

A FAMILY DEVOTIONAL FOR HOLY WEEK



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3

We hope you take the time as a family to focus your hearts on the week before us and celebrate the great news of Jesus overcoming the grave!



PALM SUNDAY

FAMILY READING & DISCUSSION

• Triumphal Entry

Read Luke 19:28-44, Mark 11: 1-11, Zechariah 9:9

QUESTIONS:

Where was He riding into?

What were the crowds lying on the ground as He rode by?

Why do you think He chose a donkey and not something fancier?

PRAYER:

Jesus, Hosanna! Thank you so much for giving us a way to be with you forever. We praise you, oh Lord, for your faithfulness and love.

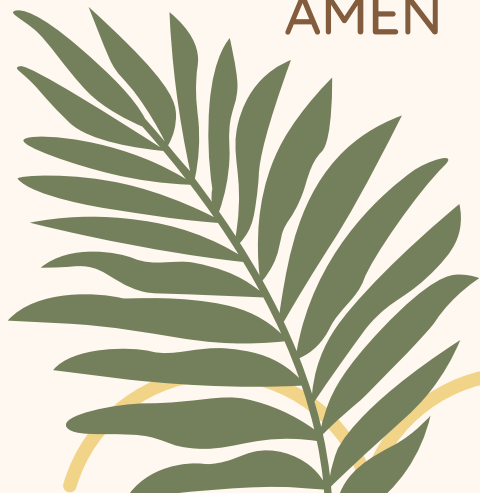
AMEN

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Take a mile walk with each other!
- Color a palm leaf and place it in your house!

DID YOU KNOW?

JESUS WAS ENTERING AS THE HUMBLE KING OF PEACE. TRADITIONALLY, ENTERING THE CITY ON A DONKEY SYMBOLIZES ARRIVING IN PEACE, RATHER THAN AS A WAR-WAGING KING ARRIVING ON A HORSE.



MONDAY

FAMILY READING & DISCUSSION

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

Read Luke 19:45-48 & Mark 11: 15-19

QUESTIONS:

What was happening at the temple?

Why was Jesus upset?

What was the temple supposed to be used for?

What are things in your life that need cleansed ?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

Pick a room of the house to clean, organize and rearrange!

PRAYER:

Father, we pray for you to take away anything in our lives that doesn't glorify you, Lord. We pray to have our hearts pointed only to You.

Amen

DID YOU KNOW?

THE STEPS TO THE TEMPLE WEREN'T ALL THE SAME SIZE! THEY WERE DIFFERENT TO MAKE SURE THE PERSON ENTERING WAS FOCUSING ON THE JOURNEY INTO THE TEMPLE RATHER THAN THINKING ABOUT DISTRACTIONS!



TUESDAY

FAMILY READING & DISCUSSION

Jesus Teaches at the Temple

Read Luke 20:1-19 Luke 21:37-38

QUESTIONS:

Did the Religious leaders like that Jesus was teaching in the Temple?

What was Jesus teaching about?

How do we get taught by Jesus now?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

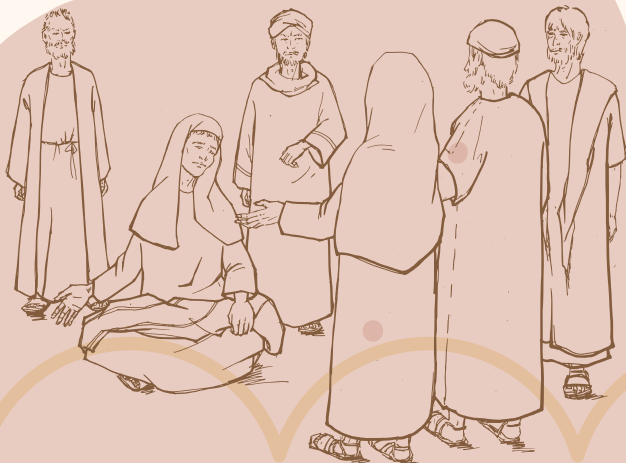
Take a turn teaching each other your favorite bible verse!

(some we have worked on in Roots:
Joshua 1:9, Psalm 34: 17-18)

PRAYER:

Lord, thank you for your word being recorded so we can be taught as well.

We pray your word will guide us and teach us to be more like You! Amen



DID YOU KNOW?

HIS TEACHINGS DREW LARGE CROWDS SO HE WOULD ESCAPE TO THE MOUNT OF OLIVES AT NIGHT FOR SOME QUIET TIME.

WEDNESDAY

FAMILY READING & DISCUSSION

Anointed for Burial

Read Mark 14: 3-11, John 12: 1-8

QUESTIONS:

What did Mary pour over Jesus?

What was Mary showing Jesus by doing this?

Why do you think the disciples were upset over her doing this?

