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LET'S HAVE A BETHANY FAMILY VIRTUAL EGG HUNT!

Follow the directions below, get creative, and post your pictures to Bethany's Facebook page and e-mail them to Pastor Tim so they can be shared!

This Easter activity does not require social interaction, other than you and/or your family members, and can utilize the outdoors, technology, and some creative storytelling to help us engage with the Easter story together! Get creative, if you can't take a picture, find or draw one!

We all have, or know someone who has, their smart phone in hand; why not put them to good use to remind ourselves about the story of Easter?

- *Remember, this is for everyone! Include photos of yourself, your family, your pets, get creative!*
- *Don't have a cell phone camera? Can't upload photos? That's okay, just post a description of what you're up to!*

1. **Find each "clue"**
2. **Take a selfie together with the object you found**
3. **Post the pictures to Bethany's Facebook page and/or e-mail them to Pastor Tim at pastortim@bethanyleighton.com**
4. **Enjoy your fun, faith-filled memories and new Easter pictures!**

Easter Photo Scavenger Hunt Clue #1 – The Birth of Jesus – Luke 2:6-12

*This story begins in a different way
The Baby Jesus was sleeping on hay
He was the Messiah, God's Only Son
But His journey began as a quiet, humble one...*

Find something like a barn or manger and take a selfie beside it. Think about what it meant that Jesus wasn't born rich or mighty, but as a humble baby, just like us. Talk about why that is important to us as we follow Him.

Easter Photo Scavenger Hunt Clue #2 – The Baptism of Jesus – Matthew 3:13-17

*As He grew, He gained respect from God and man
His calling to save us, they began to understand
He declared He came to set the captives free
And was baptized by John to begin that journey.*

John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. **See if you can find a stream, a pool, a river, anything with water for your selfie.** Take some time to think about what happened when Jesus was baptized, how God spoke from heaven and what John said about Him.

Easter Photo Scavenger Hunt Clue #3 – Jesus' Ministry – Matthew 4:18-20

*Jesus began to teach all the people
They'd come to hear Him, no building or steeple
He'd talk on the mountains and down by the sea
And to those who would listen, He'd say "Come, follow me!"*

Jesus went to every place where the people were to tell them about God's Love. If Jesus were here today, where do you think He would teach? **Take a picture of the place you thought of and write down a little explanation of why you picked that place! If you can't get there, draw a picture!**

Easter Photo Scavenger Hunt Clue #4 – The Miracles of Jesus

*Many people came to Jesus in need
Some sick and some lame, some broken indeed
Jesus would heal, touch or feed
News of Him spread around Israel with speed*

There are many stories of Jesus' miracles in the Bible. Pick your favorite story and read it together. **There are several ways to take your selfie** – you can point to the Scripture reference and take a pic; you can re-enact the story and take a pic; or you can take a video of your family reading or telling the story!

Clue #5 – The Last Supper – Matthew 26:20-30

*Some of the people did not like God's Son
And started a plan to get rid of The One
So, Jesus gathered His friends for a Passover meal
And shared what would happen; this is getting real!*

During the Last Supper, Jesus explained that He would die and rise again, but the disciples didn't understand His words. It was here that Jesus first described communion – the bread representing His body and the juice representing His blood. After this, He left and went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray before the soldiers came to arrest Him. **Go find a plant or flower, a garden, a patch of flowers or a blooming tree. Take your picture** and consider how just a few weeks ago how the ground was cold and dead, but today there is hope and new life. Jesus came that we might have new life and have it for all eternity!

Easter Photo Scavenger Hunt Clue #6 – The Crucifixion – Matthew 27:32-56 **

*Betrayed by a friend, Jesus was arrested
He was tried by a court and His death was requested
On that saddest of days, our Savior did die
But in that dark moment, our salvation did lie!*

**** PARENTS, THIS CAN BE A DIFFICULT SUBJECT TO APPROACH WITH YOUNG CHILDREN. YOU KNOW YOUR KIDS BEST AND WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO SHARE THIS PART OF THE STORY. WHILE I HAVE INCLUDED THE SCRIPTURE REFERENCE, USE YOUR DISCERNMENT AND DISCRETION WHEN YOU SHARE.**

When Jesus died on the cross, His disciples and His friends lost all hope. But God had a bigger plan! A beautiful plan that was way bigger than they could see in that moment. We remember the cross as a place of suffering but also as a place of hope for all eternity. **Find a “cross,” take your picture and talk about how we can have hope in Jesus.**

Easter Photo Scavenger Hunt Clue #7 – Resurrection – Luke 24:1-12

*Some may think that our story is done.
But they would be wrong! It has only begun!
For after 3 days, Jesus rose from the dead
To give us New Life forever...just as He said!*

Our greatest hope comes in knowing that we will get to spend all of eternity with Jesus in Heaven! Jesus wants us to have a life filled with joy and peace now; that is what Easter is all about! Pray and thank Jesus for the hope Easter brings to your home.

Take a picture of your family celebrating, with GREAT JOY, that Jesus is ALIVE!