



EASTER FAMILY KIT

Make lasting memories with preschoolers, kids, and teens this Holy Week as you help prepare their hearts for Easter!





Help kids see the Easter story unfold right before their eyes! The dirt reminds us of death. The seeds remind us that God brings life. The empty tomb reminds us that Jesus is alive. As the seeds grow, they'll watch the picture of new life — just like the Resurrection. May this simple garden help your family see and celebrate the hope of Easter in a fresh way this year.

SUPPLIES:

- Shallow pot or tray
- Potting soil
- Small terra cotta pot (the tomb)
- Rock (to cover the tomb)
- Fast-growing seeds (grass or chia)
- Small twigs and twine (crosses)
- Pebbles (optional)
- Spray bottle with water

MAKE IT:

- 1. PREPARE THE TOMB:** Lay the small pot on its side in the tray and cover it with soil to form a hill, leaving the opening visible. Place the rock in front. Optional: Cover the bottom of the tray with pebbles before adding the pot, soil, and rock.
SAY: "This is like the tomb where Jesus was placed."
ASK: "How do you think Jesus' friends felt that day?"
- 2. PLANT THE SEEDS:** Sprinkle seeds over the soil "hill" and lightly cover with more soil.
SAY: "These seeds look buried and lifeless, but something new is about to grow."
TRUTH: God brings life out of what looks hopeless.
- 3. ADD CROSSES:** Make small crosses from twigs and twine and place them in the soil behind the tomb.
SAY: "The cross shows us how much Jesus loves us."
- 4. WATER AND WAIT:** Mist the soil and place it in a sunny spot. Keep it moist throughout the week. Each day, take a minute to check your garden and remember a part of the Easter story.
- 5. WATCH IT GROW:** Throughout Holy Week, watch the grass grow, transforming the scene from a "dead" hill on Good Friday to a lush, green, living garden on Easter Sunday. On Easter Sunday, roll the stone away from the tomb.
SAY: The empty tomb reminds us that we have new life because Jesus is alive!

TALK IT OUT:

Younger Kids:

- Who died on the cross?
- Where did they place Jesus' body?
- What happened on Easter?
"Jesus died. Jesus didn't stay dead. Jesus is alive!"

Older Kids:

- Why did Jesus choose the cross?
- What does it mean that the tomb is empty?
- What feels hard or hopeless right now that you can give to Jesus?

SHARE IT:

Seed Packets of Faith: After Easter, help kids write John 11:25 (or their favorite Bible verse) on a notecard and place it in an envelope with flower or grass seeds. Kids can "spread seeds of faith" by giving them to friends, and saying, "Plant this and remember — Jesus is alive!"

PRESCHOOL: PALM PARADE STREAMERS

Palm Parade Streamers:

Active preschoolers and kids can move, wave, and celebrate Jesus with this sensory craft.

SUPPLIES (per child):

- 1 green plastic tablecloth OR green crepe streamers
- Tape
- 1 paper towel tube or pool noodle slice (handle)
- “Hosanna!” sticker or label (optional)

PREP:

- Cut tablecloth into long strips (about 2–3 inches wide, 2–3 feet long).
- Tape several strips onto one end of the tube to create a streamer “palm.”

MAKE IT:

1. Help tape the streamers onto the tube.
2. Add a “Hosanna!” sticker.
3. Practice waving them high!

TALK IT OUT:

Say: “Jesus rode into town on a donkey! The people were so excited! They waved palm branches and shouted, ‘Hosanna! God saves!’ We can celebrate Jesus, too!”

ACT IT OUT:

- March around the room
- Have a mini parade
- Shout “Hosanna!” together
- Turn on upbeat worship music for a 2-minute Palm Parade.



