

HOLY WEEK

Family Stories & Activities





Day 1 – Palm Sunday

Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowd went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest!”

Matthew 21:8-9





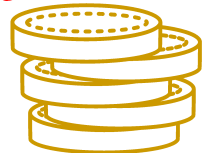
1. Fold green paper in half.
2. Cut out a long oval on folded side.
3. Cut deep slits to look like palm fronds.
4. Unfold and your ready to welcome Jesus.

Day 2 – Cleansing the Temple

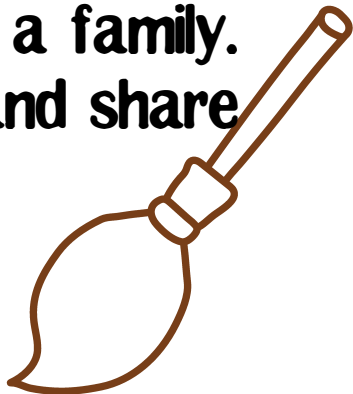
Jesus went to the temple to worship God.

Then Jesus went into the temple and threw out all those who were selling and buying there. He pushed over the tables used for currency exchange and the chairs of those who sold doves. He said to them, “It’s written, My house will be called a house of prayer. But you’ve made it a hideout for crooks.”

Matthew 21:12-13



Today, even though we have a junk drawer that could be cleaned out. Grab those pictures, videos and scrapbooks and enjoy them as a family. Clean, reorganize and share those memories.



Day3– GREAT COMMANDMENT

Jesus Teaching at the Temple

One of the Pharisees, a legal expert, tested him. “Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

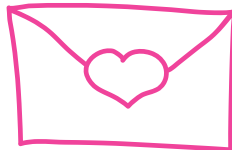
He replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: You must love your neighbor as you love yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.”

Matthew 22: 34-40



Thank you Cards

As a family make cards for those who are working hard during this time...emergency workers, grocery store workers, trashmen, fast food and restaurants workers, delivery men, etc. Let them know we appreciate all they are doing for us during this time.



Day 4— a SWEET SACRIFICE

Jesus was visiting a friend when a woman knelt before him and poured expensive perfume on Jesus.

Now when the disciples saw it they were angry and said, “Why this waste? This perfume could have been sold for a lot of money and given to the poor.”

But Jesus knew what they were thinking. He said, “Why do you make trouble for the woman? She’s done a good thing for me. You always have the poor with you, but you won’t always have me. By pouring this perfume over my body she’s prepared me to be buried. I tell you the truth that wherever in the whole world this good news is announced, what she’s done will also be told in memory of her.”

Matthew 26: 8-13



Either draw or print out each person's footprint on paper, on your driveway, in sand etc. And think of the many ways you can show Jesus how much you love him.



Day 5— maundy THURSDAY

The Last Supper



As Jesus & the Disciples gathered....

Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, **“Take and eat. This is my body.”** He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, **“Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many so that their sins may be forgiven.”**

Matthew 26:26-26

PREPARE DINNER TOGETHER

**Thinks of ways you can pre
pare a simple meal together.
Everyone gets to help. Thank
Jesus for all he does for us.
Then serve each other and
clean up together.**



Day 6 – GOOD FRIDAY

Jesus was crucified.

Jesus was arrested and brought before the Roman Governor Pilate. The people demanded Jesus be crucified, nailed to a cross and left to die. When Jesus died the sky went dark, the earth shook and the rocks split.

When the guards who were watching Jesus saw this they were filled with awe and said “this was certainly God’s Son.”

Matthew 26:47-27:56



make a Family CROSS



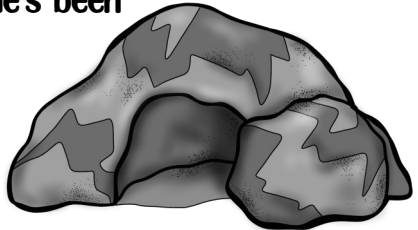
Make a cross as a family. Make it out of any material you like, paper, cardboard, Legos, etc. and decorate. Take a picture of the cross and the family.

Day 7-THE TOMB

They took Jesus wrapped in a linen cloth and laid him in a tomb.

The next day, which was the day after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate. They said, “Sir, we remember that while that deceiver was still alive he said, ‘After three days I will arise.’ Therefore, order the grave to be sealed until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people, ‘He’s been raised from the dead.’

Matthew 27:62-64



PREPARATION DAY



Prepare for Easter

1. Dye Easter Eggs as a family.
2. Early preparation for Easter dinner.
3. Pray and prepare your heart for Jesus resurrection.

Day 8 – He's Risen

Easter

Matthew 28: 1-10

Join us for service



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