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We used 6 of the Arch Book series for Easter contemplation with preschool and early elementary children.

It was valuable to me to have separate books for each part of the Holy week celebration. It's easier to break things up for a little one via individual covers. "The Week that Lead to Easter" provides an overview. "Jesus Enters Jerusalem" focus' on Palm Sunday. "The Very First Lord's Supper" presents Maundy Thursday events. "Good Friday" covers the crucifixion. "He's Risen! He's Alive!" chronicles Resurrection Sunday. "A Surprise in Disguise" is a great book for the post-holiday let down, as Jesus' followers try to make sense of all that had happened.

These books are helpful in outlining the events of the last week of Jesus' life for youngsters. Each book opens with a list of Biblical references on the title page. As children age, these passages can be found and read, allowing the book to reinforce the Biblical account. The rhyming format is generally well done and occasionally sacrifices rhythm for clarity of expression - which I would prefer than the reverse. The illustrations are colorful, but not particularly amazing or inspiring, and the layout is uncrowded with pictures covering more than 50% of the page, sufficient to hold my child's interest.

So why only 2 stars? Well, the books in themselves are not memorable. Part of that is the sing songy format, part of it is the bland illustrations, part of it is these books are one tool of many to reinforce the Bible story and part of it is the age at which children are engaged by the books. Now that my children are older, we seldom return, and I'm thinking of passing them on via Salvation Army. While they were valuable on an annual basis for the short term, now that we are in the long term game, they are easy to part with, and one suspects there are many other resources that would be just as effective. They worked for us but didn't WOW! us.

Books that DID WOW us that we will never be able to part with include:

The Jesus Storybook Bible, Lloyd-Jones, 2007

<https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

Read-Aloud Bible Stories, Lindvall, 1982

<https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>
