



Dear Ministry Partner,

We pray that you and your family had a wonderful Easter, celebrating the gift of Salvation through our Lord, Jesus Christ! It is always a challenge to make sure our focus remains on the *reason for the season*. This year we did a few things that really got our minds and our hearts prepared for Easter.

Campus Crusade for Christ has a project that they have been doing for over 30 years called *The Jesus Film*. It is a movie that depicts the story of Jesus' life, ministry, crucifixion, and resurrection. They have a kids version of the film that follows a group of children that watch Jesus and follow His ministry. Each evening the kids gather in a barn to discuss what they saw and learned from Jesus. It is a great way for kids to understand the true story of Jesus.

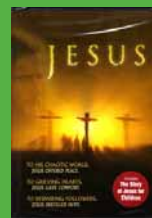


Our family watched the movie together on Good Friday. We loved watching our children experience the story. As Jesus was being beaten and mocked, Allison in a very concerned voice said, "Why are they doing that to Jesus?" Both kids were very sad watching Jesus die on the cross. But then they were all smiles when they saw Jesus in bright shining white clothes. They were so happy when they realized that Jesus is alive! Lucas said in a very excited voice, "Jesus is the best man ever!"

We also used the *Resurrection Eggs* to help our kids learn and remember all the events of the week leading up to Jesus' Resurrection. It is a set of 12 plastic eggs, each egg containing a small trinket to symbolize some part of the story. I was surprised that only after going through the eggs a few times our kids could use the little trinkets as clues and tell the story of Jesus all on their own.



Nathan & Jennifer



Watch the Jesus Film
for free on line at
www.jesusfilm.org

or purchase a copy at
www.campuscrusade.com

Praises and Prayers

- **Praise** for Christ's Resurrection! That we have the gift of eternal life and a personal relationship with our Lord that is freely given to us.
- **Praise** for new connections into local churches. In the last few weeks we have been invited to come to 3 local churches to share about FamilyLife with missions teams and church leadership teams. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will speak through us as we meet with all 3 churches this month.
- **Pray** that we will stay focused on The One who called us into ministry and that we will not get caught up in the busyness of doing ministry.
- **Praise** that Lucas and Allison have had an excellent school year. We were able to avoid illness this winter and they have both learned and grown so much. Pray for their continued health and strength.
- **Pray** that we will have at least 20 couples sign up with our group to attend the Weekend to Remember in St. Louis, November 4-6. Pray and see if God is leading you to attend or pray about who God might be leading you to invite.
- **Pray** that families will continue to be transformed by God through the ministry of FamilyLife.

Choosing to Love

We were having *one of those days*. Mom's know what I am talking about. It was just before dinner, Nathan was not home yet and the rest of us were hungry, tired and crabby. Lucas was upset with me because I had told him "No" again. So he closed himself in the laundry room, wrote a note to me and then slid it under the door into the kitchen where I was.

A handwritten note on a white piece of paper with a red border. The text is written in purple ink and reads: "I Am never talking to you." The words are arranged in a somewhat circular pattern.

Translation: "I am never talking to you."

Reading the note, I thought back to a FamilyLife radio show about *Parenting with Grace*. Sometimes our kids just need to know we love them, even in the middle of a disagreement. So I wrote a note and slid it back under the laundry room door for him.

A handwritten note on a white piece of paper with a purple border. The text is written in purple ink and reads: "I Love You, Lucas." followed by a heart symbol and the word "Mom".

This message of love made a difference. He wrote another note and sent it to me.

A handwritten note on a white piece of paper with a red border. The text is written in purple ink and reads: "I Am Sorry For saying I Am never talking to you." The words are arranged in a somewhat circular pattern.

Translation: "I am sorry for saying I am never talking to you. I love you!"

Awww... it melted my heart. We had a lovely rest of the evening.

1 Peter 4:8 says, "Above all things have fervent love for one another, for *love will cover a multitude of sins.*"

Mark Your Calendar Now
Weekend to Remember

St. Louis, MO

November 4-6, 2011

Good news if you are the wife of a deer hunter,
The Weekend to Remember is being held the
weekend BEFORE Deer Season this year!



Visit our personal website to receive 50% off of the registration.

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www.njwalker.com