

Godly Play Lesson – Sunday, April 12, 2020

If you have been accessing the Godly Play videos at godlyplayfoundation.com the You-Tube section, you have seen some excellent storytelling skills! I reviewed several of the teachers' presentations and in my opinion the most engaging teacher (she has silver hair and a purple top) and professional camera work was on 2/8/16, the "Faces of Easter." We have the same set of pictures in our Godly Play classroom.

My hope is that you view that presentation as the basis of the lesson this week. You will notice the first part of the story starts with the Holy Family and continues with Jesus' life on earth, and concludes with the celebration of His life at Easter.

How can we present this story to our children? I would suggest presenting His life using the video first. Then ask the wondering questions. Conclude with finding great paintings of Jesus' life.

The children are already familiar with the Nativity and the Holy Family. Find examples on the internet or perhaps display your own. The Sermon on the Mount by Carl Bloch and Christ Blessing the Children by Benjamin Haydon are examples of Jesus as the Teacher. The Last Supper by Leonardo DaVinci and Christ Carrying the Cross by El Greco depict the last days of Christ's earthly life and His ultimate gift to us today. These are suggestions but you may prefer other paintings or pictures.

On a personal note, when I was born, my grandmother gave me an ABC Bible story book that had beautiful paintings to illustrate each story. I remember being fascinated by the paintings. As a mother and former teacher, I just want to share with you a view of learning that was important to me and still is!