

HOLY WEEK RESURRECTION STORY



INSTRUCTIONS:

Hello! And welcome to Holy Week!

Use this booklet to read about the story of Jesus' journey to the cross. Each day you will read a scripture, consider the questions, and pray together as a family. Cut the objects from the sheet and place it on the poster to celebrate each day of Holy Week.



DIG DEEPER:

Look for the Dig Deeper Icon to see how to gain a better understanding of the day's passage.

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

MATTHEW 21:1-9

Jesus told two disciples "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her and bring them to me." The disciples did as Jesus commanded. They brought the donkey and the colt to Him and placed their garments on them for Jesus to sit on. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of Him, and the others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds shouted, "Praise to the Son of David!" "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord".



ASK

Why were the crowds excited and praising Jesus? (They thought He was coming to save them from their earthly problems, but really, He was coming to save us all from our sins).

PRAY

God, thank you so much for saving us from our sins, so that, we can have a relationship with You forever. Help us to remember that when our problems on earth seem really big and scary, we can always remember that You came not only for our earthly problems, but so that we can have eternal life with You.

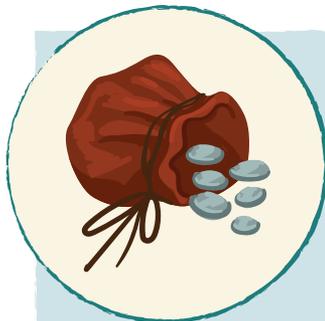


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Look up Zechariah 9:9 to see that Jesus riding on a donkey was foretold hundreds of years before He did so.

THE BETRAYAL BY JUDAS

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MATTHEW 26:14

Then one of the Twelve—the man called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests and said, “What are you willing to give me if I hand Him over to you?” So they weighed out 30 pieces of silver for him. And from that time on he started looking for a good opportunity to betray Him (Jesus).

ASK

Have you ever been hurt by a friend? Imagine that one of your best friends sold you for a bag of money to the people who wanted to kill you. Jesus knew that this would happen. He knew that His purpose was to die on the cross, so that, all of God’s children would be able to have a personal relationship with Him. Even though Jesus knew that Judas would betray Him, His heart was still hurt. Jesus was fully God and fully man, which means, He had the same emotions as you and me.

PRAY

God, please help me to forgive those who have hurt my feelings or betrayed me. Thank You so much that You wanted a redeemed relationship with me and sent Your son, Jesus, to die for my sins.



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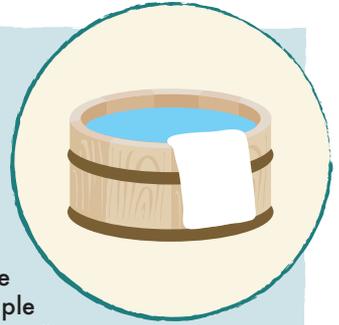
Keep reading in Matthew to see that Jesus knew about Judas’ betrayal. Matthew 26:21-25.

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JESUS WASHES THE DISCIPLES' FEET

JOHN 13:12

When Jesus had washed their feet and put on His robe, He reclined again and said to them, "Do you know what I have done for you? You call Me Teacher and Lord. This is well said, for I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For you, I have given an example that you also should do just as I have done for you."



ASK

What do you think Jesus is teaching His disciples with this lesson? We are asked to serve one another in love. How can you serve your loved ones this week? What about those around you that you don't know that well?

PRAY

Lord, help me to notice those around me that need help or service. Thank you for caring for me so well and help me to learn from you.



DIG DEEPER:

Read 1 Peter 4:7-11. Look to see how we are supposed to use the gifts that God gives each of us to bless others.

THE LAST SUPPER

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MATTHEW 26:17-30

As Jesus and the disciples were eating, Jesus took bread and gave thanks and said, "Take and eat; this is My body." Then He took a cup and gave thanks and said, "Drink from it, this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for the forgiveness of sins."

ASK

Have you ever heard of Communion? Parents, this is a great time to talk to your children about the Lord's Supper. We eat together at church, just like Jesus did with His disciples the night before He died. We remember what Jesus did for us on the cross. We repent by recognizing we have sinned and messed up going our own way instead of God's way. We rejoice because Jesus has saved us. He has taken us from death to life. We take the bread which represents Jesus' body broken for us. We drink the juice which represents Jesus' blood poured out for us to cover our sins.

PRAY

God, thank You so much for giving us a way to remember Your sacrifice on the cross for us. Whenever we partake of the Lord's Supper together, help us to remember and thank You for Your infinite love.



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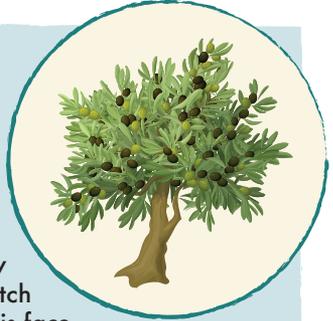
What meal were the disciples gathered for together? Look back to Exodus 12 to remember the Passover Meal.

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THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

MATTHEW 26:36-39

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to His disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." And taking with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, He began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then He said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here and watch with Me." And going a little farther, He fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."



