

Jesus: The Way, the Way maker, and the Way point

A 10-Day Family Easter Devotional and Seder Plate Guide

This guide is designed for the family to discuss the elements of Passover, specifically the Seder Plate, as it relates to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter. Please refer to the GHBC discipleship page for additional resources.

How to Use This Guide

- **Gather together daily** for about 15–20 minutes.
- **Read Scripture aloud.** Let kids participate by reading verses.
- **Discuss as a family.** Use the questions and prompts.
- **Pray together.** Encourage each person to pray a short part.
- **Reflect and record.** Space is provided for drawings, notes, or prayers.

Families will also **create their own seder plate** as you move through the devotional. Each day corresponds to one element. By Day 10, your plate will be complete—a reminder that every symbol of God’s deliverance points to Jesus. (Please note there are printable color sheets starts on page 13)

Theme Verse (memorize as a family):

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’” —John 14:6

Day 1 — The God Who Makes a Way

Scripture: Exodus 12:1–14

Focus: God made a way of salvation for His people through the Passover Lamb.

Focus Thought: God always provides a way of rescue.

Reflection:

Before Jesus came, God's people celebrated Passover to remember how the Lord delivered them from Egypt. The blood of the lamb marked their homes and saved their firstborn. This same God still makes a way for rescue - through Christ.

"Christ did not come to make good people better. He came to make dead people alive." Tim Keller

Family Activity: Read Exodus 12 together and draw or craft a red door to symbolize the lamb's blood.

Discussion Prompts:

- What does it mean for God to "make a way"?
- How did the Israelites show faith in God's promise?

Prayer: Thank God that He never forgets His promise to save His people.

Family Notes / Drawing Space:

Day 2 — The Bitter Taste of Slavery

Scripture: Exodus 1:8–14; Romans 6:20–23

Seder Plate Connection: *Maror* (Bitter herbs)

Reflection:

Israel's slavery in Egypt mirrors our slavery to sin. Sin holds us captive until God sets us free. The bitter herbs on the seder plate remind us that freedom always costs something - Jesus took that bitterness upon Himself.

"The deeper the shadow, the brighter the light when it comes." C.S. Lewis

Family Activity: Taste a small piece of bitter herb or lettuce together, then talk about why we need freedom from sin.

Prompts:

- What are things that feel like "bondage" today?
- How did Jesus set us free from sin?
- Why and how does the taste of bitterness remind us of sin?
- Relate CS Lewis' quote to the herbs dipped in salt water.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for freeing us from the bitterness of sin through Jesus.

Family Notes / Drawing Space:

Day 3 — A Sweet Reminder of God's Plan

Scripture: Genesis 50:20; Romans 8:28

Seder Plate Connection: *Charoset* (Apple-Nut Mixture)

Reflection:

The Israelites used sweet charoset to symbolize the mortar they worked with during their slavery - a strange picture of sweetness in hardship. God often weaves sweetness into bitterness, turning what is evil for good.

Quote:

"When we cannot see His hand, we can trust His heart." Charles Spurgeon

Family Activity: Let everyone taste honey or apple slices and discuss how God can bring good out of hard things. Mix the honey, chopped apples, nuts, and cinnamon. Taste it and thank God for His

Thought:

Charoset reminds us that even hard work and hardship can lead to a sweet ending when God redeems it.

Discussion Questions:

Prayer: Father, help us trust that even in pain, You are working the story for Your glory and our good.

Family Notes / Drawing Space:

Day 4 — Tears that Turn to Joy

Scripture: Luke 19:41-42; Revelation 21:4

Seder Plate Connection: *Karpas* (Parsley dipped in salt water)

Reflection:

As parsley is dipped in salt water, we remember tears shed in bondage and in sorrow. Jesus wept, too - over our brokenness and unbelief. But because of His resurrection, our tears will one day be wiped away forever.

Thought:

The salt water represents tears, but Jesus shows us that tears can lead to joy.

Family Activity: Dip parsley or celery in salt water. Share a time when God brought joy after sadness.