PRAYER:

Lord, I pray we can serve you as Mary did. Not questioning when we need to give things up that seem valuable to us but don't bring your glory.
Amen

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Bake a cake or make a card for your neighbors!
- Fill a jar with water, take turns pouring small amounts out while praying for someone in your family!

DID YOU KNOW?

THE PERFUME MARY PUT ON JESUS WAS WORTH A YEAR'S SALARY. THAT WOULD BE LIKE US POURING A \$50,000 BOTTLE OF PERFUME !



MAUNDY THURSDAY

FAMILY READING & DISCUSSION

The Last Supper and Feet Washing
Read Matthew 26: 17-30 & John 13: 1-17

QUESTIONS:

What disciple was going to betray Jesus?
What did Jesus say the bread and wine were?
Why do you think Jesus washed the feet of his disciples?



PRAYER:

Lord, we come to you today in remembrance of the Last Supper and your body broken for us.

I pray we always remember you loved us so much you sent your one and only son to be a sacrifice for us.

Amen

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

Partake in communion together and take turns washing each others feet

DID YOU KNOW?

MAUNDY COMES FROM THE LATIN WORD "MANDATUM" WHICH MEAN COMMANDMENT- JESUS GAVE THE COMMANDMENT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS HE HAS LOVED US (JOHN 15:12) DURING THE LAST SUPPER.



GOOD FRIDAY

FAMILY READING & DISCUSSION

The Death of Jesus

Read Matthew 27: 11-56 & John 19: 1-37

QUESTIONS:

Why did this happen to Jesus?

What happened immediately after Jesus took his last breath?

Why do you think Jesus didn't just get down off the cross?

PRAYER:

Lord, our hearts are sad today, thinking about what Jesus had to go through. We turn our hearts to thanksgiving for Jesus staying on the cross. We thank you for giving us a way to spend eternity with You! Amen

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

Spend time outside gathering stones and wood to create a cross

DID YOU KNOW?

NOT ONE OF JESUS BONES WERE BROKEN! MOST OF THE TIME THEY BROKE LEGS TO ENSURE DEATH. BUT THEY DID NOT BREAK ONE BONE ON JESUS BODY!



HOLY SATURDAY

FAMILY READING & DISCUSSION

Jesus Burial

Read Luke 23: 50-56, Matthew 27: 57-66

QUESTIONS:

Who asked Pilate to take Jesus' body off the cross?

What did they do with Jesus' body?

What do you think the disciples were thinking on Saturday?

PRAYER:

Lord, Thank you for the quiet time. The time we are just sitting with you in the quiet moments. We ask today that you give us the moments to reflect what Your Son did for us. Let us embrace the quiet of Saturday with knowing Sunday is coming!

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

Light a candle and sit in silence for 10 minutes thinking about Jesus in the Tomb

DID YOU KNOW?

PILATE PLACED GUARDS ON THE TOMB IN FEAR THE DISCIPLES WOULD STEAL JESUS BODY AND SAY HE ROSE AGAIN-- LITTLE DID THEY KNOW GUARDS COULDN'T STOP HIM AND HE DIDN'T NEED THE DISCIPLES HELP TO RISE AGAIN!



RESURRECTION SUNDAY

FAMILY READING & DISCUSSION

JESUS OVERCOMES THE GRAVE!!!

Read John 20: 1-18 & Matthew 28: 1-10

QUESTIONS:

Who went to the tomb in the morning?

Who appeared to them and what did they say?

What does Jesus rising from the dead mean for us?

PRAYER:

Hallelujah Lord! Today we sing our praises to You! Jesus is alive and we have been given a way to be with you forever! Almighty Father you are AMAZING! Today we lift our hands to you in praise!

Amen

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

Sing out and Rejoice! Sing a song together!

Our choice: Lord I lift your name on high!

DID YOU KNOW?

JESUS PAID THE PENALTY FOR THE SIN OF THE WORLD AND WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD SO WE CAN NOW BE FORGIVEN OF EVERY SIN!!! PRAISE THE LORD FOR THIS!!



ASCENSION DAY

FAMILY READING & DISCUSSION

The Great Commission

Read Luke 24: 36-53, Mark 16: 14-20 and
Matthew 28: 16-20

QUESTIONS:

Where were the disciples to meet Jesus?

How does He show them it is Him?

What does Jesus tell His disciples to do?

PRAYER:

Lord, let us continue the great commission. Allow our words to be pleasing to You and spread the good news to our friends and family.

Amen

DID YOU KNOW?

THE DISCIPLES WENT ON TO TELL THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS! THEY DISPERSED ACROSS THE NATIONS AND GIVE US INSPIRATION TO DO THE SAME!

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

Make a card telling of the good news of Jesus and give to a friend!

