Play: Read my lips (Easter version)

Take it in turns in your family to be the person who mouths Easter words which the rest of the family have to guess. Easter words: Easter egg//Easter bonnet//Easter bunny, Chick//Lamb//Spring//Chocolate//Hot-cross bun//Daffodil//Easter basket//Crucifixion//Cross//Resurrection//Crown of thrones//Good Friday//Easter Sunday//Easter egg hunt

Activity: Design a punishment

Design a suitable punishment for each wrongdoing. List: Hitting your sibling//Breaking your friend's favourite thing//Lying to the adult in your home//Blaming someone else for something you did//Cheating in a test at school//Stealing sweets from the shop//Being unkind to someone in the playground//Not helping with the chores. All wrong things have to be punished. Why do you think that is?

Watch: The Crucifixion https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL8R158Ujp4

Read: The Crucifixion (Matthew)

The soldiers came with torches and swords hundreds of them. Judas had told the soldiers the one I kiss is Jesus, just so they'd make no mistake in who Jesus was in the dark. So he kissed Jesus and the soldiers grabbed him tied Him up and took Him away to Pilate the governor, who was in charge like a king, he made big decisions, like the police. Pilate asked Jesus is it true you claim to be king of the Jews? Jesus answered yes this is true. This made the people go wild they were so upset by Jesus answer. They yelled crucify him. (That means kill him) Pilate asked Jesus many questions but Jesus didn't try and defend himself because He knew the people didn't really care. Pilate said to the people I can't find anything bad that Jesus has done. What do you want me to do with Him? The crowd started yelling louder and louder. Crucifies him, crucify him. Pilate asked why what has he done? But they just yelled louder. Crucify him. So Pilate not wanting the people to turn against him had Jesus whipped. Does anyone know what a whip is???? Yes and this whip was even worse it had broken glass and sharp metal in it so Jesus back was all bloody. Now the soldiers blind folded him and took turns hitting him over and over again. Then they put a purple robe on Him and a crown made out of sharp, sharp thorns. They made fun of him pushing Jesus around and saying Hail king of the Jews. Now the soldiers put Jesus clothes back on Him and put a huge, heavy wooden cross on His back to carry up the street to a hill to kill Him on it. As Jesus was carrying the cross He fell in the street He could walk no more, He was so weak from all the beatings. So the soldiers grabbed a man on the street and made him carry Jesus cross the rest of the way. When they got to the hill called Golgotha, which means skull because it looks like a skeleton head from a distance. The soldiers hammered big nails in Jesus hands and feet and picked the cross up putting it between two bad, really bad men. Poor Jesus, they left Him up there until they thought He was dead and then stabbed Him in the side just to make sure. This is a very sad story isn't it? The sky turned pitch black in the middle of the day and a big earthquake happened that shook everyone. They took Jesus off the cross and put Him in a grave, it was like a cave. One more time. They rolled a huge heavy rock in front of the grave a put soldier outside of it because they had heard rumors that Jesus would come back to life. Next week we'll find out what happens on Easter morning to hear the wonderful end of this story

Make: Easter Egg Tomb https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9y9V7w4SKY

Remember: Bible verse (John 3:16)

"God so loved the world that He sent His only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not die but have life forever." John 3:16. Draw a big heart on a piece of paper and write the verse inside.

Pray:

Thank you Jesus for showing your love for us and taking away our sin and shame. Amen

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