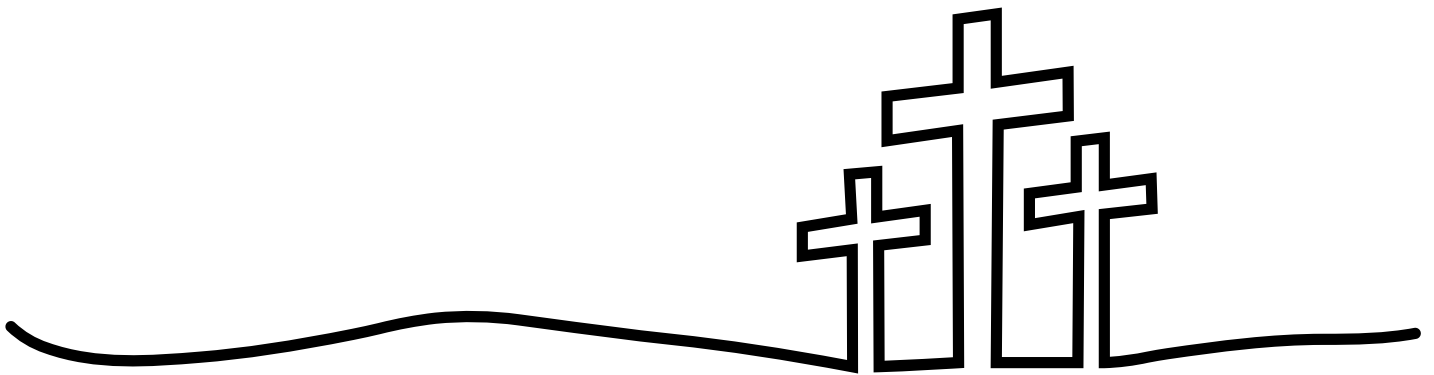




# *The Easter Story Challenge*



A Hands-On Bible Activity to Teach  
the True Meaning of Easter



He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place  
where the Lord lay. Matthew 28:6

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## Teacher Guide

**Overview:** This Easter Story Challenge is a low-prep, paper-based activity that guides older kids (ages 10–14) through the events of Holy Week. Each station contains a Bible passage, a simple puzzle or sorting activity, and a clue that leads to the next station. Students collect lines from a final Gospel message that they piece together at the end.

**Objective:** Help students engage with the story of Jesus' final week on earth in a hands-on, meaningful, and Scripture-centered way.

### Preparation:

- Print one set of puzzle cards and clue cards per group.
- Place them in labeled envelopes or folders for each station.
- Arrange stations in order around the room, or pass the envelopes as students complete each one.

### How It Works:

- Divide students into small groups (2–5).
- Start all groups at Station 1 or stagger if needed.
- After completing the puzzle and reading the Scripture, they use the Clue Card to know where to go next.
- At the final station, students reassemble the final message.
- Debrief as a class with the reflection questions.

### Answer Key:

- Station 1 Words: donkey, palm, prophecy, rejoice, king
- Station 2 Matches: Bread = Body, Cup = Blood, Towel = Service, Servant = Humility, Cross = Sacrifice
- Station 3 Code Answer: Not my will but Yours be done
- Station 4 Timeline Order: 1. Jesus is arrested, 2. Jesus is put on trial, 3. The crowd shouts "Crucify Him!", 4. Jesus carries His cross, 5. Jesus is nailed to the cross, 6. Jesus forgives from the cross, 7. Jesus dies
- Station 5 Matches: Isaiah 53:5 = Jesus suffered for our sins, Matthew 27:60 = Jesus was laid in the tomb, John 19:40 = Jesus' body was wrapped in linen
- Station 6 Message: Jesus died for me. Jesus rose again. I am forgiven and free.

### Wrap-Up Discussion Prompts:

- What part of Jesus' journey meant the most to you?
- How does His story affect your story?
- What will you do this week to remember His love?

# The Easter Story Challenge Cards

## Station 1 Palm Sunday

**Read:** Matthew 21:1-11

**Puzzle:** Word Scramble

koynde =  
ampl =  
pnophecyr =  
erjoeci =  
ngki =

**Clue:** "You've seen the King arrive. Now... Go to the Table."

**Reflection:** What does it mean to call Jesus your King?

## Station 2 The Last Supper

**Read:** Luke 22:14-20

**Puzzle:** Match the Symbol

Bread =  
Cup =  
Towel =  
Servant =  
Cross =

**Clue:** "Jesus served with love. Next... Go to the Garden."

**Reflection:** Why do Christians still remember Jesus with bread and the cup?

## Station 3 Gethsemane

**Read:** Matthew 26:36-46

**Puzzle:** Code Breaker  
(A=1 to Z=26)

4-15-20 13-25 23-9-12-12 2-21-  
20 25-15-21-18-19 2-5 4-15-14-  
5

**Clue:** "Jesus prayed and obeyed. Now... Go to the Cross."

**Reflection:** Jesus chose God's will, even when it was hard. What can you do when life is hard?

## Station 4 The Crucifixion

**Read:** Luke 23:33-46

**Puzzle:** Timeline Sorting  
Jesus forgives from the cross  
Jesus carries His cross  
Jesus is arrested  
Jesus is nailed to the cross  
Jesus dies  
Jesus is put on trial  
The crowd shouts "Crucify Him!"

**Clue:** "The world grew dark. Now... Go to the Tomb."

**Reflection:** Why do you think Jesus said, "Father, forgive them"? What does that tell us about His love?

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## Station 5 The Burial

**Read:** Matthew 27:57-66

**Puzzle:** Scripture Match

Isaiah 53:5 =  
Matthew 27:60 =  
John 19:40 =

Jesus was laid in the tomb  
Jesus suffered for our sins  
Jesus' body was wrapped in linen

**Clue:** "The stone was sealed. But wait... Go to the Empty Tomb."

**Reflection:** Have you ever had someone take the blame for you? How does it feel to know Jesus took your place?

## Station 6 Resurrection Sunday

**Read:** Matthew 28:1-10

**Puzzle:** Final Gospel Message Puzzle (cut and arrange)

See attached words & assemble into 3 sentences.

**Clue:** "Celebrate the Risen King!"

**Reflection:** How does knowing Jesus is alive change your life?

Sentences for station 6. Cut apart & place in a bag or envelope.

Jesus died for me.

Jesus rose again.

I am forgiven and free.

He is  
Risen

