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## Straight Paths

Read: Proverbs 3:5–6

**Do:** Place a string on the floor in a wavy, mazelike pattern. Ask everyone to walk on it. Then place the string in a straight line. Ask everyone to walk on it again. Ask which was easier to do.

**Explain:** The crooked string was difficult to follow because it twisted and turned. The straight string was easier and less frustrating to follow. God makes our path straight and easy to follow when we trust Him. He promises to show us the right things to do and say. He does this as we study the Bible, His Word. Sometimes it's hard to do what God wants us to do, especially when people—even adults—want us to do things we know are wrong. But God always tells us clearly—lays out a straight path for us—when we listen to His Word.

- **PRAISE** God for His wisdom.
- **THANK** God for the forgiveness we have because of Jesus for the times we don't follow His path.
- **THANK** God for His Word, which shows us how to act.
- **ASK** forgiveness for not following God's path.

## What Are We Afraid Of?

Read: Hebrews 13:6

**Do:** Ask everyone to complete the sentence, "I'm really afraid of ..."

**Explain:** We are all afraid or worried about something. Some people are even afraid to talk about their fears! But we don't need to be afraid of anything. God has promised to always help us. Many of us fear death the most. But even death doesn't have to scare us anymore. Jesus was strong enough to defeat sin, the devil, *and* death. If He's that strong, He's more than able to protect us. He will help us defeat all our fears.

- **THANK** God for protecting us and being with us.
- **ASK** God to remind us to call on Him when we are afraid.
- **SHARE** fears privately with God and ask Him for strength.



# An Unusual Easter Basket

**Read:** Matthew 26:17–28:10 or a full account of Jesus' passion

**Do:** Number seven plastic eggs and put the corresponding item and Bible verse listed below inside. Put the eggs in a basket. Open one egg each day of Holy Week.

Egg 1	cross made from sticks	John 19:16–17
Egg 2	piece of purple cloth	Mark 15:17–18
Egg 3	dice	Matthew 27:35
Egg 4	nail	Acts 2:23
Egg 5	piece of sponge	Matthew 27:48
Egg 6	pebble	Matthew 28:2
Egg 7	nothing	Matthew 28:5–6

**Explain:** Each day of Holy Week, read a portion of the Matthew reference or of the full account of Jesus' passion. Open the corresponding egg, read the Bible verse, and discuss the significance of the item. Emphasize that, for Christians, Jesus' death and resurrection are the most important events of His earthly life. Through His death, Jesus earned us forgiveness of sins and defeated the devil. Through His resurrection, Jesus defeated death and gave us the promise of eternal life with Him in heaven.

- **PRAISE** and **THANK** God for sending Jesus to win us forgiveness and eternal life through His death and resurrection.
- **ASK** forgiveness for our sins, which made Jesus' death necessary.

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