



Holy Week and Easter Sunday

- **Palm Sunday:**

Read: Matthew 21:1-11. People would not have expected Jesus, a King, to enter Jerusalem on a donkey. Instead they would have been expecting a white stallion and lots of pomp and ceremony. People came and gathered, stood and shouted Hosanna, waved palm branches and even laid their coats on the ground for the donkey to walk on. They knew this was important and wanted to be part of it. Jesus recognises that this is a special day – a day of rejoicing because an amazing rescue is about to happen and the crowd don't even know it! Palm Sunday is the start of a very important week – it is called Holy Week and is when Christians think about all that happened to Jesus in the run up to Easter.

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-39h0xYqdE> (Saddleback Kids)

What was so special about the donkey? Why do you think everyone came to see Jesus? We have heard about the Pharisees before -how do you think they would be feeling now?

Do: Make a Donkey <https://craftingthewordofgod.com/2013/05/24/jesus-rides-a-donkey-into-jerusalem/>

Colouring Page <https://craftingthewordofgod.files.wordpress.com/2014/03/jesus-enters-jerusalem-coloring-page1.pdf>

Wordsearch https://sermons4kids.com/palm_sunday_wordsearch.htm

Pray:

Palm Sunday (taken from Praying Together)

Lord Jesus, on Palm Sunday you rode into Jerusalem as King.
Remind us to keep you as King of our lives.
You rode on a donkey,
Remind us of your humility and keep us from being proud or boastful.
The crowds shouts 'Hosanna! Save us!'
Remind us that we need you as our Saviour.
The people spread palm branches and coats in front of you,
Remind us to lay our lives before you.
You kept going on to Jerusalem even though you knew what was ahead.
Remind us to keep going when it's tough.
Whenever we feel discouraged or down, remind us of your love for us. Amen

Healing -

Father in heaven watch over our loved ones.
Keep them by your side.
May they be safe and peaceful, in you may they abide.
Give wisdom to the doctors and nurses too we pray,
renew their strength and bless them for the work they do each day.
Send healing and restoration and let them feel your love.
May your Holy Spirit give them rest as gentle as a dove. Amen
(taken from Praying Together)

Share: Make some palm branches, noise makers and signs that say Hosanna – Go outside and recreate the Triumphant Entry. (Remember to stick to government guidelines about social distancing)

- **Monday** – Jesus in the Temple – Mark 11:15-19

Read: read the story of Jesus in the Temple. We often think of Jesus being very calm and relaxed but we need to remember Jesus was human so felt all the emotions we do. In our story today we hear about a time Jesus got angry. So angry in fact he started turning over tables, shouting and kicking people out of the Temple who were selling things. The Temple was no longer used as a place of worship and learning but instead the people selling things had made it like a shop – and one where people were not paying fair prices. Jesus had had enough and decided it was time to take the Temple back. Jesus wanted it to be ‘a house where people from all nations can pray.’ So that is what he did. The Chief Priests and teachers of the law were not happy – in fact they wanted to find a way to kill Jesus – they were afraid of him, and worried because everyone was amazed at his teaching.

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLOVY5FD6wA> (Saddleback Kids)

What would you have done if you were in the Temple? Are you surprised to hear Jesus got angry? Why?

Do: Colouring Page <https://www.laymansbookstore.com/product/jesus-cleansing-the-temple-coloring-page/>

Maze and Wordsearch https://wordmint.com/public_puzzles/434379

Pray: The Lord’s Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.



- **Tuesday** – A Woman Pours Perfume on Jesus at Bethany - Mark 14:1-11

Read: read the story of the perfume offering. Jesus and his friends were at the house of a man called Simon. A woman appears with very expensive perfume and pours it over Jesus' head. The guests are really annoyed and think the woman is being wasteful – perfume at the time of Jesus was a real luxury and came in big ceramic jars – once you opened it there was no way of sealing it again. The woman had probably been saving it for a very long time. Unlike the other guests Jesus was not annoyed – he knew that he was going to die, and maybe she was the only person in room to understand the significance of the next few days. She was giving Jesus a gift – and one he thought everyone should know about – now we know about it too!

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2rQEXZ7ry8w>

How would you have reacted if you were there? Who was right?

Do: Colouring Page and Colour by Numbers

<http://storage.cloversites.com/peninsulacommunitychapel/documents/April%2026%20Younger.pdf>

(Keep scrolling!)

Make a Perfume Jar – use playdough or salt dough to make a perfume jar.

Pray: The Lord's Prayer

- **Wednesday** – Jesus washes the disciples feet – John 13:1-17

Read: read the story of Jesus washing the disciples feet. This happened during the Last Supper which we will look at tomorrow. We need to remember that at the time of Jesus people wore sandals or went bare footed- no shoes like we know. Roads would have been dusty and dirty and there was probably animal poo to be stepped over as well! Peoples feet would have been dirty, and like we are washing our hands, people would have washed their hands and their feet! But it was a smelly job, and one only the lowliest servant would do. Jesus is a king – a very different king because he is the servant king – Jesus poured water, and washed the disciples feet. The disciples didn't really understand what was happening but Jesus explained to them that if he, who is their teacher and leader can wash feet, they can do the same. He was encouraging them to help others – even if it is a horrible job!