KIDS: TRIUMPHAL ENTRY ACTIVITY PAGE

WORD SCRAMBLE

WORD SEARCH

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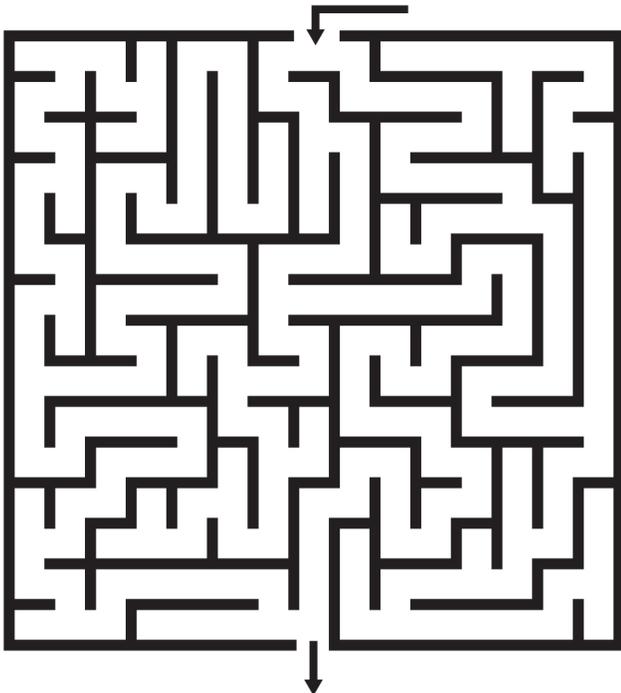
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HOSANNA DONKEY PALM
 JESUS EASTER BLESSED

MAZE

CAN YOU FOLLOW JESUS THROUGH THE MAZE TO JERUSALEM?



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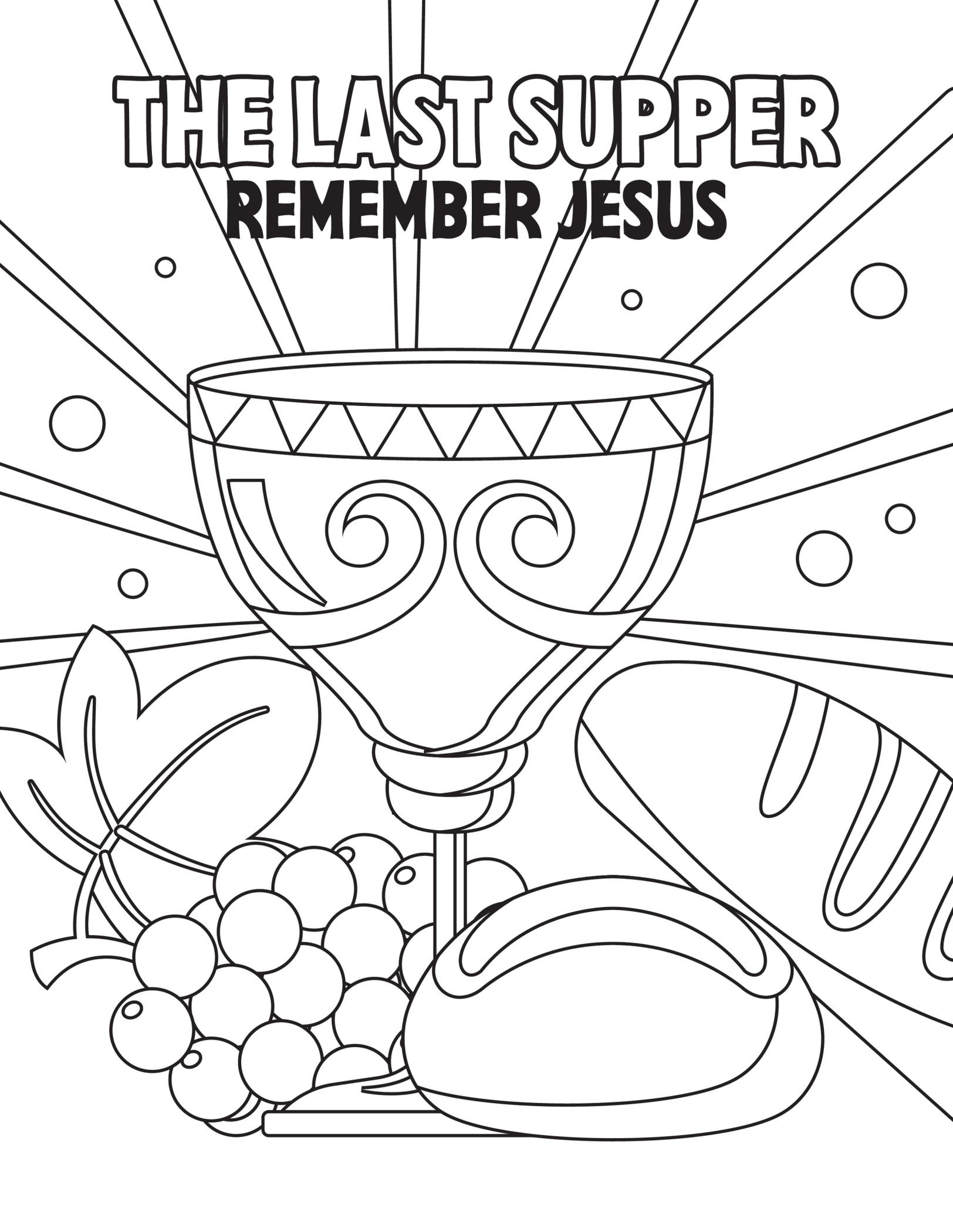
COLOR JESUS' ENTRY TO JERUSALEM



