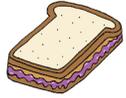



April




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**Roots & Wings**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1 April Fool's Day</b> Today's a day of fun practical jokes. Hey, your shoelace is untied! Make sure your jokes don't hurt others feelings and are harmless. Have fun! 	<b>2 PB&amp;J Day</b> Everyone's favorite sandwich is celebrated today! What's your favorite jelly or jam to use? Help make lunch today. 	<b>3 Find a Rainbow Day</b> Rainbows are a gift from God, a promise in the sky. With the help of an adult, look on the internet for pictures of rainbows. Isn't God an amazing artist? 	<b>4 Burrito Day</b> Ole! With the help of an adult, plan a Mexican menu for dinner tonight. Burritos with beans and cheese? Yes, please! 	<b>5 Take a Walk Day</b> It's a good day to explore your neighborhood. Where do you see God at work? Thank you God for clean air and the beauty of your creation. 	<b>6 Family Fun Day</b> International Pillow Fight Day 
<b>7 Read John 12:1-8</b> 	<b>8 Draw a Bird Day</b> Take a peek outside of your window. The birds are happy that it's Spring-time. Draw a picture of your favorite bird and give thanks to God for all of creation. 	<b>9 Librarian Appreciation Day</b> It's a great day for a trip to the library! Make a special card to thank your favorite librarian for all of the work they do. 	<b>10 Sibling Appreciation Day</b> Some days, we argue with our siblings, but God has given them to us as a gift so that we always have someone on our side. Today, tell or show your sibling (or a friend who is like a sibling) how much you love them. 	<b>11 Sunday's lesson was about "extravagance".</b> Think about the ways you serve God and your neighbors. Are you and your family giving your very best? Talk about the ways you show your "extravagance" in service to Christ. 	<b>12 D.E.A.R. Day STOP WHAT YOU'RE DOING! DROP EVERYTHING AND READ today!</b> Enjoy the gift of a good book. 	<b>13 Family Fun Day</b> National Scrabble Day Today is a great day for family board game 
<b>14 Palm Sunday</b> Read Luke 19:28-40 	<b>15 World Art Day</b> Today's a good day to go to your local art museum or take a virtual trip on the internet with the help of an adult. What kind of art do you like? 	<b>16</b> This week we begin our journey with Jesus through his final days with his disciples. During family devotion, talk about how it feels to say goodbye to a close friend, as the disciples would have to say goodbye to Jesus. 	<b>17 National Cheeseball Day</b> With the help of an adult, use the link below to make an easy cheeseball. Serve up as a delicious snack for your family. <a href="http://www.iheartnaptime.net/4-ingredient-cheese-ball">www.iheartnaptime.net/4-ingredient-cheese-ball</a> . 	<b>18 Maundy Thursday</b> John 13:1-17, 31b-35 Today's theme is "love one another". Think of one way to show a friend or family member how much you love them. 	<b>19 Good Friday</b> John 18:1-19:42 During family devotions tonight, talk about why today is called "Good Friday", the day on which we observe Christ's death on the cross. 	<b>20 Holy Saturday</b> Family Fun Day 
<b>21 Easter</b> Read Luke 24:1-12 	<b>22 Jelly Bean Day</b> Ask a parent to buy some jelly beans, put them in a small jar and challenge the rest of the family to guess how many beans are in the jar! The winner gets to share the jelly beans with the rest of the family. 	<b>23 English Muffin Day</b> English muffins for breakfast, lunch and dinner? Try them with butter and cinnamon, make tiny pizzas with sauce and pepperoni, or top with ham and melted cheese! 	<b>24 Admin Appreciation Day</b> Do you have a church administrator? Today, show your love by bringing flowers or making a special card to say thank you for all the work that they do for us. 	<b>25 World Penguin Day</b> With the help of an adult, look up some fun facts about penguins on the internet. Did you know that the Penguin dads stay with the baby eggs while mom goes away for a month?! 	<b>26</b> On Sunday, we celebrated God's love for us as shown in Christ Jesus. As a family, talk about the special significance that Easter has for each you. 	<b>27 Family Fun Day Babe</b> Ruth Day How about a trip to the ballpark or a backyard baseball game? 
<b>28 Read John 20:19-31</b> 	<b>29 World Wish Day</b> I bet you have dandelions in your neighborhood. We call them wish flowers. Pick a dandelion and make a special wish when you blow off the petals. What did you wish for? 	<b>30</b> When the risen Lord appeared to His disciples, He said to them, "Peace be with you." We do the same thing on Sundays in church. Talk about this with your family at dinner. 	<b>April Memory Verse:</b> Psalm 150:6 – Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! <b>April Table Prayer:</b> God of rain and God of Spring, Thank you for the gifts you bring To our table that we may be Fed by your hands so graciously. Amen.			