Prayer: Jesus, thank You for promising that, one day, all our tears will be turned to joy.

Family Notes / Drawing Space:

Day 5 — The Lamb of God

Scripture: John 1:29; Isaiah 53:7

Seder Plate Connection: *Zeroa* (Lamb shank bone)

Thought:

Each Passover lamb pointed forward to Jesus, the once-for-all sacrifice.

Reflection:

In the first Passover, every family needed a lamb. At Easter, God provided *the* Lamb—His Son. The spotless sacrifice that takes away the sin of the world.

“He became what He was not, so that we might become what we are not.” C.S. Lewis

Family Activity:

Draw or find a small lamb to place on your table. Talk about why Jesus had to die as the Lamb.

Discussion Prompt:

- Discuss what makes Jesus the *final* Passover Lamb.
- What does the scripture mean by “*final*?”

Prayer: Thank You, Lord Jesus, that Your blood saves us forever.

Family Notes / Drawing Space:

Day 6 — The Bread of Life

Scripture: John 6:35; Matthew 26:26–28

Seder Plate Connection: *Matzah* (Unleavened bread)

Thought:

Unleavened bread was eaten quickly as Israel fled slavery. Jesus is the “bread of life,” pure and broken for us.

Reflection:

The Israelites ate unleavened bread on their way out of Egypt—no time for yeast to rise. Matzah reminds us of urgency, purity, and trust. Jesus, the Bread of Life, was sinless and broken for us.

“God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him.” John Piper

Family Activity:

Break a piece of flatbread and share it. Remember that Jesus’ body was broken so we could be made whole.

Prayer:

Lord, fill us with Your life-giving presence as our Bread of Life.

Family Notes / Drawing Space:

Day 7 — The Promise of New Life

Scripture: John 11:25–26; 1 Peter 1:3

Seder Plate Connection: *Beitzah* (Roasted Egg)

Thought:

The roasted egg reminds us of new life rising from sacrifice. Jesus' resurrection brings new beginnings.

Reflection:

The egg reminds us of new beginnings and hope after sacrifice. Jesus' resurrection declares that death is not the end but the doorway to life everlasting.

Family Activity: Decorate or dye hard-boiled eggs, each color symbolizing joy, hope, or new life.

Prayer: Thank You, Jesus, that Your empty tomb means our lives can be full of hope.

Family Notes / Drawing Space:

Day 8 — The God Who Leads Us Out

Scripture: Exodus 13:3–10; Romans 8:1–2

Thought:

God not only saves; He leads. He brings us from death to life, fear to faith, slavery to freedom

Reflection:

God didn't just save His people—He led them out. Salvation and guidance walk hand in hand. In Jesus, we aren't just forgiven; we are now *free*.

Family Activity: Go on a nature walk together. Talk about how God leads us in the right path.

Prayer: Father, help us follow where Jesus leads—step by step, in freedom.

Family Notes / Drawing Space:

Day 9 — The Way and the Way maker

Scripture: John 14:6; Hebrews 10:19-22

Thought:

Jesus doesn't just show us the way—He *is* the way. His cross is the bridge that carries us home.

Reflection:

Jesus didn't only clear a path; He *is* the path. Through His body, the curtain of separation was torn, and now we have free access to the Father.

"He is the bridge to life across the great divide of sin." —Tim Keller

Family Activity: Lay down a path of stones or paper steps labeled "faith," "grace," "truth," "love." Walk across it together and thank Jesus for being your Way.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, You are our Way maker. Help our family keep walking in Your truth.

Family Notes / Drawing Space:

Day 10 — The Waypoint: Resurrection and Home

Scripture: Luke 24:1-8; Philippians 3:20-21

Thought:

Easter morning means the story is complete. The tomb is empty, and Jesus, our Waypoint, welcomes us home.

Reflection:

Easter morning is glory unveiled! The tomb is empty, and the Way is open. Jesus not only shows the way to heaven; He *is* our destination—our Waypoint, our Home.