ASK

Let's read through this again. Close your eyes and imagine that you are in a beautiful garden. You hear the fresh water running through it, you smell the grass, hear the wind rustling through the olive trees. What do you see? What can you hear? What feelings do you have within your heart? In the garden, do you think Jesus felt lonely? Afraid? Why? What does this passage say?

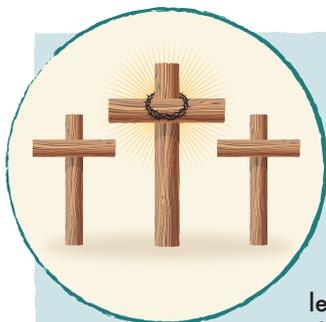
PRAY

God, help us to remember even in sad times You are with us. Lead us to any of our friends that may be sad or going through a difficult time. Help us to love them well and be a good friend to them. Help us to remember that Your Son, Jesus, was fully human and had feelings just like us. Thank you so much for the gift of eternal life through Him.



DIG DEEPER:

Jesus didn't go to the Garden of Gethsemane to walk around and enjoy the olive trees. He went to pray and to spend time with God. Read Luke 22:39. "As Jesus was praying, He pleaded, 'Father, if You are willing, take this cup away from Me – nevertheless, not My will but Yours be done.' Then an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him." Keep reading for a deeper understanding of Jesus' anguish (heartache).



MATTHEW 27:27-40

With that signal the soldiers arrested Jesus. Jesus was then stripped of His clothes and a scarlet robe was placed on Him and then a crown of thorns was twisted and set on His head. Then Jesus was nailed to the cross with two other men, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by wagged their head in mockery. "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

LUKE 23:44-47

It was about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three o'clock in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain in the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, I give You My life." After He said this, He died.

ASK

Why were a scarlet robe and crown of thorns placed on Jesus? What does the word mock mean? The definition of mock is to tease or laugh at in a scornful or contemptuous manner. In other words, the soldiers were being incredibly mean and hateful to Jesus. Jesus, the Son of God, let Himself be treated in this way. All for us.

PRAY

Dear God, everything that we deserve because of our sins, Jesus took away for us. He suffered the most awful death to save us from the pit of hell. God, we know that the story isn't done here. Help to prepare our hearts for Easter and remember our salvation in Jesus Christ.



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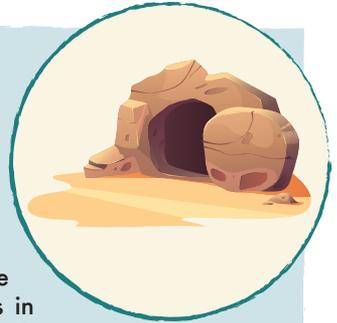
Read John 2:12-25 to see why the soldiers talked about rebuilding the temple. What were they really talking about?

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THE BURIAL OF JESUS

JOHN 19:28-42

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission...Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So, they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where He was crucified, there was a garden and, in the garden, a new tomb in which no one had yet be laid....so they laid Jesus there.



ASK

What do you think the disciples were feeling after Jesus was buried in the tomb? Hopelessness? Confusion? Why? Discuss this as a family.

PRAY

God, sometimes we don't understand Your plans. Help us to trust in You as the author and perfecter of our faith. Help us to give all of our concerns and worries to You. Thank You for planning to reunite us, with You, from the very beginning of time through Your Son, Jesus.



DIG DEEPER:

Look at all the accounts of Jesus' burial through the Gospels. (Matthew 27:57-61, Mark 15:42-47 and Luke 23:50-56). Notice what is the same and if anything differs. Discuss how our memories may differ slightly to those around us.



MATTHEW 28:1-10, 19-20

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other woman named Mary went to look at the tomb. Suddenly, there was a great earthquake, and an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolling the stone aside, and sat on it. His appearance was like lightening, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and fainted with fear. Then the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here. He is risen from the dead, just as He said would happen. Go quickly and tell His followers: 'Jesus has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him. 'The women hurried away from the tomb, afraid, yet filled with joy and happiness. Suddenly, Jesus met them. "Greetings", He said. They came to Him, clasped His feet, and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My followers to go to Galilee; there they will see Me."

...Jesus then said, "Go and make followers of all people in the world. Teach them to obey everything that I have taught you and I will be with you always, even until the ends of this age."

ASK

How do you think the women and guards felt upon seeing first, the angel, and then, Jesus - alive? Talk about your reactions. Like the old song *I Can Only Imagine* - would you fall to your knees, stand in His presence, sing hallelujah or not be able to speak at all?

PRAY

Thank You God for giving us the gift of your Son, Jesus, to save us from all of our sins. Thank You for making a bridge for us to be reunited with You in relationship. Thank You for the gift of eternal life. Thank You for the cross and all that it means. Help us to live each day for You and not ourselves. Praise be to God!



DIG DEEPER:

The story does not end with Jesus' resurrection. We have a job to do while we are on earth. We are to be His hands and feet and teach people about the saving grace of Jesus. Keep reading ahead to Acts 1 and the promise of the Holy Spirit. Our job has just begun!

