

# GOD PROVIDES A WAY



God provides  
an ark



God provides  
a cross



God provides  
an empty tomb



God provides  
a rainbow

Family  
Conversation Guide  
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## WEEK 2

### April Theme:

God Provides a Way!

### Monthly Memory Verse:

I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

**Genesis 9:13** (NIV)

### Monthly Challenge Verse:

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

**Philippians 4:19**

### Week of April 10

Main Idea: **God provides a cross.**

Life Application: **Follow Jesus His way - not our way.**

Parents, use *The Action Bible* as you lead your kids, and also use your own Bible to read through some of the verses listed that will help them understand. This week, please prepare for discussion by listening to the sermon together and using *The Action Bible* as you walk through the story of Easter with your family. Have your kids turn to **pages 676-709 in *The Action Bible***. We will read several pages that tell the story of what happened leading up to Jesus giving His life for us on the cross.

1. On Palm Sunday, Jesus enters Jerusalem. **What did the people do as He rode into the city on a donkey?** (**Page 676-** *They cheered for Him as a King who had come to save them, but they thought He would be an earthly King. Some of Jesus' disciples, especially Judas, also thought Jesus would change their lives with His power.*)
2. Let's take a look at what led up to Jesus dying on the cross for our sins, and some of the people who knew Jesus but didn't truly understand His mission on earth:

### Judas- Zealotry

- Judas was one of Jesus' twelve disciples. Judas loved money, and he wanted power. He thought Jesus would be the way. **What did Judas want Jesus to do?** (*He wanted Jesus to show His power, become an important political leader, and save the Jews from the current situation with Rome in power over them.*)
- Look at **page 687 in *The Action Bible*** and **John 13:14-16**. **What did Judas do to betray Jesus?** (*He offered to let the chief priest know where to find Jesus- he was paid 30 pieces of silver for his betrayal.*) **Did Jesus know that Judas would betray Him?** (**Page 690**)
- Judas thought he was doing the right thing by forcing Jesus' hand, but he was wrong. He thought Jesus would show His power when He was arrested, and Jesus did not fight. **Jesus came to show God's love and to die for our sins.** Judas was a zealot- one who is a fanatic about pursuing his ideals. In this case, his religious ideals and his pursuit of political power. This was not Jesus' way!
- **How did Judas feel when he realized that Jesus was not going to show His power?** (*He was full of disappointment and ashamed for his sin in betraying Jesus. Judas threw away the silver he had received and killed himself.*)

### Peter- False Loyalty

- On **page 692**, Peter asks why He can't go with Jesus to where He is going. Peter said he would do anything for Jesus, including give up his life. **How did Jesus answer him?** (**John 13:37-38**, *Jesus knew that Peter would betray Him 3 times before dawn.*) **Later, when Jesus was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane,**

**what did Peter do?** (*Page 692 in The Action Bible, John 18:10- Peter cut off the ear of the high priest's servant, trying to show his loyalty to Jesus. But, Jesus told him to put his sword away.*) Peter thought he was a strong follower of Jesus, but he didn't understand Jesus and His purpose- to die on the cross for our sins.

- Read **pages 696 and 697 in The Action Bible** and, for reference, **Matthew 26:69-75**. Later, after Jesus was arrested, Peter denied Jesus three times by saying he didn't know Him. **How did Peter feel when he realized what he had done?** (*He was ashamed and realized that Jesus had been right about Peter betraying him.*) Twice, in the Garden of Gethsemane and again in the courtyard outside the place where Jesus had been taken, Peter knew he had failed Jesus. He followed his feelings instead of trusting Jesus. He professed loyalty to Jesus, but he ended up betraying Jesus with his words and actions.

### **Annas and Caiaphas- The Religious Leaders**

- Read **John 18:22-24** and **Page 695 in The Action Bible**. Jesus was taken to Annas and then to Caiaphas, the high priest. **They asked Jesus questions about His disciples and His teaching. Why?** (*They were jealous of Jesus' favor with the people and wanted proof that Jesus was teaching wrongly by saying He is the Son of God – blasphemy in their eyes. And, that He was causing trouble among the people.*) The religious leaders were angered by Jesus' answers, so they sent Him to Pilate, the governor. They wanted Pilate to have Jesus killed.

### **Pilate- The Political Power**

- Read **John 19:12-16**. Pilate could not find any proof that Jesus had committed a crime, so he decided to let the Jews decide the fate of Jesus (after having him whipped which still did not satisfy the crowd). **What caused Pilate to have Jesus crucified?** (*The Jews said that Jesus was opposing Caesar because He was calling Himself a king.*)
- Read **page 698-701 in The Action Bible**. Pilate then offered to free either Jesus or Barabbas, a murderer. **The Jews chose Barabbas and demanded for Jesus to be crucified.**

**What happened next?** Jesus was beaten, a crown of thorns was put on His head, and He was crucified. To understand what Jesus suffered for us, **read pages 703-709 in The Action Bible.**

All of these people had “agendas” and wanted different things from Jesus and for themselves: **Power, Control, Authority**. We all have things we want in this world. For some, it is more money, more fun, more things, more popularity, etc. **Jesus had another agenda: He wants us to leave our agendas and follow Him!** He is the only way to have forgiveness of our sins and life everlasting. **John 14:6** says, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”*

**By sending Jesus to give His life for us on the cross, God provided a way for us to be forgiven of our sins and be in His forever family.** Jesus didn’t have to die for us, but He chose to do so because of His love for us.

### Discuss:

**What are the things you want in your life? Are any of those things more important than your walk with Jesus and your relationship with Him?** We don’t have to walk away from those things that are not sinful, but if we love any of them more than Jesus, they are idols. When we walk in obedience and serve Jesus with our lives, we live our lives in a way that glorifies Him.

### Pray:

*Dear Jesus, Thank You for coming to earth to teach us about God’s love, and for giving us a way to be forgiven so we can be a part of God’s family forever. Help us to follow you and serve you, and to remember that is the most important thing. In Your Name, Amen.*

### Family Challenge:

1. For younger kids, during the next week, **follow the story of Easter from Palm Sunday to the cross on The Bible App for Kids: The Donkey and the King, A Goodbye Meal, In the Garden, It is Finished.** There are activities that go along with each part of the story.
2. **Ask family members what they love about Easter.** After everyone shares, talk about traditions your family has at Easter. There are so many fun things! Going to church together, the Easter meal, decorating for Easter, Easter egg hunts, egg toss, Easter crafts, etc. **How can we enjoy all of these things but make thanking Jesus the most important thing we do to celebrate Easter?** Talk together about how your family can have a new tradition of thanking Jesus every Easter and ways to do that.