

In efforts to prepare our hearts and celebrate Easter Sunday, we have created a Holy Week devotional and activity to equip parents for family discipleship moments at home. These family devotionals are written in a way for you to adjust them as you see fit for your family, be it asking more questions on a day when your children are really tuned in or cutting it short on the days it's just not working.

PALM SUNDAY

For Younger Children: Read or summarize Mark 11:1-11

For Older Children: Read Mark 11:1-11

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What town did Jesus and his disciples enter? Jerusalem

What did the people say and do to welcome Jesus? They cried "Hosanna!" and laid palm branches and coats on the ground.

The name "Hosanna" means "save us now," or "save us, we pray." What did the people want Jesus to save them from?

What do you think it would've been like to be in the crowd and welcome Jesus into the city of Jerusalem?

MAUNDY THURSDAY

For Younger Children: Read "The Servant King" in the Jesus

Storybook Bible (Pg. 286)

For Older Children: Read John 13:1-20

Jesus and the disciples wore sandals and walked on dirt roads. Do you think their feet were clean? No, they were very dirty.

Was it the job of somebody important to wash the feet of the people? No, it was a job for the lowliest servant.

Who washed the feet of the disciples? Jesus

Was he the lowliest servant? No, He is God!

When Jesus washed the feet of the disciples, he was serving them and showing that he loved them and saw them as more important than he saw himself. He put the needs of his friends and followers above the needs of himself. What are some ways that you can put the needs of others above the needs of yourself?

Is there a way that you can serve your family or neighbor this week?

GOOD FRIDAY

For Younger Children: Read "The Sun Stops Shining" in the

Jesus Storybook Bible (Pg. 302)

For Older children: Read Luke 23:44-56

What was the sky like when Jesus was crucified? It was dark.

Do the people in the crowd seem excited or saddened by the death of Jesus? Saddened

When Jesus had died, where did Joseph put his body? in a tomb

How did they keep people from getting in/out of the tomb? rolled a stone in front of the door

EASTER SUNDAY

For Younger children: Read "God's Wonderful Surprise" in the

Jesus Storybook Bible (pg. 310)

For Older Children: Read Matthew 28:1-10

How many days had Jesus been in the tomb? Three!

Who went to the tomb to see Jesus and wash his body? Mary Magdalene and other women

Who appeared to them at the tomb? An angel of the Lord

What did the angel say to the women? Do not be afraid, for He has risen!

Did Jesus hide from the women? No, he met them

Did the women keep it a secret that Jesus had raised from the dead? No! They went and told others.

If you had watched a man you love die on the cross for your sins and then three days later you saw him alive, how would you feel? How would you react?