

Walking through Holy Week

Here you will find a daily walk through the Story from the celebration on Palm Sunday, through the darkness of Good Friday in expectation of the glory on Resurrection Sunday. There is scripture, as well as a brief presentation of the story on each day, along with a visual you can create with your little ones as you think through this week and its significance, together.

As you walk through Holy Week with your little ones, talk through these questions:

1. What does this passage teach me about God?
2. What does this passage teach me about people?
3. Why is this important for me to know?
4. How can I use what I learned today to help me be a better person?
5. Who can I share this message with?

For the Craft/Activity:

Feel free to have them just draw along with the story or go full crafty. You can create a booklet by stapling all the pages together or turn it into a poster where you add more to one large sheet each day. This is just an idea of what could be!

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SUNDAY – PALM SUNDAY

Scripture:

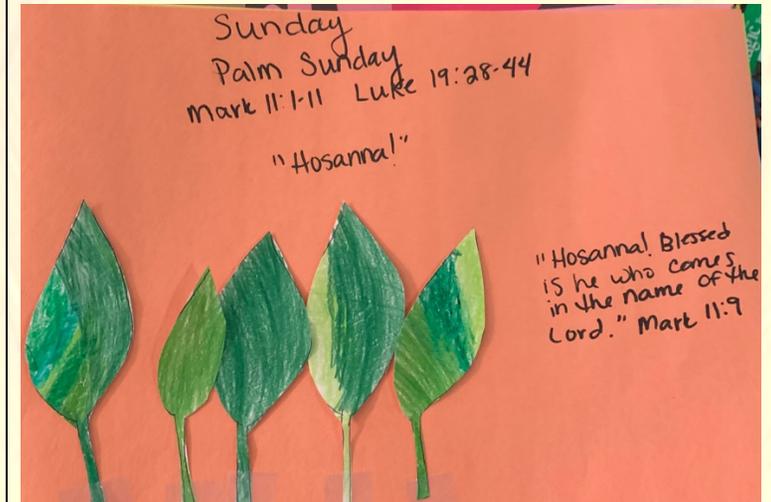
- Zechariah 9:9
- Mark 11:1-11

Story:

Jesus was traveling to Jerusalem and came across a town called Bethany. He gave a very special task to two of His disciples. Jesus told them to go into the village and find a young donkey that had never been ridden. The disciples were to untie the donkey and bring it back to Jesus. He told the men that if anyone asked what they were doing, they should say that the Lord needs it. The disciples went and did just as Jesus said.

The disciples laid their robes on the donkey for Jesus to sit on. As Jesus rode along the road into Jerusalem, many people spread out their robes on the road in front of Him. Other people spread leafy branches cut from trees. They were honoring Jesus the same way they would honor a king. They shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd were upset by what was happening. They told Jesus to tell His followers to stop shouting. Jesus replied, "Even if they stopped shouting, the stones would cry out!"

Craft:



** "Hosanna!" with palm leaves (drawn or use real leaves) **

MONDAY – Jesus clears the Temple

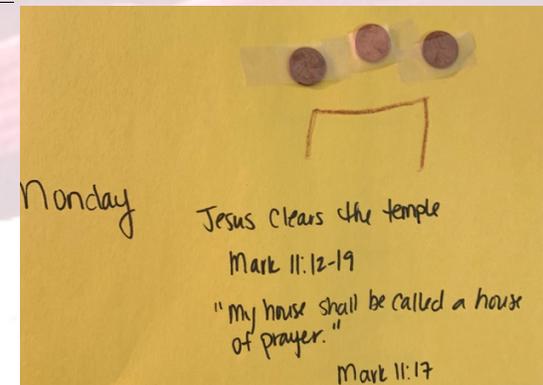
Scripture:

- Isaiah 56:7
- Mark 11:12-18

Story:

Then Jesus went to the temple. When He got there, He threw out the people who exchanged money and sold animals for use in the temple. He said, "Scripture says, 'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you're turning it into a gathering place for thieves"

Craft:



** Tape/draw money over a table **

TUESDAY - Jesus teaches about who He is

Scripture:

- Ps 118:22-29
- Mark 12:1-12

Story:

Jesus told those who listened a story about a man who had a vineyard and built walls around it to protect it. He rented it to farmers to help with the fruit. When it was time to collect the fruits, he sent a worker to do the work, but he was beaten up by other farmers who said the land was theirs. The man sent several other workers, but they were all beat up and some were even killed. The man decided to send his son, but the farmers didn't respect him either. They killed the son, so they could keep the fruit for themselves.

