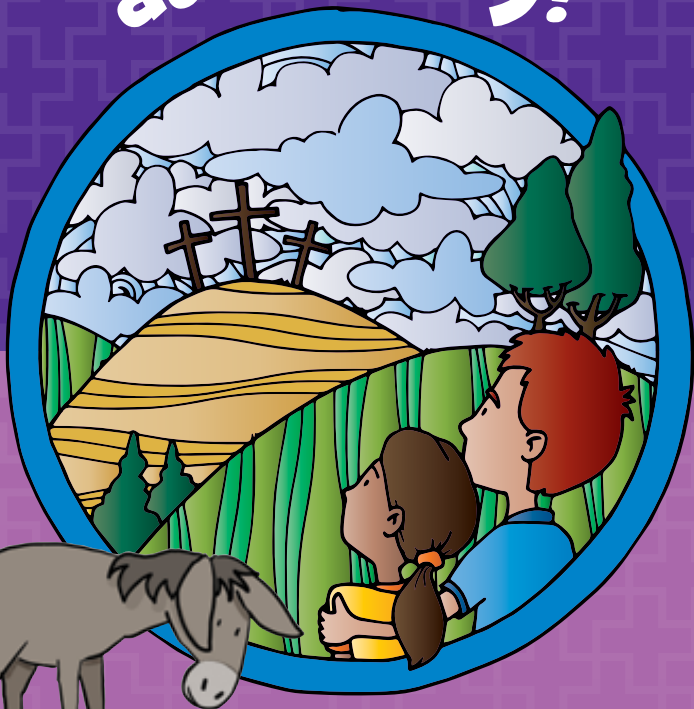


What Do I See at Calvary?



A Children's Devotion Book for Lent

Ash Wednesday

Read Mark 10:32-34

The Road Ahead

“See, we are going up to Jerusalem,” Jesus says. The season of Lent is like a journey. Today we take the first steps. Keep your eyes open as we travel!

By the way, Sundays are different. Even in Lent, Sundays remind us of Easter. Therefore, on Sundays instead of “looking around” as we do during the rest of the week, we will be “looking ahead” at the things we will see when our trip to Calvary is finished. On Sundays we will also have special things to talk about or do.

At the end of the road is the open tomb, and that gives us a whole new way of seeing everything!

**Open my eyes,
Lord Jesus, that I may
see all the wonderful
things you did for me.
Show me what you see.
Amen.**



Thursday

Read Luke 19:29-36

Donkey

Look! The first thing we see on the road to Calvary is an animal. “The Master needs it,” the owner was told, and so Jesus was able to borrow it. Could we call it a “borrowed burro”?



Is there anything the Lord asks of you? Time? Skills? Voice? Participation? Friendliness?

Do you suppose someone might have said, “Aw, the Lord could never use something as humble as that.” Oh, yes he could! Oh, yes he does!

Lord Jesus, open my eyes to see the things you need. And open my heart to let you borrow them. Amen.

Friday

Read Mark 11:7-10

Palm Branches



Look there on the road to Jerusalem where Jesus is riding that borrowed burro. Why are people waving palm branches?

It's a celebration, the kind of celebration that would happen if a king were riding by.

Jesus really is a king, of course, the King of everything. He really is.

If Jesus came riding by where you live, what would you do to welcome him as King? Is there anything you can do to let others know he is really the King, even if he doesn't ride by?

King Jesus, welcome! Come into my home, my heart, my life. I'm glad you found the way. Amen.

Saturday

Read Luke 22:8-13

Upper Room

Look at this room at the top of the stairs. What do you suppose it had been used for before?

But look at it now. Something special is going to happen here, and so from now on the room will be special too. This is where Jesus could share with his friends.

Do you have a special place where you and Jesus can share? Home? Church? Where? Maybe it's *your* room!



Lord Jesus, wherever I can be with you becomes a special place. Help me to look for you everywhere. Amen.

The First Sunday in Lent

Read Matthew 28:2-3

Looking ahead to see ...



An Angel

On Sundays in Lent we look ahead, to see where the season ends. So look ahead. Can you see an angel?

Right now the angels would still be waiting ... waiting to tell the good news, the best good news of all.

Do you know what the message is? Do you suppose the angels were so excited to share the news that they almost couldn't stand it?

Lord Jesus, thank you for your angels who watch over me. Help me to look forward to all the good news you have to share. Amen.

*What is the best secret you ever wanted to share?
How long did you have to wait to share it?*

Monday of the First Week

Read John 13:1-5

A Towel

Look at that towel just lying there ... and that bowl of water. Everyone's feet need washing, but nobody wants to do the dirty work. Everyone is looking at everyone else.



Finally Jesus takes the towel and the bowl and washes the disciples' feet.

It's like, "Who's going to take out the trash?" or "Who's going to clean up when someone breaks a dozen eggs?" Do you think Jesus would? Would you?

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for humbling yourself so that I might be clean from all sin. Make me willing to serve as you did. Amen.

Easter Sunday

Read 1 Peter 1:3-5

Looking forward to see ...

Heaven

Can you look that far ahead? Because of all we've seen this Lent, we have God's word that heaven is something we will see too.

That is where it all leads. The road that led to Calvary didn't end there. It didn't even end when Jesus' tomb was opened and he was alive again.

It won't end until everybody's grave is opened. And for those who have trusted in Jesus Christ and followed him all their lives, it won't end even then!



ALLELUIA!