

Holy Week

FAMILY CONVERSATION GUIDE

Guide your family conversations as you walk with Jesus through the week leading to Easter.

PALM SUNDAY (MAR 29)

JESUS COMES TO JERUSALEM

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 21:9

WHAT HAPPENED: Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. Crowds waved palm branches and shouted “Hosanna,” which means “Save us!” They believed Jesus was a king—but He wasn’t the kind who wears a crown of gold. Jesus came as a humble King who brought peace and love.

TALK ABOUT IT: Why do you think Jesus rode a donkey instead of a big horse?

FAMILY PRAYER: “Jesus, help us welcome You with joy and praise. Teach us to follow You with humble hearts. Amen.”

HOLY TUESDAY (MAR 31)

JESUS TEACHES

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 22:37-39

WHAT HAPPENED: Jesus spent the day teaching people important lessons. He explained that the greatest commandment is to love God and love others. He told stories (parables) to help people understand how to live God’s way.

TALK ABOUT IT: What does it mean to love your neighbor? How can we show love this week?

FAMILY PRAYER: “Jesus, teach us to love You with all our hearts and to love others every day. Amen.”

HOLY MONDAY (MAR 30)

JESUS CLEARS THE TEMPLE

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 21:13

WHAT HAPPENED: Jesus went to the temple and saw people using it like a marketplace instead of a place to worship God. He turned over the tables because He wanted God’s house to be respected. Jesus showed that worship is serious and special.

TALK ABOUT IT: Why is it important to treat God’s place of Worship as a special place? How can we show respect when we pray?

FAMILY PRAYER: “Lord, help us honor You in our lives and in our hearts. Make us people who love to talk to you. Amen.”

HOLY WEDNESDAY (APR 1)

A SPECIAL GIFT

SCRIPTURE: Mark 14:8

WHAT HAPPENED: A woman poured expensive perfume on Jesus to honor Him. Some people complained, but Jesus said she had done a beautiful thing. She gave her best to show her love. This was also the day Judas secretly planned to betray Jesus..

TALK ABOUT IT: What is something special you can give to Jesus? What does it mean to give from your heart?

FAMILY PRAYER: “Lord, hep us give You our best - our time, kindness, and love. Amen.”

MAUNDY THURSDAY (APR 2)

THE LAST SUPPER

SCRIPTURE: Luke 22:19

WHAT HAPPENED: Jesus shared a special meal with His disciples. He broke bread and shared a cup, telling them it was a sign of His body and blood. He also washed their feet to show them how to serve others with love. Later that night, Jesus prayed in a garden called Gethsemane and was arrested.

TALK ABOUT IT: Why did Jesus wash His disciples feet that night before going to the cross?

FAMILY PRAYER: “Jesus, teach us to serve with humble hearts and to remember Your love. Amen.”

HOLY SATURDAY (APR 4)

A QUIET DAY

SCRIPTURE: Luke 23:56

WHAT HAPPENED: Jesus’ body was placed in a tomb. His friends were sad and confused. It was a quiet day of waiting. They didn’t yet understand that something wonderful was about to happen.

TALK ABOUT IT: Have you ever had to wait for something important? How can we trust God while we wait?

FAMILY PRAYER: “God, help us trust You, even when we don’t understand what is happening. Amen.”

GOOD FRIDAY (APR 3)

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

SCRIPTURE: Luke 23:34

WHAT HAPPENED: Jesus was put on a cross, even though He had done nothing wrong. He chose to suffer because He loves us and wanted to save us from sin. When He died, it seemed very sad—but it was part of God’s bigger plan..

TALK ABOUT IT: What does forgiveness mean? How does it make you feel know Jesus loves you that much?

FAMILY PRAYER: “Jesus, thank You for loving us so much. Help us forgive others just like You forgive us. Amen.”

EASTER SUNDAY (APR 5)

JESUS IS ALIVE!

SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:6

WHAT HAPPENED: When the women went to the tomb, it was empty! An angel told them Jesus had risen from the dead. Jesus is alive! Because of Him, we have hope, forgiveness, and new life.

TALK ABOUT IT: Why is Easter such good news? How can we share Jesus’ joy with others?

FAMILY PRAYER: “Risen Jesus, thank You for new life and hope. Fill our family with Your joy today and always. Amen.”

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