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bv5ajWNRnt4> (Saddleback Kids)

How would you react if Jesus washed your feet? Would you like to wash someones feet? Can you serve others?

Do: Activity Sheet

http://www.biblekids.eu/word_search_bible_2016/Jesus_Washes_the_Disciples_Feet.html

Painting – roll out some paper, and instead of finger painting use your feet! Be sure to wash them after and remember Jesus doing this for the disciples.

Pray: The Lord's Prayer



- **Thursday (Maundy Thursday)** – The Last Supper – Mark 14:12-25

Read: read the story of the Last Supper – Jesus knew God’s rescue plan was about to happen, he knew this would be the Last Supper he would have with his disciples and he wanted to teach them one more thing. Jesus gathered his friends to celebrate the Passover, just like people all around them would have been doing. Jesus took time with his friends, talking to them and explaining what was going to happen next – even that one of them would betray him. Jesus did something special during this meal -something we still do in churches today – he broke bread and said ‘Take it. This is my body.’ He then took a cup, gave thanks and said ‘this is my blood of the covenant. It is poured out for many.’ We have communion in church, where we have bread and wine to remind us of what Jesus did at the Last Supper, and what he is about to do on the cross. It really is a special meal!

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SigoALSS1R8> (Saddleback Kids)

After supper Jesus and his disciples went to a garden to pray. While he was there Jesus spoke to God and even asked if there was another way of doing things. Jesus realised that he was going to have to follow God’s plan – and he would do it willingly. Jesus was arrested, put on trial. We will pick up the story here tomorrow.

Do: Make the Lord’s Table <https://craftingthewordofgod.com/2013/06/10/lords-supper/>

Playdough Mat <https://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2014/03/last-supper-play-dough-mats.html>

Pray: The Lord’s Prayer

- **Friday (Good Friday)** – Jesus is Crucified – Mark 15:1, 15, 21-25, 33-39

Read: Read the story of Good Friday. This is a sad story – Jesus was put on the cross and died. It would have been really painful. The whole land went dark, the curtain in the temple was tore in two from top to bottom. Jesus died. It is a sad story. But we are lucky because after Good Friday comes Easter Sunday – we know Jesus is raised from the dead – we know the tomb was empty – and we know when Jesus died on the cross he took all our sins so we could have a special relationship with God. Good Friday is a sad day but Easter Sunday is nearly here!

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL8R158Ujp4&t=30s> (Saddleback Kids)

Do: Colouring Page <https://twistynoodle.com/good-friday-coloring-page/>

Easter Cross craft <https://craftingthewordofgod.com/2016/03/25/easter-picture-cross/>

Pray: Dear Lord, thank you that you went through so many bad things, even death, so that we can get to Heaven. Help us to remember all that you have done for us. In Jesus name, Amen. (taken from Family Time)

The Lord’s Prayer.



- **Saturday –**

Today is called Low Saturday and traditionally it is a quiet day. Take some time today to pray about everything we have heard this week.

Take some time to prepare for Easter Sunday – could you make some Easter decorations to put in your windows so people know you are celebrating?

- **Sunday (Easter Sunday) – Jesus is Risen – Matthew 28:1-10**

Read: Read the story of Easter Sunday. Jesus is Risen! When the women went to the tomb to prepare the body the tomb was empty! The stone was rolled away and the grave clothes were folded up neatly! Jesus had risen from the dead just as he said he would and this is why we celebrate Easter. Jesus was dead and is now alive again! Jesus defeated death and because of that we will get to spend eternity with God in heaven but only if we trust in Jesus as our Saviour – that is something to celebrate!

Watch: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/easter/>

The Bible Society have a number of Easter Stories to watch – The Super Cool Story of Jesus is a good place to start. Take time to watch them. They also have some resources you can download.

Do: Word Search <https://craftingthewordofgod.files.wordpress.com/2014/03/easter-word-search.jpg>

John 3:16 wheel <https://craftingthewordofgod.com/2016/03/09/john-316-wheel/>

Pray: Lord God, Easter is the most important day of the year. The first Easter was the most important day ever. Thank you for Jesus, who rose from the dead – because of this we can look forward to heaven where we will be with you. Amen (Taken from Family Time)

God of new life, on Good Friday we remember how Jesus' friends felt sad and helpless when they saw him die on the cross and be buried in a tomb. Now at Easter, we celebrate that Jesus' death was not the end and that his friends' sadness turned to great joy when Jesus rose from the dead and returned with the promise of new life for all people. We share in their joy this Easter time. Amen (Taken from Praying Together)

The Lord's Prayer.

