

Dear Friends,

March continues our Lenten journey but also includes Holy Week and Easter! What a month! I have included activities to help you celebrate Holy week and Easter. Holy week is a great time to walk with Jesus. Our family will be doing these activities with you. When we make Jesus the center of our celebrations, we let our children see us practicing our faith and we create lasting traditions for years to come. May you walk with Jesus and rejoice in the good news that He is Risen. Alleluia!

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Seven Days to Easter

Starting on Palm Sunday, follow Jesus' footsteps. Choose a time when the family can be together and read the Bible story and discuss the story. You can also do fun things with the key objects such as: hide the objects and find them, create, draw or color the objects, or place them at your dinner table for discussion.

Day 1- Palm Sunday

Story: Jesus entering Jerusalem

Scripture: John 12:12-19, Mark 11:1-11

Key objects: palm branch, donkey

Day 2- Monday

Story: Jesus turning over money changer's tables

Scripture: Mark 11:15-19, Matthew 21:12-17

Key object : coins

Day 3- Tuesday

Story: The withered fig tree

Scripture: Mark 11:12-14, 11:20-25, Matthew 21:18-22

Key objects: fig tree, figs

Day 4- Wednesday

Story: Woman anointing Jesus; Judas agreeing to betray

Scripture: Mark 14:1-11; Matthew 26:6-13, 26:14-16

Key Objects: perfume (pour some on cloth), 30 silver coins

Day 5- Thursday

Story: The Last Supper, foot washing, Garden of Gethsemane

Scripture: Mark 14:17-26, 32-42; John 12: 1-17

Key objects: bread, wine, bowl with water

Day 6- Friday

Story: The crucifixion; the burial

Scripture: Luke 23; Matthew 17:1-61

Key objects: cross, crown of thorns, dice, sponge, nails

Day 7- Saturday

Story: The tomb; prophecy of Crucifixion

Scripture: Matthew 17:62-66; Isaiah 53

Key objects: stone, lamb, tomb



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Five Special Easter Eggs



As you hide eggs for an Easter egg hunt, add these special eggs.

1. Yellow = Light



On the outside of this egg, draw a picture of the sun. On the inside place a little scroll with this scripture: "I am the light of the World." John 8:12. You could also include a special object like a candle.

2. Purple = Royalty



On the outside of this egg, draw a picture of a crown. On the inside, a scripture scroll with 1 Timothy 6:15: "The King of kings and Lord of lords." A surprise could be a ring.

3. Pink = Love



Draw a heart on the outside of the egg. Inside place a scripture scroll with John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son." The surprise could be a cross or a heart shaped candy.

4. Green = New Life



On the outside of the egg, draw a butterfly. Inside put a scripture scroll with Romans 6:4: "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." A special surprise could be anything with a butterfly on it.

5. Blue = Peace.



Draw a dove or a peace sign on the outside of the egg. Inside include a scripture scroll with Isaiah 9:6, "Prince of Peace." A special surprise could be a dove pin.



In response to the amazing things God has done in our lives, let us serve God's people! Pick a family service project and serve together with joy!

Here are some ideas:

- Help at a food pantry
- Visit a nursing home
- Write a letter or draw a picture for military families
- Help at an animal shelter
- Take a treat to people in your community who have to work on Sundays or holidays
- Visit a homebound congregation member

Easter Message Water Color Fun

Draw an Easter message with a white crayon on white paper. Paint the whole paper with water color paints. Your message will stay white and the rest of the paper will be beautifully colored.

