

40 DAYS OF *prayer*

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INTRO

Dear Child Champion,

Thank you so much for being dedicated to bringing children into the 40 Days of Prayer initiative with the Alliance family! This guide will help you introduce children to the weekly theme through a small, weekly kid's devotional, a key verse, and a weekly prayer prompt. Additionally, there will be a brief video recapping each weekly piece as a supplemental resource as well as a suggested prop for group display. This children's guide can be used in a church setting or by a parent or guardian in the home to accompany the adult 40 Days of Prayer content.

This guide contains six devotionals and accompanying videos. If you are utilizing this in addition to a weekly children's church curriculum, you can expect it to take 5 to 7 minutes to complete each time. All key verses are from the NIV.

We hope this resource will help you as you encourage children to pray alongside their collective Alliance family. We believe children play a vital Kingdom role, and we are honored to have them on this journey with us!

Blessings,



Leah Broach
National Director for Alliance Kids



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WEEK 2: THE LIFE, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST



KEY VERSE

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor (Luke 4:18-19).



PRAYER PROMPTS

Thank the Lord that He is the one true God that conquered the grave and rose again so that we could have eternal life with Him.
Ask the Lord to help you show others the truth about Him.



SUGGESTED PROP

An uncooked chicken egg



VIDEO

vimeo.com/643608388/a1253cde56



WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

You probably already know that Jesus Christ is God's Son; but He is not just like any other son—and He, too, is one in God. Let me explain!

Do you know what the Trinity is? The Trinity is the word we use to describe God in three persons. The Bible tells us that God exists as three persons in one. The three persons are God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. That can be very hard to understand, so let's look at something a bit simpler. Let's look at a chicken egg. We know a chicken egg by recognizing all the parts—there is the shell, the egg white, and the egg yolk. All parts of the egg are a bit different, but they all make up the same egg. It wouldn't be a proper egg if it didn't contain all the elements.

The Trinity is somewhat like that but even better! God in three persons is God being the Son (Jesus), while being the Father, and while being the Holy Spirit all at once—God in three persons!

But how can we know that Jesus was really God? Some people think He was just a very nice man. What makes Jesus different than a very nice man?

Jesus never sinned. Not even once. Even though He lived His life on Earth just like you and me, He did it perfectly by not sinning. He had the same kind of body as us, the same sort of feelings as us, and He was tempted to do wrong things just like us! But because He was God, He never gave in to those temptations, and He never sinned.

Jesus actually gave His life and died for our sins so that we could know Him as our Savior. Jesus dying for us was very heroic, but anyone can die for another person. Only Jesus was able to die and rise from the dead. That is how we know He is God's Son. He never sinned, He gave up His life for us, and He rose from the dead.

Let's go back to that egg. If we cracked that egg or busted the shell, it would be impossible for us to make it whole again. A broken egg cannot go back to being unbroken. Jesus allowed His body to be broken for us. He even died. But unlike the egg or anything else in this world, Jesus was able to put Himself back together again wholly and alive! We worship Jesus because of His life, death, and Resurrection, and we praise Him because He is our Savior!