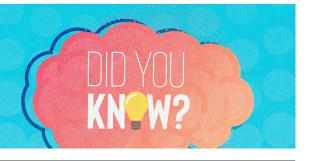
DEVOTIONAL FOR VOLUNTEERS





There's a ton of fun trivia around the theme of Easter but the best questions to ask are about the life of Jesus. Easter will be busy. You will get caught up in the fury of the second most popular candy holiday of the year. But we, as adults, have to remember that we are a part of Easter, too. Don't let the Easter story get lost with you. Did you know we can love Jesus more than anything? That Jesus is King over everything? That Jesus is alive? That we can trust Jesus? Invite kids to go beyond the facts and win the grand prize of knowing Jesus for themselves, but don't forget to invite yourself into the story, too. To get ready for this series, spend a few minutes reading the stories we'll be teaching kids this month. As you do, think about what God has taught you (and is still teaching you) through these passages, and how these Big Ideas have been true in your life.

WEEK 1: Did you know we can love Jesus more than anything (John 12:1-8; Philippians 3:7-9)?

WEEK 2: Did you know Jesus is king over everything (Luke 19:28-40; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Zechariah 14:9)?

WEEK 3: Did you know Jesus is alive (Luke 24:1-12; Romans 6:8-11)?

WEEK 4: Did you know we can trust Jesus (John 20:19-31; Acts 4:19-20)?



Prayer time doesn't have to be boring. It can be any time that you spend communicating with God or listening to God. Use the Big Ideas from this month to help you pray. Personalize the questions by turning the "you" that we use to teach kids into "I"s that we can use to think about ourselves in the Easter story:

- Do I know I can love Jesus more than anything?
- Do I know Jesus is King over everything?
- Do I know Jesus is alive?
- Do I know I can trust Jesus?

If the answer to any of these questions is "yes", then ask God to show you how others would know that these things are true about you! If the answer is "no" to any of these questions, then think about what it is that might be causing you to doubt yourself or God. Keeping that in mind, which passage of Scripture or Big Idea from this month is most relevant to you right now? Spend a few minutes asking God to show you how you've already grown in this area, plus the next step you need to take in order to keep growing.



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So what's your next step? Take something you learned from your prayer time and make it your call to action this month. If you're struggling to believe that you can love Jesus over everything else, or struggling to understand how Jesus changed things then commit to giving your doubt. Practice trusting Jesus in some small practical ways this week. Whatever your next step is right now, take it. Then help kids do the same. Whatever your next step is right now, take it. Then help kids do the same.