

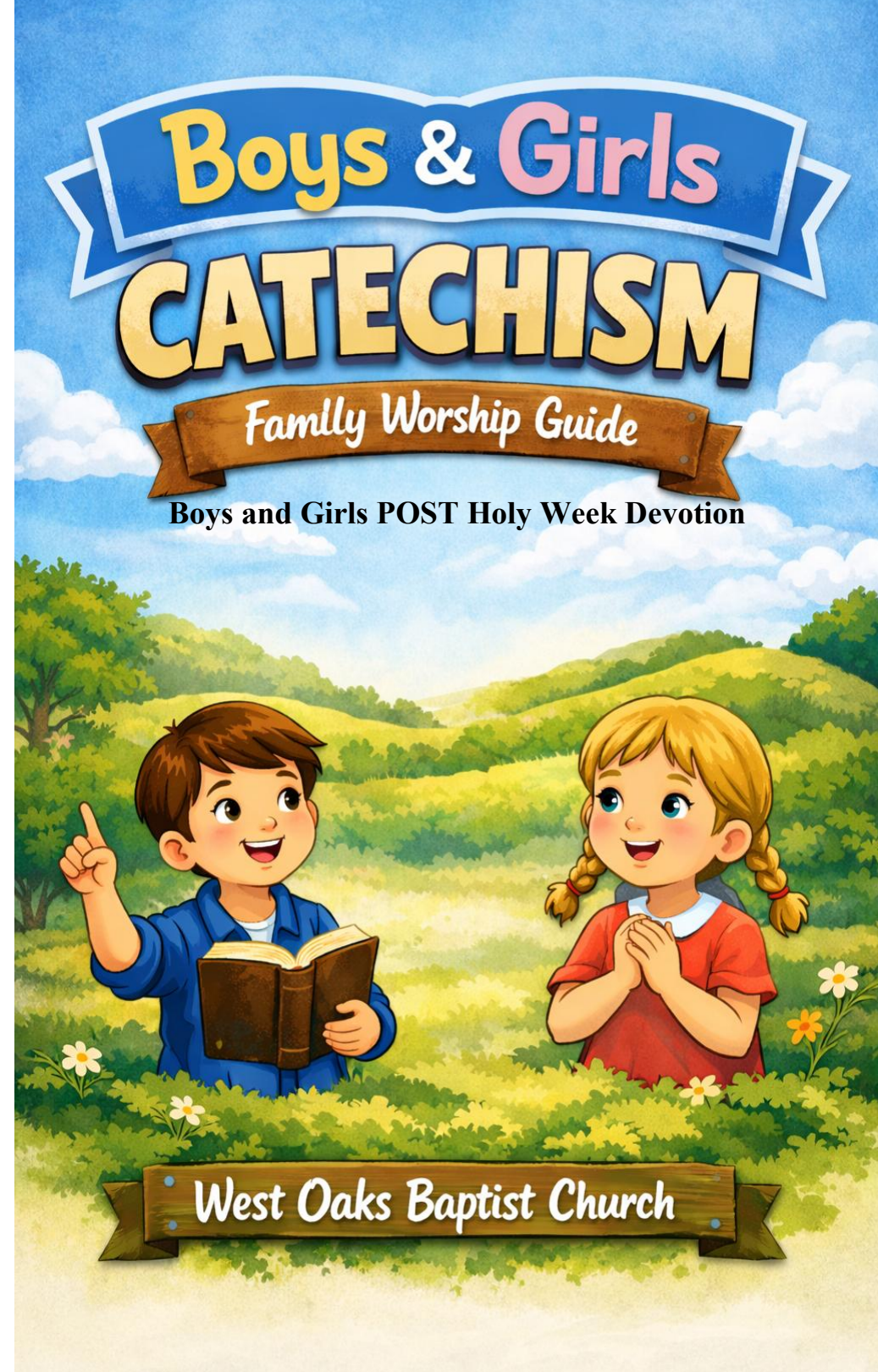
Day 5 – The Ascension

Scripture Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

After forty days, Jesus ascended into heaven. As He blessed His disciples, He was lifted up before them. This was not a sad ending—it was part of God’s plan. Jesus returned to heaven so He could send the Holy Spirit. Through the Spirit, believers receive power to live for Christ and to share the gospel. The disciples returned with joy because they now understood their purpose. The resurrection and ascension mean that Jesus is alive, reigning, and still at work. If you are in Christ, the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you. There is no condemnation—only life, peace, and hope. Easter is not just a past event. It continues to shape how we live every day. We are called to be witnesses, sharing the good news wherever we go.