"If I find in myself desires which nothing in this world can satisfy, the only logical explanation is that I was made for another world." —C.S. Lewis

Family Activity: Light a candle together as a symbol of the risen Christ. Say aloud: "He is risen!" (Family responds: "He is risen indeed!")

Prayer: Risen Lord, You are our destination, our joy, and our forever home. Thank You for making the way to the Father through Your cross and resurrection.

Family Notes / Drawing Space:

OPTIONAL – Seder Plate Guide

What You Need to Make a Simple Seder Plate

- 1 large plate (paper, plastic, or glass)
- 6 small bowls or muffin tin spaces
- Labels or cards for each element
- Optional: centerpiece candle symbolizing “the Light of Christ”

Step-by-Step: Building Your Family Seder Plate

1. **Prepare the Plate Base:** Write “Jesus: The Way, The Way maker, The Waypoint” around the edges.
2. **Add Each Symbol:**
 - **Maror** (Bitter Herbs): Lettuce, horseradish, or kale — reminds us of the bitterness of sin.
 - **Charoset** (Sweet Mixture): Diced apples, honey, nuts, cinnamon — God works good from hardship.
 - **Karpas** (Parsley): Dipped in saltwater — tears turned to joy through Jesus.
 - **Zeroa** (Bone): Small lamb bone or printed image — Jesus is the Lamb of God.
 - **Beitzah** (Egg): Hard-boiled or decorative egg — symbol of new life.
 - **Matzah** (Unleavened Bread): Crackers or flatbread — Christ’s sinless body broken for us.
3. **Center Candle:** Optional — place a candle or cross in the center representing the light of Christ.
4. **Family Dialogue:** As you place each item, review the corresponding devotional day, Scripture, and prayer.
5. **Display the Plate:** Leave it on the table through Easter to remind everyone that every element finds its meaning in Jesus.



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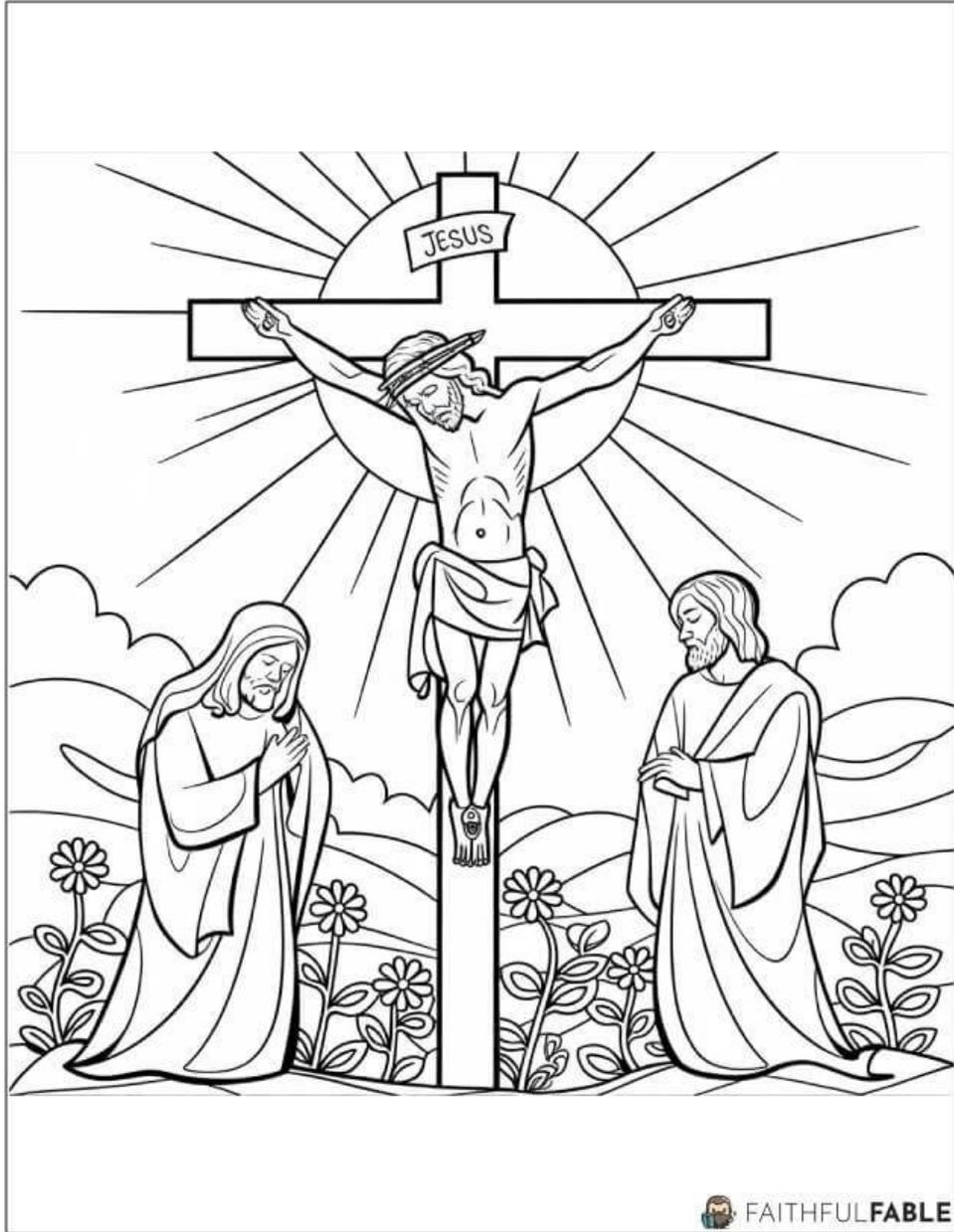
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LOOKING FOR JESUS WHO WAS CRUCIFIED. HE IS NOT HERE. FOR HE HAS RISEN,
JUST AS HE SAID."

