



March: Holy Week

Note for parents: Although this lesson is called "Holy Week," it will not include Easter Sunday. Stay tuned for April!

The word "holy" means "set aside." Holy Week is a specific time when we remember the last days before Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. It begins with Palm Sunday and concludes on Easter morning. As you prepare for these days, you may want to create a special place to remember and pray with your children. Cover a small table with purple cloth, then place the Bible, and a cross, and a battery-powered tea light there, along with other objects that symbolize the week's events: palm branches cut from green paper, stones, a cup and plate, etc. Some create a "Holy Week Box" to retell the events. Instructions are available [online](#).

Palm Sunday; Matthew 21:1-11

Read the story from the Bible or Children's Bible Story Book, or watch it [online](#).

Why do you think we call this day "Palm" Sunday?

People shouted, "Hosanna!" as Jesus entered town. Look up its meaning [here](#), then learn this fun [song](#)!

[Make](#) a palm frond cross.

Maundy Thursday; Matthew 26:17-30 and John 13:1-17

Read the story from the Bible or Children's Bible Story Book, or watch it [online](#).

Jesus and his disciples were celebrating the Passover Seder. Jews were commanded to do this in the book of Exodus. Learn more [here](#), or see how some Christians celebrate the [Seder](#).

Parents might enjoy reading these [5 things to know](#) about Maundy Thursday.

Good Friday; Matthew 26-27, Mark 14-15, Luke 22-23, and John 18-19

Parents, read [this](#) before talking with your children about Good Friday and Jesus' death.

Read the story from the Bible or Children's Bible Story Book, or watch it [online](#).

Why do you think we call this "[Good](#)" Friday? Here are some suggestions for [celebrating](#) this day at home.

Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. What are 30 ways that you could help God this year?

Holy Saturday... The Mystery

Attend the Easter Vigil at Sweet Hollow tonight (6:30pm).

Thank God for loving us so much to suffer on this Holy Week.