

# FAMILY FAITH ON THE FRIDGE

Jacob's Well - A Monthly Guide for Playing in God's Story at Home - April 2017



## Jesus Is The King (Matthew 21:1-11)

**Sing It:** Jesus Came to Town

(tune: Yankee Doodle)

Jesus came into the town,  
A-riding on a donkey.

Clap and sing and shout and praise,  
To Jesus who sure loves us!

Jesus Christ is Lord of all. Jesus is our king!  
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**Watch It:** Fun Easter Video and song. Hosanna Rock by Yancy. We will be singing this in April with the Wee Ones.

<https://youtu.be/5582z642wFY>

**Memorize It:** "See, your King comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey."

Matthew 21:5

## Easter Prayer In Motion

God made you (point out)  
And God made me (point to self)  
He made the world for us to see.  
(hands up to eyes)  
God loves you and long ago,  
(hug self)  
He sent his Son to tell us so.

Jesus showed us many things,  
(both hands out palms up)  
To love and share (hug self)  
And dance and sing. (dance)  
To learn and pray,  
to help and care, (praying hands)  
He promised he'd always be there.  
(hug self)

He died but then came back to life,  
(hands down bring up to sky)  
Let's celebrate for he's alive!  
(While hands are up shake back and forth)



## The Loft

Preschool & Kinders

He is  
The King of Kings

He is the King of Kings,

He is the Lord of Lords

His name is Jesus, Jesus,  
Jesus, Jesus

Ohhh, He is our King

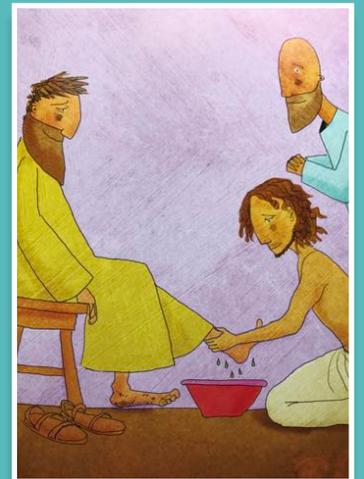
(Repeat faster & faster  
each time)

## Jesus, Our Servant King (John 13:3-17)

In April at JW, Pre-K & Kinders are imagining Jesus as a king, who was also a servant. They'll be playing in the stories that took place the last week of Jesus' life...his entry into the Holy City and the way he surprised his friends during their last meal together. See if your child will tell you a bedtime story about the donkey that carried Jesus into Jerusalem or his last meal with his friends.

### High Fives To Our King

Ask your child how it feels when someone tells them something good about themselves. What nice thing has someone told you lately? Well, Jesus likes to hear what we like about him, too. Think for a minute about one thing you want to tell Jesus he is good at. When you have it, give Jesus a high five and tell him what you like about him.



### Smelly Feet

Read the story of how Jesus surprised his friends during their last meal (John 13:3 - 17) Get a bucket of soapy water and a cloth. Take turns washing each other's feet.

Chat about what it was like getting your feet washed. How could you surprise someone in your family with an act of kindness or service? What could you do that would make them feel loved?

# The Wonderground

1st Grade - 5th Grade

## Stories Jesus Told, Part 2

Continuing both our exploration of the parables of Jesus and the liturgical season of Lent & Easter, we take a look at a series of parables that lays out an alternate way of being as participants in the Kingdom of Heaven. As the previous parables indicate, this new kingdom is unlike any previous kingdom, and therefore its citizens are exhorted towards new ways of being. Thus we address themes of repentance, sacrifice, productivity, and faithfulness.

### Bedtime Parables

Pharisee & Tax Collector at Prayer - Luke 18:9-14

The Good Shepherd - John 10:1-14

The Three Servants - Matthew 25:14-30

Sheep & Goats - Matthew 25:31-46

### Play in the Lenten Story!

The online Blog: Catholic Icing has some fun kids activities to engage in the Lenten story.

[www.catholicicing.com/lenten-activities-for-children/](http://www.catholicicing.com/lenten-activities-for-children/)

### Holy Week Packing Party!

There's a job for everyone in your family at Youthfront's Packing Party on April 12th at 6:30pm.

Indian Creek Community Church

12480 S Black Bob Road, Olathe, KS 66062

Register at: [www.somethingtoeat.org/holy-week/](http://www.somethingtoeat.org/holy-week/)

## Conversations Around the Table

Why does Jesus teach by telling stories?

How do you know when God is speaking to you?

What skills or activities are you best at? How can you use them for God's kingdom?

What would it be like if Jesus ruled the world?

What can you do for someone who is sick? Hungry? In prison? A stranger?



## Creating Space by Mimi Keel

During Lent, JW has been engaging in a book study of David Fitch's book, Faithful Presence. Fitch puts the spotlight on two key ways of being: creating space for God's presence and creating space for each other. Kids in my life often remind me of how to be present. They are in the here and now.

Recently, I spent an evening on the trampoline with PJ. PJ is four. When I walked up, he yelled, "Hi Aunt Mimi" in his biggest voice and then asked me to come jump...to come be present. So, I did. He shouted, "Watch me!" What he was asking me was- Are you here? Are you present? I was. I'm not always.

In Exodus, God distinguished his people, the Israelites from the Egyptians by the plagues, but most significantly, He distinguished Israel by His presence. In the story of Moses preparing to lead God's people out of exile, Moses begins to talk to God:

"Then Moses said, 'If you don't personally go with us, don't make us leave this place. How will anyone know that you look favorably on me—on me and on your people—if you don't go with us? For your presence among us sets your people and me apart from all other people on the earth.'" (Exodus 33:15-16)

Moses' words to God remind me of an idea a pastor once shared with me. He said that grace is the Holy Spirit with us. When I live without acknowledging the Holy Spirit with me, I live without grace.

What helps you acknowledge the Holy Spirit within you? A friend of mine shared her way of reframing time and space. When she wakes up, she takes a peek at her daily planner to see what's on tap for the day. Then, she adds the words, "with God", to her appointments and plans. As she moves through her day, she reminds herself of God's presence with her.

I wish I could hear God call my name like my nephew PJ does. But for now, PJ's greetings remind me of how it would sound if God called my name and how he delights in my presence.