WORD SCRAMBLE ANSWERS: DONKEY, SUNDAY, COAT, ENTRY, KING

THE LAST SUPPER

REMEMBER JESUS



FAMILY ACTIVITY: MAKE A PLATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Jesus shared a special meal to show His love and ask us to remember Him. After reading Thursday's Family Devotion or Matthew 21:16-30, talk more about the story using the questions and the craft below.

SUPPLIES:

- Paper plates
- Crayons/markers

TALK IT OUT:

- Who was eating with Jesus?
- What did Jesus say the bread represented?
- What did Jesus say the filled cup represented?

MAKE IT:

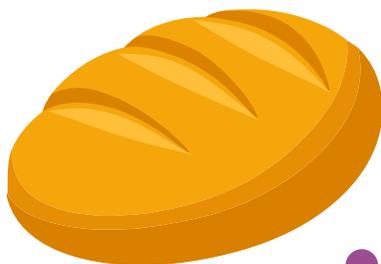
- Have kids decorate their paper plate:
- Draw bread
- Draw a cup
- Write "Jesus Loves Me" or "Remember Jesus"

As they work, explain:

- Bread = Jesus' body
- Filled Cup = Jesus' blood

REMEMBER IT:

- Jesus loves us.
- He shared a meal to help us remember Him.
- We can remember Jesus every day.



FAMILY ACTIVITY: "HE IS RISEN" CROSS

SUPPLIES:

- White cardstock or thick paper
 - Print cross template or make your own!
 - Brown paint
 - Yellow paint
 - Green paint
 - Watercolor paints (pink, purple, blue)
 - Paintbrushes
 - Cup of water
 - Paper towels
 - Baby wipes (for hand cleanup)
- Tip: Cover your table before you start

MAKE IT:

