

## FAITH IN 5

Easter: Week 1

Ages 3-8

- 1. Happy Easter!! What do we celebrate on this special day?** On Easter, we celebrate Jesus rising from the dead! Because Jesus loves us so much, He died for us on the cross. When Jesus's friends went to check on Him in the tomb, he was gone! "How is that possible?" they thought! It's only possible because He truly is the Messiah, the Son of God!
- 2. Who found Jesus's empty tomb?** Mary Magdalene (a very close friend of Jesus) found Jesus's empty tomb! She quickly ran to get His other close friends- Simon Peter (now known as Saint Peter) and another apostle, who Jesus loved very much. **How do you think his followers felt when they realized He was gone?** Do you think they were surprised, sad, or maybe a little worried (maybe they thought someone took his body!?)
- 3. We are no longer in the season of Lent. We are now in the season of Easter!** **Do you know what we celebrate during this season?** During Easter, we celebrate when Jesus rose from the dead and we remember when he came back to visit His friends to share the good news! Easter isn't just one day, it's an entire season that lasts for seven weeks (50 days) and goes all the way until Pentecost Sunday (another very important Holy day!)
- 4. What color does the priest wear on Easter? Was the altar decorated with flowers?** The priest wears white on Easter! White represents a celebration, and Easter is the biggest celebration! **Do you remember what word was not said during Lent?** Alleluia! **Did you hear lots of Alleluias on Easter Sunday?** Alleluia is the special word that is said during Easter- it is a word used for rejoicing and it means "Praise God!"
- 5. Starting on Good Friday, many families will begin the 9 Day Divine Mercy Novena.** The Novena is a special set of prayers that is said every day at 3 in the afternoon for 9 days. It starts on Good Friday and goes until Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter Sunday.) **Have you ever heard of Divine Mercy Sunday? Do you know the story of the Divine Mercy?** Many years ago,

Jesus visited St. Faustina and asked her to paint a picture of Him. In the image, Jesus appears in a white robe with red, blue, and white rays coming from His heart. At the bottom of the image are the words "Jesus, I trust in you." Jesus continued to visit St Faustina for many years, and she wrote in her Diary all the details about her visits with Jesus. Jesus chose St. Faustina to be His messenger and to share with the world all about His great love for us. On Divine Mercy Sunday, we are thankful for God's mercy and love for us! **Have you ever seen the picture of the Divine Mercy Jesus?**

**Review Question:** Do you remember why we were given palms on Palm Sunday? We were given palm leaves to remember when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey at the beginning of Holy Week. The people of Jerusalem welcomed Jesus into the city, just as we are to welcome Him into our lives as our Lord and Savior!

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