Matthew 28:5-6 (CSB)



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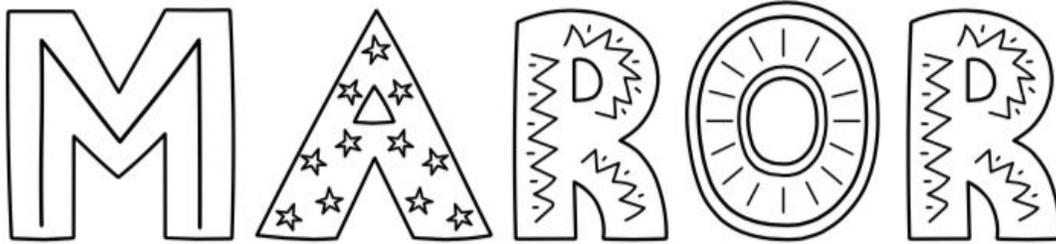
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Eat some horseradish.



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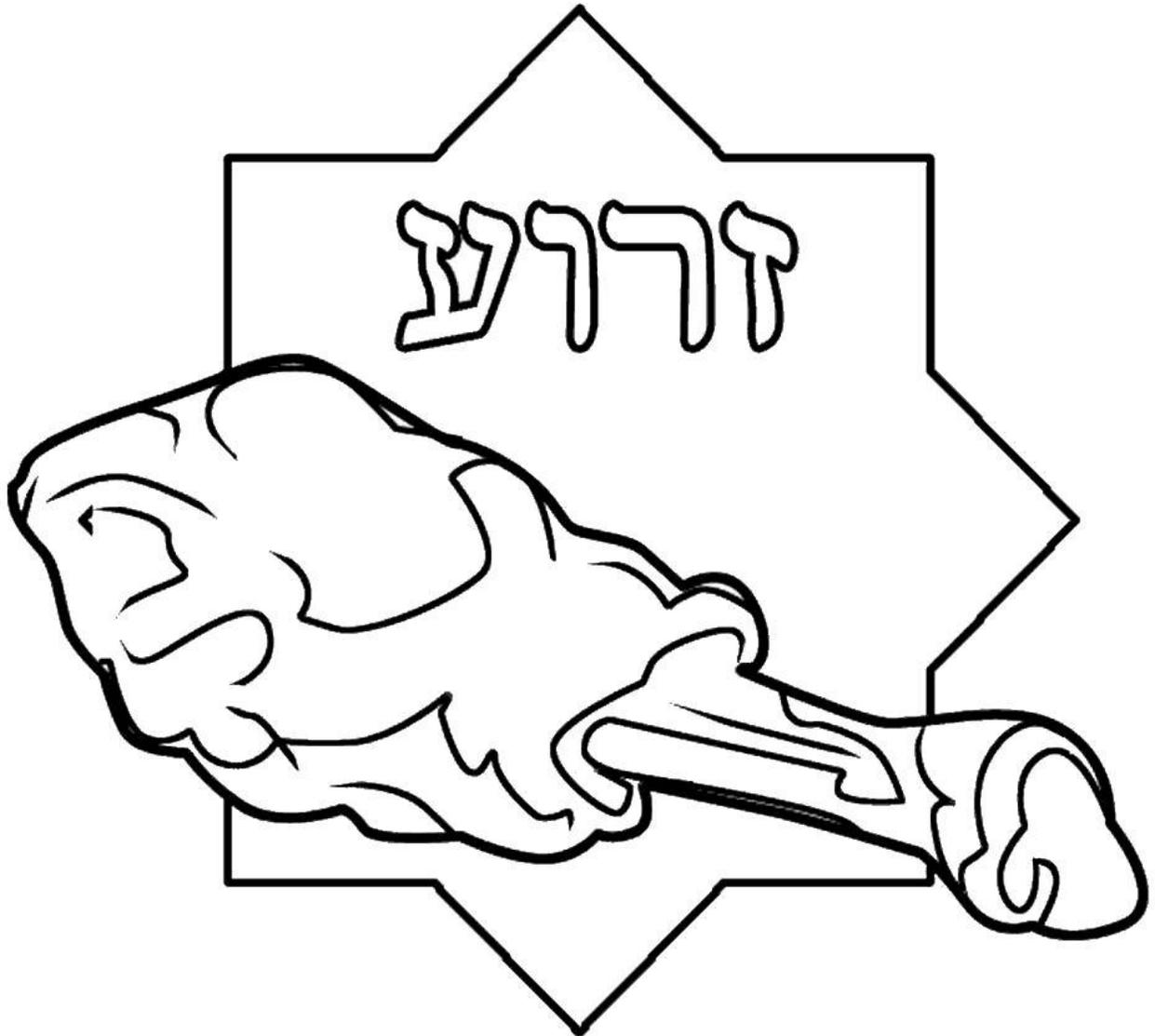
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kid'shanu be-mitz'votav ve-tzivanu al achilat maror*