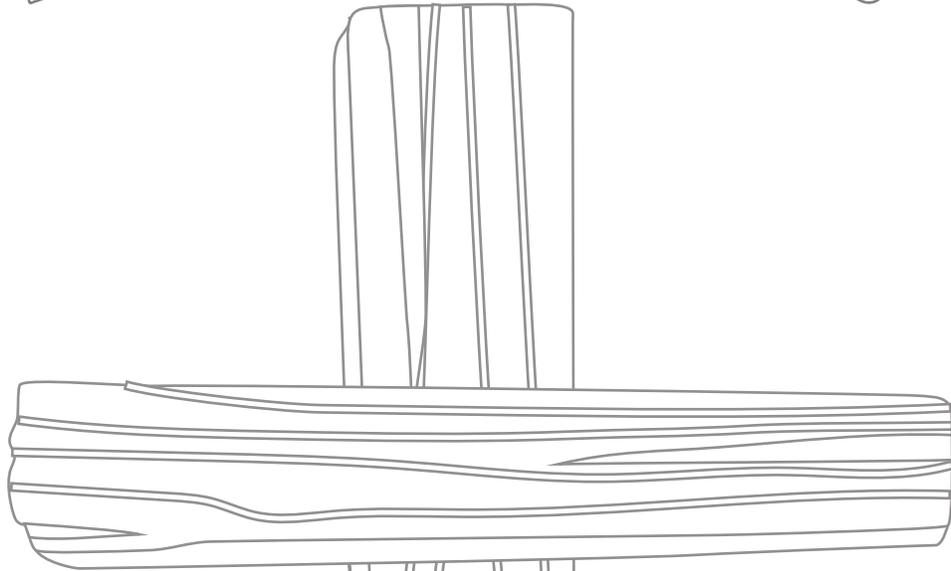
1. Print the cross template on white cardstock paper.
2. **CREATE THE SKY:** Using watercolor paints (or lightly watered-down regular paint), let your child paint the sky using soft pinks, purples, and blues. Encourage them to leave the cross showing in the middle. Let it dry for a few minutes.
SAY: "Easter is a happy day because Jesus is alive!"
3. **PAINT THE CROSS:** In the middle of the page, use brown paint to paint the cross.
AS YOU PAINT, SAY: "The cross reminds us how much Jesus loves us."
4. **ADD GRASS:** Paint green along the bottom of the page to look like a grassy hill.
5. **MAKE THE HANDPRINTS:** Paint your child's hands with yellow paint and press them on either side of the cross near the bottom. This represents joyful praise hands celebrating Jesus!
SAY: "We celebrate because Jesus is alive!"
6. Wipe hands clean!

TALK IT OUT:

- Who died on the cross?
 - What happened on Easter?
 - Why is Easter such a happy day?
- Say: "Jesus died because He loves us.
But He didn't stay dead — He is alive!"



HE IS RISEN!



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FAMILY ACTIVITY: EMPTY TOMB ROLLS RECIPE

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tube refrigerated crescent roll dough (8 or 10 rolls per tube)
- 8-10 large marshmallows
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup butter, melted and cooled
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 Tbsp cinnamon

MAKE IT:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Spray a muffin tin with cooking spray and set aside.
3. Melt the butter in a small bowl and set aside to cool slightly.
4. In another small bowl, mix cinnamon and sugar and set aside.
5. Separate crescent roll dough into triangles. (Place the dough on a sheet of parchment paper to make it easier to work with.)
6. Dip a marshmallow into the melted butter and then into the sugar and cinnamon mixture.
7. Then place the marshmallow on a triangle of dough and carefully roll it inside.
8. Press the edges with your fingertips to ensure it is sealed tightly.
9. Then roll the dough-covered marshmallow in the melted butter and the cinnamon sugar mixture.
10. Place in the muffin tin and repeat until the dough is used.
11. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes.
12. Allow to cool slightly and then “break open” the rolls before eating to reveal the “empty tomb”!



TALK IT OUT:

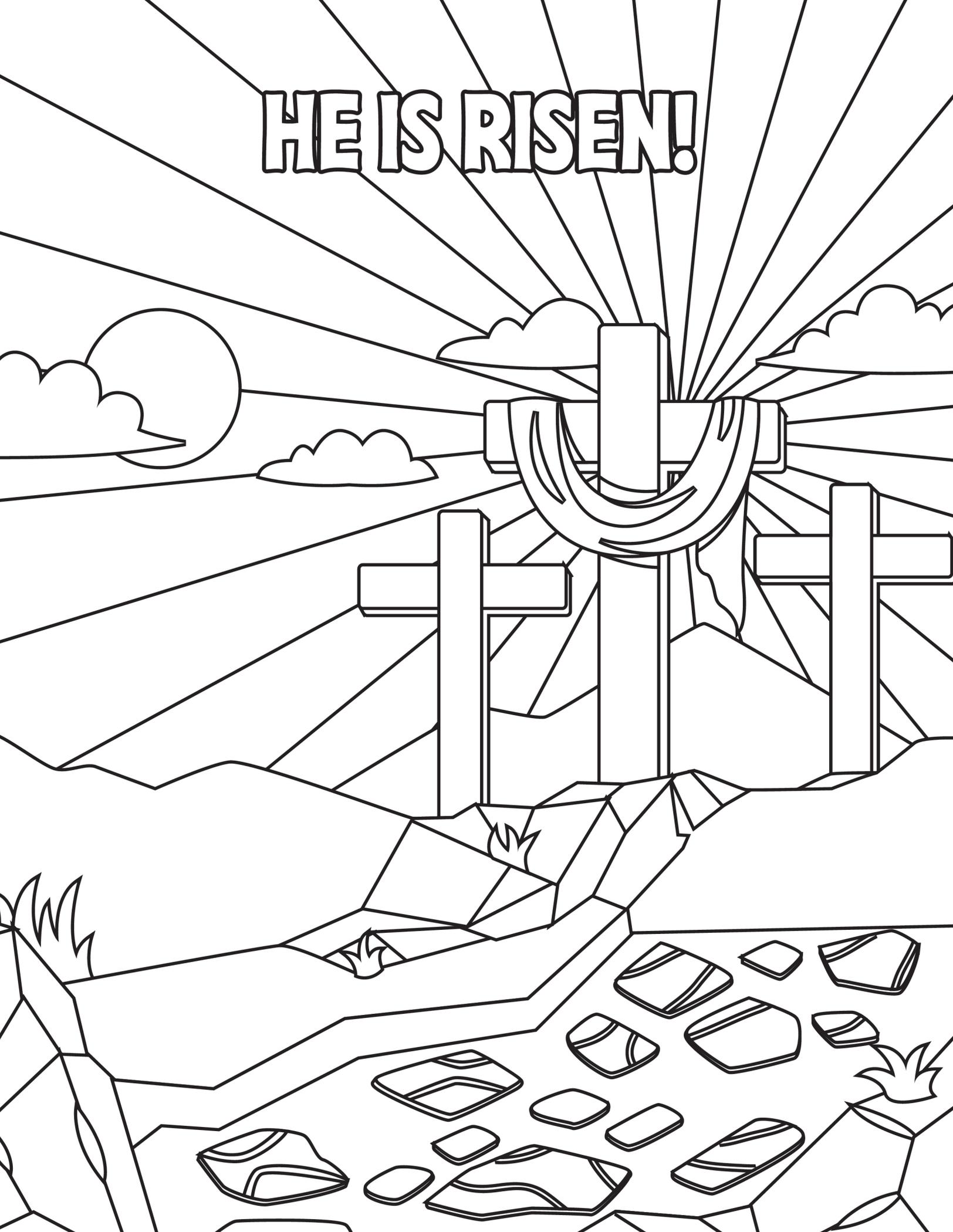
YOUNGER KIDS:

- The **MARSHMALLOW** represents **THE BODY OF JESUS**, and the **DOUGH** represents **THE TOMB** where Jesus’ body was placed. After we baked the dough, the marshmallow disappeared, and **THE ROLL WAS EMPTY!** That reminds us of Jesus’ story, because after three days, **JESUS’ TOMB WAS EMPTY**, just as the rolls were, because Jesus had risen! **HE IS ALIVE!**

OLDER KIDS:

- The **MARSHMALLOW** represents **THE BODY OF JESUS**. After Jesus died, His **BODY (MARSHMALLOW)** was prepared for burial with **OILS (MELTED BUTTER)** and **SPICES (CINNAMON-SUGAR MIXTURE)** and wrapped in linen. **THE BODY OF JESUS (MARSHMALLOW)** was placed in **THE TOMB (DOUGH)**. On the third day, **THE TOMB (ROLL)** was empty because **JESUS** had risen! He is alive! After we baked the dough, the marshmallow disappeared, and the roll was empty! That reminds us of Jesus’ story, because after three days, Jesus’ tomb was empty, just as the rolls were, because Jesus had risen! **HE IS ALIVE!**

HE IS RISEN!





