



## At-Home Worship Guide

April 5-11, 2020

Scripture Memory: 'Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

### Overview:

This week is a very important one in the life of the church, for we celebrate the cross and the resurrection of our Lord. These two pivotal events show what the depths of Christ's love for us. Hopefully our hearts will be more stirred to worship Christ this week.

### Step 1: Choose which category best fits you.

#### Teenagers:

- If you could share the absolute basics of the gospel, what would those basics be?
- Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-4. What are the basics of the gospel according to Paul?
- According to the scriptures, why did Christ die? (Read 2 Corinthians 5:21)
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Resurrection is the proof of purchase. If your sins have been purchased and paid for (the cross), if there is no resurrection, how would you know that your sins were actually paid for? The cross serves to show the power of Christ is stronger than the power of sin and death; that the power of sin is forever broken. It is proof.
- As a Christian we often fall into temptation to sin. We sometimes feel that we have lost our righteousness and good standing with God. How could you refute that idea based on your understanding of the cross and the resurrection?
- How does the cross and resurrection help you with day to day living, and not just in terms of eternity?
- Spend some time in prayer thinking about the great work that Jesus Christ did in His death and His resurrection.

## Children and Preschool:

Have some nails and a hammer ready to demonstrate why the gospel is such good news.

- Why is the story of Jesus good news for us?
- Explain to your children that in order for there to be good news, there must also be bad news with it. What is the bad news? Explain Romans 3:23: **“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”**
- Also, read the first part of Romans 6:23: **“For the wages of sin is death”**
- Explain that what we earn at the end of our life for the sins we commit is eternal separation from God and punishment. This is bad news. What’s the good news?
- Read the rest of Romans 6:23: **“...but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”** Also, Romans 5:8: **“But God demonstrates his love for us in this, that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”**
- Use the hammer and the nails to explain what happened. Allow your children to feel the nails and explain that nails went into the hands and feet of Jesus, providing agony for hours to pay for the sins that we have committed. Use this time to emphasize what Jesus Christ did on the cross.
- Explain to them that Jesus rose three days later, which we celebrate every Sunday, but especially this Sunday morning on Easter. The resurrection proves that Jesus conquered death and that He has authority over all things.
- The good news is that we can put our faith and trust in Jesus Christ, asking Him to forgive us of our sins. When we do that, God looks at the death of his Son as a full payment for sin, and we have a new relationship with Christ. This is great news! Read together **2 Corinthians 5:21 and John 1:12**

## Singles and Married Couples with no children:

If you are single, we suggest you meet with a small group of believers from your Sunday school class or other members of our church through the Zoom app. This would be a great way to connect and grow together in your church family.

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## **Step 2: Worship in Song**

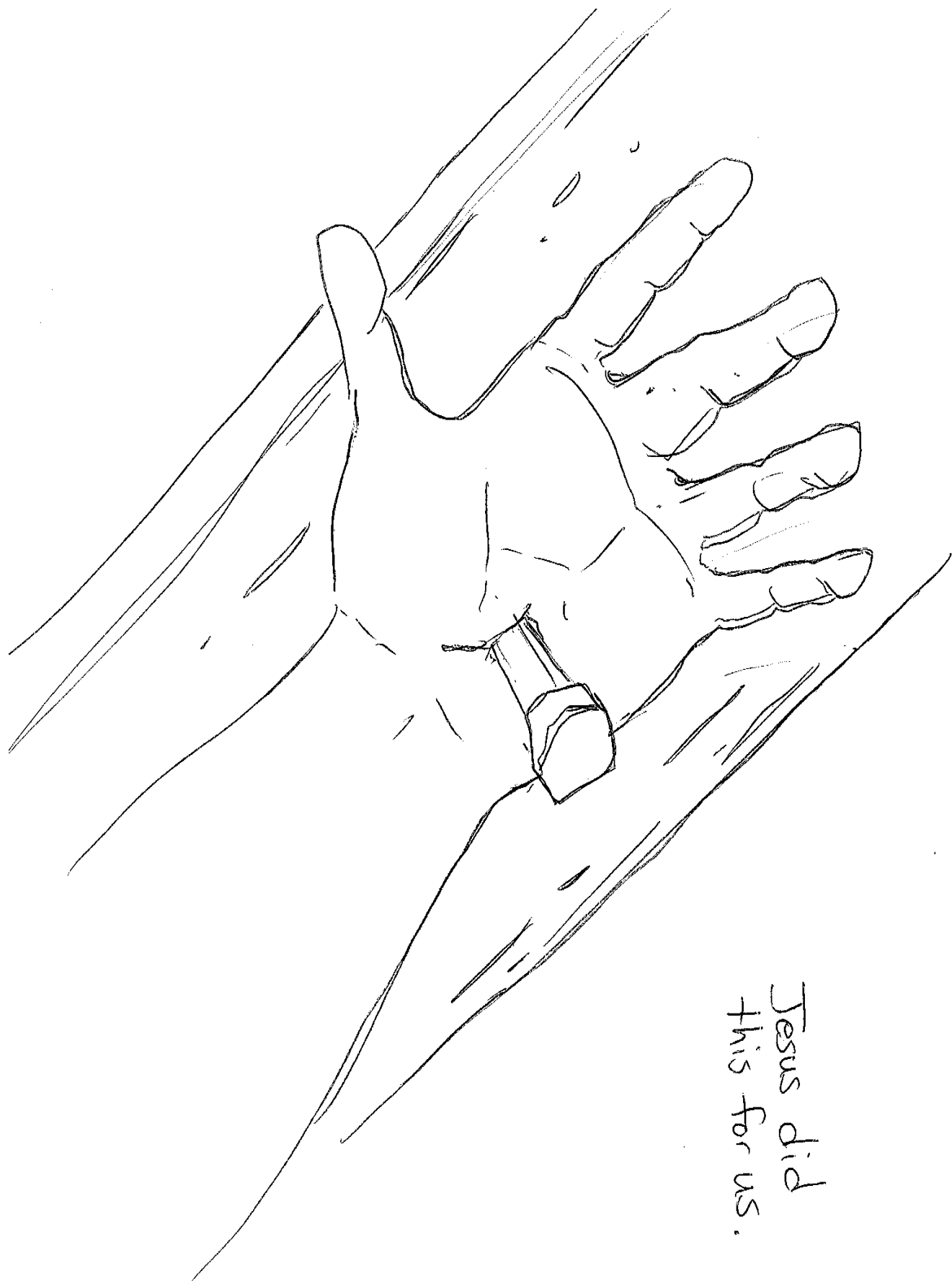
“The Power of the Cross” by Keith and Kristyn Getty. View for free from Youtube at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uS7fc7VTJZs>

or download from Itunes.

## **Step 3: Prayer**

- Pray for the city of Odessa and the need for Christ in the lives of families.
- Thank God for his provision and safety. Ask God for his deliverance regarding this virus in our country.
- Give some affirming word to your child or children regarding something positive you see in their life.



Jesus did  
this for us.