**Praised are You, our God, Guide of the universe
who has sanctified us by the mitzvot
and instructed us to eat maror**



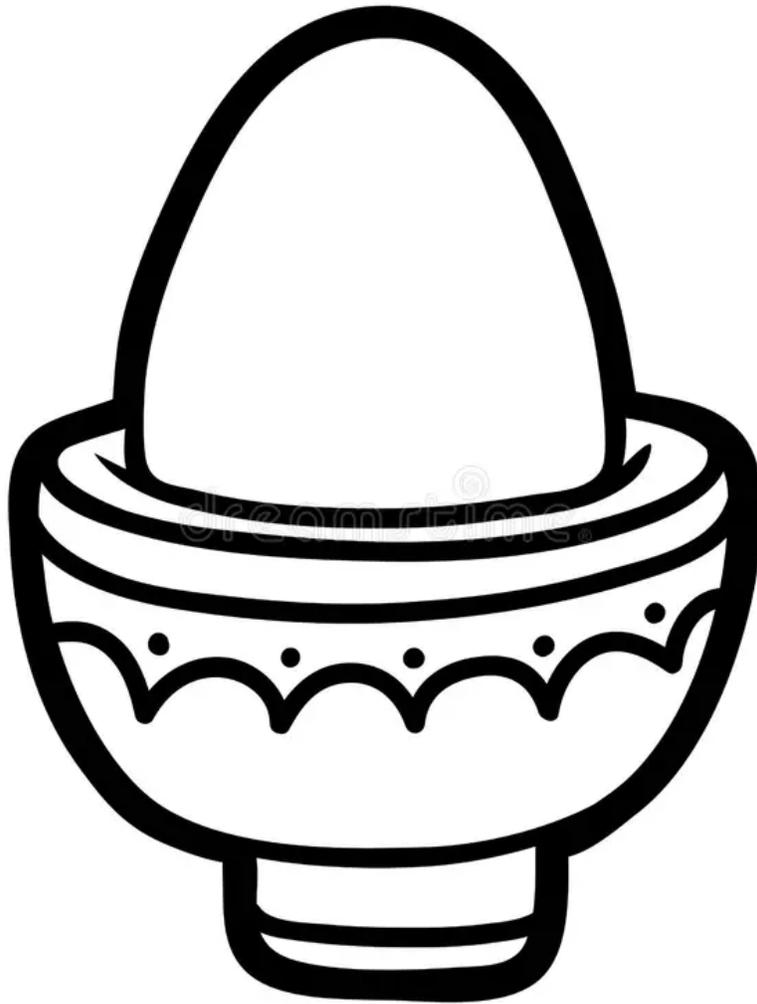
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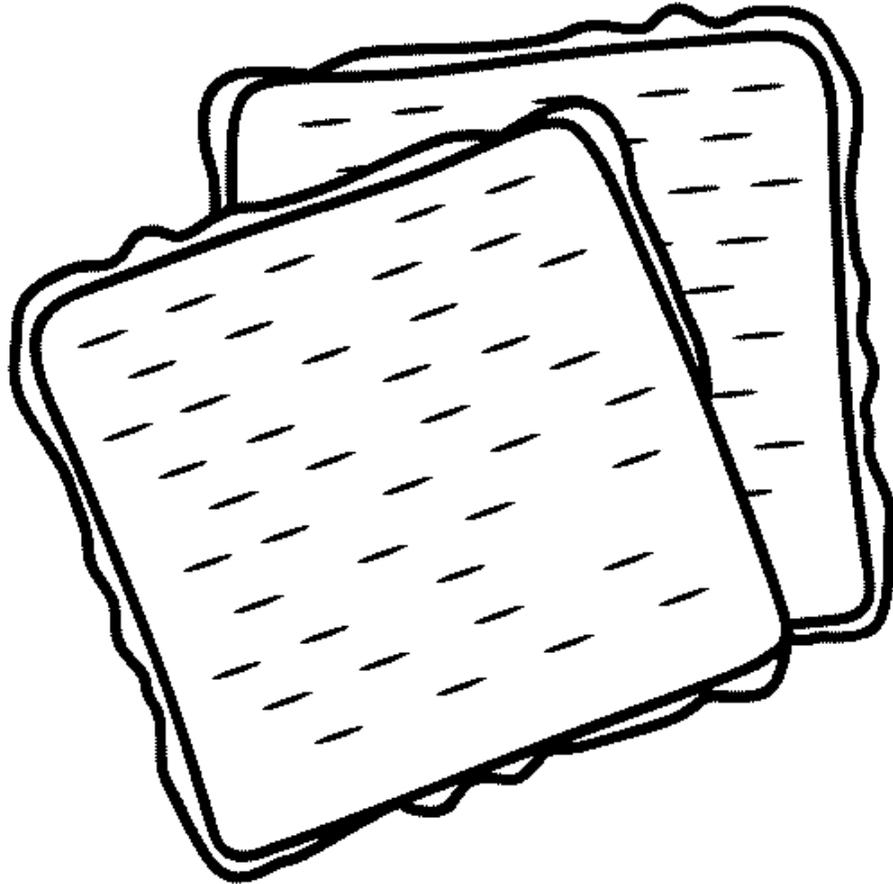




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