

PASSOVER

Jesus is our Passover lamb (1corin 5:7) Why did Jesus Christ have to be the lamb of God? For your first parents' sin, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son, is uniquely qualified for the lives of all mankind. Male lambs "without blemish" (Exodus 12:5-7) were slain for sacrifice. "without shedding of blood, there is no remission" (Heb 9:22). At the beginning of exodus, Israelites killed the Passover lambs on the 14th day of the first month (Ahib or Nisan) of the religious year. The same day of the month, Jesus' blood was shed more than 1,400 years later. New Testament Passover is the continuation of the sacrifice of our Lord. Before crucifixion, Jesus blessed bread and wine and gave saying that they are His Body and blood. So Jesus established Holy Eucharist (Qurbana). Also declared that He was the Passover lamb offered Himself and told to continue until His second coming. Jesus shed His blood for the New Testament (mt 26:28). Through Baptism, we are a new creation (jer 31:31) Once we receive holy communion, we could not continue as the old person because we are completely new.



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Special points of interest:

- * Hosanna (Palm Sunday) April 1st
- * Maundy Thursday April 5th.
- * Hasha (Good Friday) April 6th .
- * Holy Saturday April 7th.
- * Kyamto (Easter Sunday) April 8th.
- * St. George Feast April 23rd.

HUMOR

Kids In Church

3-year-old Reese: "Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen."

A little boy was overheard praying:
"Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

After the christening of his baby brother

in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys."

One particular four-year-old prayed,
"And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."



CALENDAR

Young Adult Meeting:
Call and coordinate Mr. Kirk Edwards for next meeting.

Martha Mariam Samajam: Meeting will be held at Church on Sunday April 15th and 22nd.

Sunday School:
Sunday April 1st and 8th Easter Break.

Prayer meeting:
Please call and coordinate with Mrs. Aleyamma Mathew to host monthly Zonal prayer meeting at your residence.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Jonah



God told Jonah to go to the great city of Ninevah to preach, but Jonah didn't want to go.

He tried to run away from God by going in the opposite direction.

He got on a ship. God caused a storm to come. It nearly sank the ship. When the men on the ship discovered that it was Jonah's fault, they threw him overboard into the sea, and the sea became calm.

God had provided a large fish that swallowed Jonah. Jonah prayed to God from inside the fish and God heard him. He was in the fish for three days and three nights. The fish spit him out onto dry land.

God again told him to go and preach to the people of Ninevah, and this time he obeyed. It was a very large city. Jonah told the people

that they must repent or they would be destroyed. The people listened and believed. They were sorry for their sins and God forgave them.

Jonah was angry. He didn't really care about the people of the city, but God loved them.

When Jesus was on earth, he talked about Jonah in Matthew 12: 39. He compares Jonah's experience to his being in the grave for three days and three nights.

What does this story mean to me?

Jonah was unhappy when God forgave the people of Ninevah when they repented. What about you? Do you care about people, or are you happy when they "get what's coming to them"? It is sometimes hard to have a loving and forgiving attitude. Remember the love that God has shown to you, and try to show that love to others.



Memory Verse

From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God, He said, "In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me."
Jonah 2:1-2.

<http://www.gardenofpraise.com/bibl19s.html>

SUNDAY SCHOOL — PRESCHOOL CLASS

The students of the Sunday School Preschool Class are 2 to 4 years old. They have a simple and innocent faith in God that is very touching. Some of their comments can be very funny too. Here are a few samples.

Day 1 – Lent

Teacher: We are observing Lent now. Who can tell me what is fasting?

Student 1: Running fast

Student 2: Easter

Teacher: Can you tell me some of your favorite things you can give up during Lent?

Student 1: Ice cream

Student 2: Chocolate Chip Cookies

Student 3: Mc Donald's

Day 2 – Song "If you are happy and you know it, clap your hands"

Teacher: Tell me something that makes you very happy.

Student 1: Happy Meal from Mc Donald's

Student 2: Coke and French Fries

Day 3 – Midterm Exam

Teacher: Who is the mother of Jesus?

Student 1: T-Rex

Student 2: Adam

Teacher: Who was the strong man cheated by Delilah?

Student 1: Dinosaur

Student 2: Jesus

These precious children personify the verse "Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" Matt 18:4.

