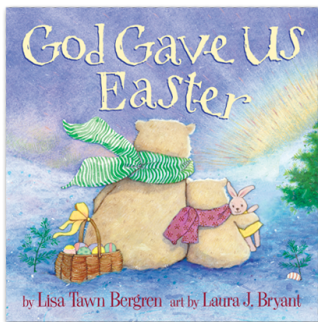


Recommended Books that tell the real meaning of Easter:

The Easter Story by Patricia Pingry - tells the entire story of Jesus' ministry, arrest, death and resurrection and explains what Easter means to us today. Ages 2-6. Note there is a similar version called the Story of Easter by Pingry that is longer than this version.

Jesus is Risen: An Easter Pop-Up Book by Agostina Traini. These pop-out pages are not babyish but create a three dimensional scene on each page. The text is succinct and includes summaries of the empty tomb, Jesus' post-resurrection appearances, and Pentecost but does not include holy week or the cross. Ages 2-6.

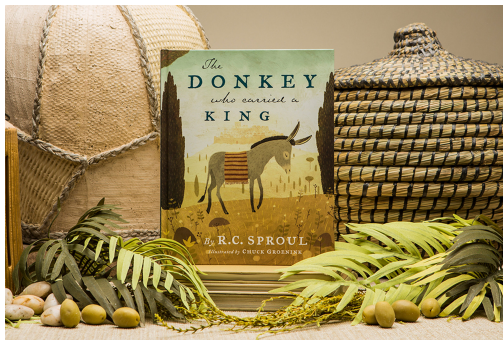


God Gave us Easter by Lisa Bergen. Features a polar bear who learns from his dad that Easter is even better for Christmas and what the Easter season really means. Ages 3-7

Easter Love Letters from God by Glenys Nellist. Culturally appropriate and detailed illustrated draw the reader in as the story moves through the events of the Holy Week in Jerusalem through the empty tomb. The text is complete but includes some embellishment to make the story come alive. Life the flap sections are love letters from God which offer additional encouragement and connection to the Bible. Ages 4-8

The Garden, the Curtain, and the Cross by Carl Laferton takes children on a journey from the beautifully illustrated garden of Eden to God's perfect new creation that awaits us. This retells the Easter story but ties into the Bible as a whole and explains that because of their sin Adam and Eve could not go in the garden but Jesus' victory on the cross ushers us into an even better garden that awaits us. Ages 4-8.

Jesus is Risen by Rolf Krenzer & Constanza Droop. Cartoon style pictures and a fair amount of text - the passion scene dose not show Jesus on the cross, but you do see Christ's wounded body before and after His death. Ages 7-10



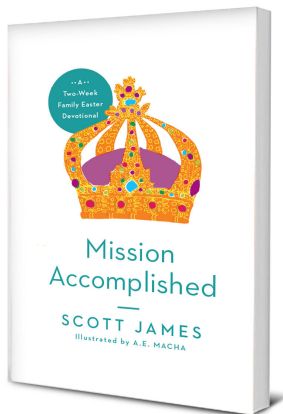
The Donkey who carried a King by R.C. Sproul includes sound theology and beautiful illustrations which portray a unique perspective on the events of Jesus' Passion Week and calls all believers, both young and old, to follow in the footsteps of the Suffering Servant for the glory of God. Jesus was willing to leave the glories of heaven to suffer and die in this world on our behalf, so we should serve Him with all our hearts. This book includes thoughtful discussion

questions for parents to engage their children with. Ages 8-12.

Peter's First Easter by Walter Wangerin Jr. Divided into short chapters is a first person narrative, assumed to be penned by the disciple Peter. The illustrations are vivid and culturally reflective of the Holy Land. This account stays close to the Biblical narrative but an assumption of witnessing the story through the viewpoint of Peter and does include some quite realistic images of Jesus dying on the cross. This can be read aloud with younger children. Ages 9-12.

What is Easter? by Phil Vischer What is Easter? And what do eggs and bunnies have to do with Jesus? Buck Denver and Friends ask some big questions and learn how we can all celebrate the new life that Jesus brings at Easter! From VeggieTales' and Buck Denver Asks'... What's in the Bible' creator Phil Vischer. Ages 2-8.

Benjamin's Box: The Story of the Resurrection Eggs by Melody Carlson. This book tells the story of young Benjamin who follows Jesus when He comes to town. At first, young Benjamin, thinks that Jesus is a teacher and then a king and at last the good news that He is our Savior. This is designed to be used in conjunction with Resurrection Eggs from Family Life (or a similar handmade version). Ages 4-7.



Mission Accomplished by Scott James. This is designed to be used as a family devotion guide for Plan Sunday through Easter Sunday walking in time with Jesus as he finished his work His Father had given him. This devotional will encourage your family to follow the risen Jesus as He calls His disciples on a Spirit-filled mission to spread the good news to all nations. Each devotion takes just ten-minutes and is suitable for all ages of children. Includes suggestion for hymns to sing and family activities that give you a chance to remember and apply the truth that Jesus is risen indeed.