**Easter: God Provides the One**

Adventist Encounter Bible Unit 2.12, adapted by Julie Jensen for distance learning

*I’m sharing this with you in the hopes that it makes your life a little easier. It’s designed for students to do primarily on their own, using a journal format. They will be reading the Bible, writing, coloring, cutting, and gluing – all skills that are important for little ones. And there are some links that they will need to go online for. I plan to resize the materials from the Appendices and print them out for use in the journals. I plan to send the lesson plans, journal, materials, and optional craft activities in weekly packets. We may need to scan and put everything online, but my state and school aren’t to that point. This document is not a pdf, so revise to what works for you. This new way of teaching takes time. How about we work together? Any volunteers to start revising 2.13, 2.14, and 2.15? I think those units are perfect for our world today. We needed healing, provisions, and protection now more than ever! Much love, Julie Jensen, Paradise Adventist Academy/Chico Oaks Adventist School*

**Day 1: (Resize Object Pictures from Appendix C. Make sure they fit on the journal page)**

Cut and glue the pictures in your journal. Then answer these questions:

* How do the items relate to each other?
* Of which Bible story do they remind you?
* What other words come to your mind when you think of the death of Jesus, and Easter?

This is your Treasure Verse for this week. Begin to memorize it:

*“God showed how much He loved us by sending His only Son into the world*

*so that we might have eternal life through Him.” 1st John 4:9*

**Day 2: (The verse is found on the last page of this document. Copy 1 per child)**

Look up 1 John 4:9 in your Bible. Read it through several times. Color and cut the words apart. Arrange them in the correct order, have someone double check your work, and then glue the verse in your journal. Do one of the Anytime For Fun activities if you’d like.

**Day 3: (No prep needed)**

God’s solution to the sin problem caused by Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden was Jesus’ death. This was a love response from God. He found a way to provide for our salvation – by sending His only Son, Jesus, to die instead of us. Jesus loves us so much that he agreed willingly to be our substitute.

Read/watch/listen to the story of Jesus’ sacrifice:

* *The Forever Stories, Volume 4,* “Thirty Silver Coins” pages 50-64
* DVD: *The Jesus Storybook Bible*, Volume 4:45 “A Dark Night in the Garden – “God’s Wonderful Surprise”
* *The Storykeepers* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HMcDdCC6AhM>
* Other videos you may have about the Easter story. I really like the Nest Entertainment videos. The link below is about the Resurrection, but doesn’t have as much content about the cross as I would like. Still, it’s worth watching after you’ve read or watched about the cross. *He is Risen* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ikeWYWYe0G0>

**Day 4: (Appendix E)**

Choose one (or two or three!) of the heart shapes, and write your name on it. Color the heart and glue it in your journal under the words, “God loves…..”

Think back to the story or video from yesterday. Read or watch them again if you’d like. Then choose two or more of these questions to answer in your journal:

* Why do you think Mary poured expensive perfume on Jesus’ feet?
* What did Jesus think of her gift?
* What unkind thing did Judas do to Jesus? Why did Judas betray his friend?
* Jesus washed His disciples’ smelly, dusty feet. What does this tell us about him?
* Could Jesus have avoided being arrested? How? Why did He not do it?
* Why did the leaders want to kill Jesus?
* Jesus forgave the people who crucified him. Why? What does it mean to forgive?
* Did Jesus stay on the cross? What happened? How could Jesus come back to life after his followers had seen him die?
* Jesus died on Friday. He rose from the dead on Sunday. What is the day in between Friday and Sunday? What was Jesus doing on Sabbath? Why? How does that relate to Commandment #4?
* How much does God the Father love Jesus? How did God show His love for us in this story?

This is a sad AND happy story. Sad because Jesus died, but happy because now we have the gift of eternal life. Look up Hebrews 12:2b. Copy it in your journal.

**Day 5: (Resize the Easter Story Activity Cards from Appendix G. Make sure they fit on the journal page. Add page(s) if needed!)**

Find the cards sets for today. Look up each text in your Bible.

Match the reference cards to the scripture cards to the picture cards.

Sequence them, have someone double check your work, & glue the cards in your journal.

**Day 6: (Appendix H - Copy this and send home, or record & link. Appendix J Instructions For Folded Heart. - Copy and send home, or demo it and send the link. Appendix K – Copy and send 1 card home per student.)**

Read /listen to the story, “The Matchless Pearl.”

Make a foldable paper pocket heart.

We have discovered again that God loves each and every one of us. He has given us the gift of salvation through Jesus. He invites us to respond to His gift. Take the Thank You card and write one or two sentence in response to God’s great gift. Slip the card into the front of your folded heart. Glue the back of the heart in your journal.

**Day 7: (No prep needed – great song! Thanks to whomever chose it.)**

Listen to the song, “No Greater Love” by maxiPraise Kids. You can find this on Spotify or YouTube

Look up 1 John 3:16 and write it in your journal.

Respond to these questions in your journal:

* What does it mean to give our lives for each other?
* What might this look like in your home? At school?

**Day 8: (No prep needed)**

Look up Romans 5:8 and write in your journal.

Choose three favorite words from the Easter story and make a miniposter. Write the words in your journal and decorate around them.

**Day 9: (Appendix M – Copy and send home 1 or 2 circle(s) per child)**

Jesus loves each and every one of us. His gift of salvation brings hope and joy to our lives. Cut and glue your smilely face circle into your journal and write a reply to “I am happy because”

**Day 10: (Appendix A – have them glue the verse onto their rings, papers, journals, etc…)**

Recite your memory verse & glue your treasure verse onto your ring. Happy Easter!

Turn your completed journal in on Tuesday, April 14

**Anytime Things for Fun (I’m choosing to send home the materials for some Easter crafts. I’m making them optional. Some of my parents are on the front lines of this fight, and their kids don’t have the normal level of familial support. Be understanding. Other families need meaningful things for their kids to do that doesn’t involve screen time. Here you go!)**

Stained Glass Crosses: <https://www.momontimeout.com/stained-glass-cross-easter-craft/>

Paper Lily <http://www.freefuneaster.com/easter-crafts/paper-lily-craft/>

Coloring pages

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