Object Lesson:

Turn on a fan or wave your hand and ask: “Can you see the wind?” (No)
“Can you feel it?” (Yes) Explain: We can’t see the wind, but we know it’s there. In the same way, we don’t see Jesus physically now, but He is with us through the Holy Spirit. Jesus is not gone—He is with us, even if we can’t see Him.



Boys and Girls POST Holy Week Devotion

West Oaks Baptist Church

Day 1 – Resurrection Day

Scripture - Mark 16:6 And he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.'

Christ is risen! Those words changed everything. Early on Sunday morning, the women came to the tomb expecting to find Jesus' body, but instead they heard the angel say, "He has risen; he is not here." What once seemed like defeat was actually victory. The disciples struggled to understand this at first. Fear, grief, and confusion clouded their hearts. Even though Jesus had told them He would rise, they were slow to believe. Yet when they remembered His words, everything began to make sense. The resurrection was not the end—it was the beginning of hope. We are often like the disciples. We forget what God has said. We let fear and doubt take over. But the resurrection reminds us that Jesus has truly defeated sin and death. What He promised, He accomplished. Because Christ is alive, our faith is not empty. Our hope is secure. And every Sunday becomes a reminder that Jesus is still victorious today.

Object Lesson:

Take a small empty box (like a jewelry box). Ask: "What would it mean if this was supposed to hold something important but was empty?" Then explain: the empty tomb isn't loss—it proves Jesus is alive.

Day 2 – Road to Emmaus

Scripture - Luke 24:13–27 That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

As they walked, Jesus explained the Scriptures, showing how everything pointed to Him. Their hearts began to burn as truth replaced confusion. What they thought was the end was actually part of God's perfect plan. When Jesus finally revealed Himself, everything changed. Their sorrow turned to joy, and they immediately went to tell others. The resurrection didn't just comfort them—it gave them purpose. We also walk through moments where we don't understand what God is doing. But like these disciples, we need God's Word to open our eyes. Scripture reminds us that Christ is at work, even when we cannot see Him clearly.

Object Lesson:

Take a pair of eye glasses. Hold them up and say: "Sometimes we can look right at something and still not really see it clearly." Put the glasses on and say: "These help me see better—but what if I didn't know I needed them?" God's Word is like the "glasses" that helps us see clearly. When Jesus explained the Scriptures, their eyes were opened, and they finally understood the truth.

Day 3 – Appearing to Others

Scripture 1 Corinthians 15:3–4 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures."

After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to many people. He showed Himself to the women, the disciples, and even more than five hundred people at once. This was not a hidden event—Jesus made His victory known. At the same time, others tried to cover it up. The guards were bribed to lie and say the body was stolen. But no lie could stop the truth. Jesus was alive, and people saw Him. These appearances gave confidence to the disciples. They were no longer afraid or uncertain. They became bold witnesses because they knew the resurrection was real. This is the heart of the gospel: Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again. Our faith is not based on wishful thinking but on a real, historical event. Because Jesus lives, we can trust Him completely. His victory is certain, and His promises are true.

Object Lesson:

Take a receipt after buying something. Say: "This proves the payment was made." The resurrection and appearing to others is kind of like God's receipt, it proves that Jesus fully paid for our sin.

Day 4 – Feed My Sheep / The Great Commission

Scripture Matthew 28:18–20 And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

After rising from the dead, Jesus spent time preparing His disciples. He restored Peter, telling him three times, "Feed my sheep." This showed that those who love Christ are called to care for others with God's Word. Jesus then gave His final command: go and make disciples of all nations. This mission is not based on our strength but on His authority. He rules over heaven and earth, and He promises to be with His people always. The work of the church is clear—teach the truth, share the gospel, and help others follow Christ. This is not just for pastors or leaders, but for every believer. We don't go alone. Jesus Himself is with us. His presence gives us courage, and His Word gives us direction.

Object Lesson:

Use a recipe card. Say: "If you follow the instructions, the result turns out right." Jesus has given us clear instructions in the Bible. We are called to follow them and trust Him with the outcome.