying when you wake up, thanking Him as you do chores, praising Him as you hike a trail, or any other way.



## **Prayer**

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Jesus, thank You for loving each of us enough to come and be our Savior. We know that You're alive, and that You're stronger than anything—even death. We love You! Amen."