What Jesus was trying to tell those who were listening was that He was the son that was sent and the man with the vineyard was God, but the ones He was sent to would not want him and would kill him. The next few days Jesus continued to teach those who came to listen that He was the Son of God. Many of the religious leaders didn't like what Jesus said since they thought He was lying. They decided to find a way to kill Jesus.

Craft:



** "working in God's Vineyard" **

WEDNESDAY - Passover

Scripture:

- Ex 12:12-14, 24-27
- Mark 14:1-10

Story:

In those days, the Jewish people gathered for feasts such as the Feast of Unleavened Bread and the Passover. People gathered together to remember how God had rescued His people out of Egypt. A long time ago, when the people of Israel were slaves in Egypt, Moses was sent by God to give Pharaoh a message: Let my people go! Pharaoh didn't listen, so God sent different plagues. For the last one, God told Moses to tell the people to put blood from a lamb over their doorway to be safe from the last plague. This was to represent the blood of Jesus saving His people.

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, Jesus told the disciples to go into the city and tell a certain man that Jesus wanted to celebrate Passover at his home with the disciples.

Craft:



Exodus 12: 13

"The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you."

THURSDAY - MAUNDY THURSDAY (Last Supper)

Scripture:

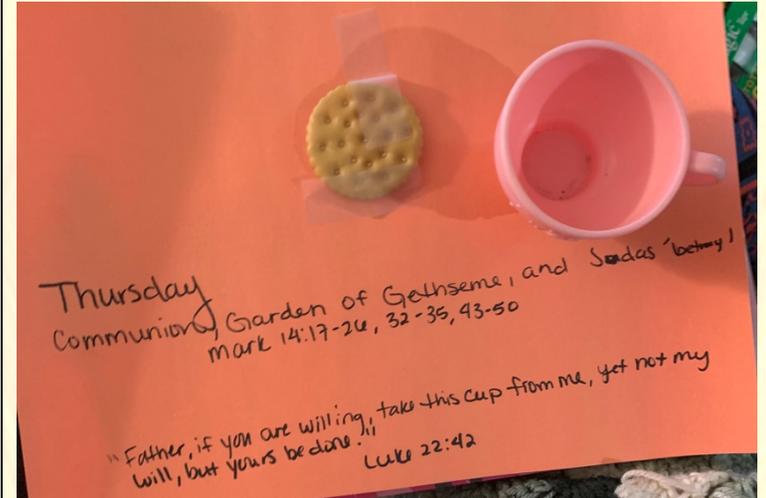
- Mark 14:12-31

Story:

When evening came, Jesus was sitting at the table with the disciples. Jesus said that one of the disciples would betray Him. He was talking about Judas Iscariot. While they were eating, Jesus took the bread, gave thanks, and broke it. He gave it to His disciples and said, "Take this and eat it; this is My body." In the same way, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to His disciples. Then He said, "Drink from it, all of you."

He told the disciples that His blood would be shed for many for the forgiveness of sins. Jesus would be arrested and sentenced to be crucified. Jesus had done nothing wrong, but He died so that the Old Testament Scripture might be fulfilled.

Craft:



** Cracker and cup represent Communion **

FRIDAY - GOOD FRIDAY

Scripture:

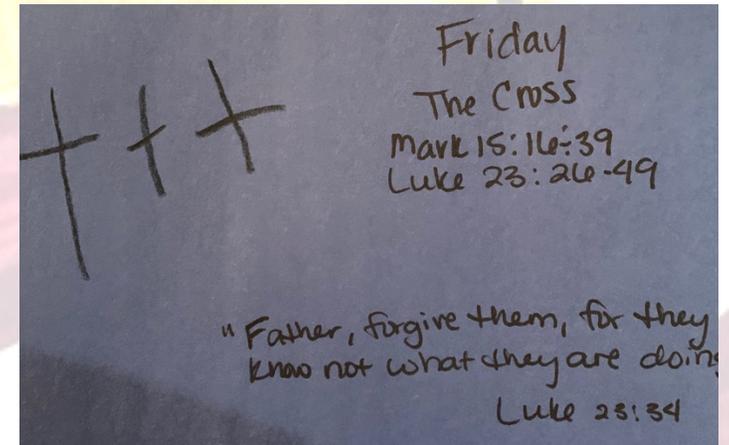
- Mark 14:32 - 15:41

Story:

