

# -THE CHRONICLES OF- NARNIA

THE LION, THE WITCH, & THE WARDROBE

## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT EASTER DEVOTIONAL

We are so glad that you joined us tonight and hope you enjoyed the movie! Did you know there is a deeper message behind the story of Narnia? We hope this devotional will start conversations within your family that will lead to a relationship with the living God!

**T**he *Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* is an allegory, and in an allegory it is important to understand what the symbols are referring to. For example, Aslan represents Jesus Christ and his death represents Jesus' death on the cross for our sins. Aslan willingly humiliated himself and died for Edmund (who represents us) whose betrayal the White Witch has a right to punish due to the "deep magic" (the Law of God) of Narnia. But Aslan rises again (resurrection), accompanied by an earthquake,

and is discovered by Susan and Lucy (the two Marys in the Bible). His resurrection destroys the power of the deep magic over Edmund (nailing our sins to the cross). Aslan then goes on to breathe life into his warriors (the Holy Spirit coming on all believers) so that they may wage war with him against the White Witch and her armies (spiritual warfare). Aslan ultimately wins, bringing in a recreated world (new heavens and earth).

Here are some questions from the movie  
to think about or discuss with your family:

**Q:** When Tumnus first meets Lucy he plans on handing her over to the White Witch just as she has told him to. After getting to know Lucy, he realizes she is a kind and sweet young girl who means him no harm and so he decides to let Lucy return home instead. When Edmund meets the White Witch, he thinks she is beautiful and nice. Why is it important to take time to get to know someone for yourself instead of listening to what other people say about them?

**A:** The same is true of Jesus (Christ). You have to get to know Him for yourself, not just what others say about Him. What are some ways you can get to know Jesus better?

**Q:** What did Peter do when he realized that he had made a really big mistake by not listening to Lucy? He apologized. Why is saying you're sorry so important?

**A:** It lets the other person know you care and restores a broken relationship. When we apologize to Jesus for the wrongs we have committed and stop doing them, that is called repentance.

**Q:** Mr. and Mrs. Beaver care for the children even though it's a hard choice to make because they put themselves in danger. Can you think of a time when making the right choice may be hard? *For example, hanging out with a new student at recess instead of your group of friends, standing up for someone, etc.*

**A:** The right thing is often not the easiest thing to do, but ultimately brings good to you and others. When has it been difficult for you to do the right thing? Have you always done the right thing?

**Q:** What mistakes did Edmund make?

**A:** He lied, he betrayed his family, he let anger and jealousy control his actions. Name a specific time you made a mistake. Did you know that we all have made mistakes and are all guilty of betraying God's love for us?

**Q:** Can you think of a time when you had to give something up for someone else? *Maybe you had to give up your turn with a toy because your friend wanted a turn, or maybe you gave up your turn to choose the family movie so that your brother or sister could choose?*

**A:** That is called a sacrifice. Sacrifice is hard, but it shows others that we truly love them because we are placing their needs before our own.

**Q:** When Edmund is rescued the children learn that the White Witch fairly demands Edmund's death for his treachery. Aslan and the White Witch meet privately to discuss how this debt will be paid. What agreement did Aslan and The White Witch make?

**A:** That Aslan would die to pay the debt for Edmund.

**Q:** So, what did Aslan do for Edmund after all the things he did wrong?

**A:** Died in his place and gave him forgiveness and freedom from the debt he owed. It was if Edmund had never betrayed his family in the first place.

**Q:** Aslan sacrificed his life in order to save Edmund and the rest of Narnia – can you think of anyone else who gave up their life for everyone in our world?

**A:** Jesus loved us so much he gave His life to pay for our wrong doing and betrayal against God. The Bible says in Romans 5: 6-11 (ESV):

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**Q:** So, what has God done for traitors, sinners, imperfect people?

**A:** He sent His Son (Jesus) to give His life in order to save those who were counted as traitors, including you and me. The price has been paid. Christ died and rose again for traitors and sinners. It was harder than we sometimes think. But, all has been done for our sake and for God's glory.

**Q:** How did Susan and Lucy feel when they realized that Aslan was alive?

**A:** Happy and excited! We can have joy and excitement in knowing that we have a risen, living, all-powerful, and loving God that wants a relationship with us!



## The Good News of the Gospel

**G**od created the heavens and the earth in six days. He made plants, animals, stars, and human beings. All of creation was perfect and “good.” He created man and woman for a purpose: to serve and love Him, to be caretakers of the earth, and to live in relationship with Him. But they betrayed God by trying to be like Him and doing what they were told not to do.

Because they betrayed God, sin and death entered the world. The perfect creation was ruined. Worst of all, man and woman were completely separated from God. Since God is perfect and holy, man and woman could not be in His presence. They had lost righteousness (being blameless and good) before God.

But God had a plan. Throughout the Bible, He has revealed His desire to bring all people back into relationship with Him. He enacted that plan at the perfect time by sending His promised Son, Jesus, to live as a man. Jesus lived a perfect and sinless life. He taught love, compassion, and—most

importantly—how to be in relationship with God the Father.

God’s plan did not end there. Mankind was still enslaved to sin and death. In order to pay the price for mankind’s sin of betrayal against God, Jesus offered Himself as a sacrifice—a blood atonement for sin. Through His perfect life and sacrifice, Jesus broke the hold of sin and death over sinful people. Through His resurrection, Jesus shows us that He is the way to a relationship with God and eternal life.

The Bible tells us that if we confess in Jesus as our Lord (He is completely in charge), repent of our sins (turn away from our betrayal), and recognize that Jesus is who He says He is (God the Son), then we are saved from death and eternal separation from God (Romans 10:9-10, paraphrased).

If you are wanting to learn more about the gift of salvation found in Jesus Christ, visit the website below.

[www.ebccrestview.com/easter-at-emmanuel](http://www.ebccrestview.com/easter-at-emmanuel)

## JOIN US FOR EASTER SERVICES

We are thrilled to invite you to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord this weekend. Join us for any of these services.

**Saturday, April 3, at 6:00 PM**

**Sunday, April 4, at 8:00 (see below), 9:30, and 11:00 AM**

*We ask that anyone attending the 8:00 AM service on Sunday morning to please wear a mask.*

*Masks are available on campus at the Welcome Desk and outside the Worship Center.*

*Preschool and Elementary services are available for the 6:00 PM Saturday service and the 9:30 and 11:00 AM Sunday morning services.*

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