While Jesus and the disciples were praying in the garden, Judas arrived with an armed crowd, who arrested Jesus. They took Jesus to Caiaphas, the high priest and to Pilate, the Roman governor. The crowd wanted Jesus to be crucified. Pilate's soldiers mocked Jesus by putting a robe on Him, a crown made of thorns on His head, and a reed in His hand.

They spit on Him, beat Him, and led Him to Golgotha, where they crucified Him. It became dark as night in the middle of the day. Jesus cried out to God, "Why have You forsaken Me?" Jesus cried out again; then, He died.

Craft:



** You can draw the crosses or use popsicle sticks to make the crosses **

SATURDAY - HOLY SATURDAY

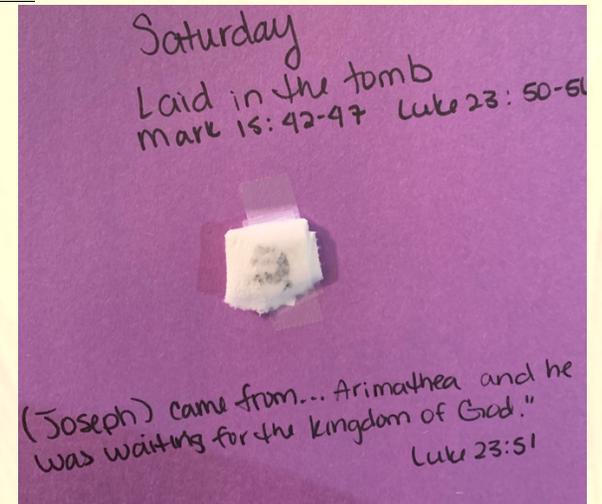
Scripture:

- Mark 15:42-47

Story:

Joseph of Arimathea went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. Joseph took the body and placed it in a new tomb. He rolled a large rock in front. The chief priests asked Pilate to put guards at the tomb, so Jesus' followers wouldn't steal the body and then lie and say that Jesus had risen from the dead.

Craft:



****Taped stone represents the stone in front of the tomb ****

SUNDAY - RESURRECTION SUNDAY - EASTER

Scripture:

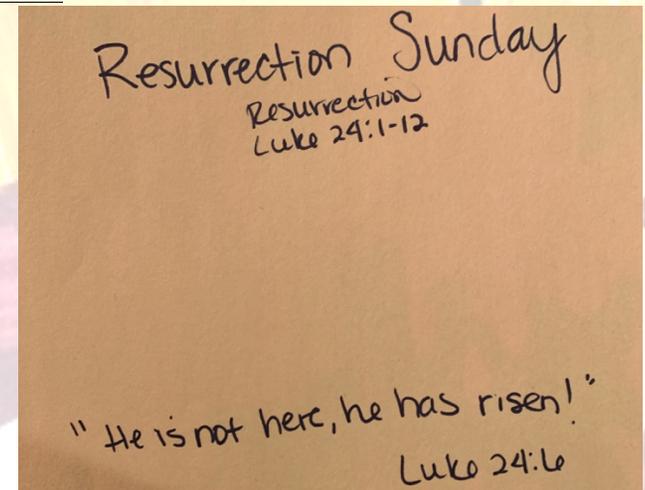
- Mark 16:1-8

Story:

After the Sabbath, early in the morning, Mary Magdalene, Salome and another Mary went to the tomb where Jesus had been buried so they could anoint Jesus' body with spices. If they didn't, the body would smell really bad after a few days. They didn't know how they were going to move the large rock that blocked the tomb, but when they got there, the stone had already been moved! They saw an angel sitting there, wearing a robe of purest white.

The angel told the women not to be afraid. He knew they were looking for Jesus. The angel told them that Jesus was alive, just as He had promised. The angel told the women to go quickly to the disciples to tell them the good news. "Tell them Jesus has been raised from the dead!" The women left quickly and joyfully. They ran to tell the disciples the good news that Jesus was alive.

Craft:



**** You can draw an open tomb ****