EASTER FAMILY DEVOTIONS



SUNDAY – JESUS PREPARES A WAY

- **READ:** Matthew 21:1-11

It's Palm Sunday, the start of Holy Week! Holy Week is a special time before Easter when we can spend extra time thinking about what Jesus did for us while He was on earth. On the Sunday before Easter, Jesus traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate a festival called Passover. On this trip, Jesus also made a triumphal or victorious entry into the city!

Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem looked a little different than His other trips. Jesus told His disciples exactly where to find a donkey for Him to ride into the city. When Jesus rode the colt into Jerusalem, there was a huge crowd of people. The excited people grabbed coats and branches to spread them over the road and waved them in the air to praise Jesus. They welcomed Him into the city like a hero! A king! The people shouted "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" Hosanna means, "Save us!" The Jewish people weren't treated well by the Roman government, so they thought Jesus had come to rescue them from their rulers and give them freedom.

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, it was a sign of victory and peace. It meant the battle was over, but Jesus wasn't there to rescue the Jewish people from the government; He came to save His people from sin and death! Palm Sunday is also called the Triumphal Entry because Jesus came into Jerusalem in a special way. And in a few days, Jesus' death and resurrection would make a way for salvation (rescue) from something far greater than the Roman government. Jesus was not only offering to save them but also offering them a relationship with Him that would last forever! Jesus came so that we could know, love, and follow Him!

This week, we'll continue reading about what Jesus did the week before Easter. As we read, think about why Jesus came, what He did for us, and what He wants to give us. Remember that Jesus came to give us victory over sin and death so that we can have a relationship with Him! See you tomorrow!

- **THINK:**

- **Q:** Why do we call today the Triumphal Entry?
- **A:** The reason we call today the Triumphal Entry is that Jesus came to give us victory over sin and death so that we can have a relationship with Him!

- **PRAY:**

God, thank You for sending Jesus. We love to praise You, God! Lord, help me find one person today to tell about Jesus and what happened on Palm Sunday. God, we love You. Amen.

- **FAMILY ACTIVITIES:**

- **Preschool:** Palm Parade Streamers on page 3
- **Kids:** Triumphal Entry Activity Page on page 4

MONDAY – JESUS AT THE TEMPLE

- **READ:** Matthew 21:12-17

On Monday, the day after Palm Sunday, Jesus went to the temple. Jewish people came to the temple of God from near and far to worship and say they were sorry to God for the things they had done wrong. When Jesus got to the temple, He was very upset about what He saw. The priests and religious leaders were supposed to help people worship God, but instead, they were finding ways to take more money from people coming to worship at the temple. God's temple was for His people to pray, worship, and learn about Him, but many people in the temple were selfish and greedy, buying and selling cheap sacrifices instead of giving their best to God. Jesus threw out all the people selling things in the temple because this was not what God wanted for His people.

After Jesus cleansed the temple, the sick and the hurting came to Him to be healed, and the children came to worship Jesus. The priests and religious leaders were not happy that people came to Jesus, but that was what the temple was for – coming to God with hurts and worries and worshiping Him! Because Jesus, the Son of God, made a way for us on the cross, we can say we are sorry, bring our problems to God, and worship Him with our whole hearts at church, home, school, or anywhere!

- **THINK:**

- **Q:** Why was Jesus upset at the temple?
- **A:** Jesus was upset because people were being selfish and greedy in God's temple, and the temple was for worship and prayer.
- **Q:** How can you offer God your best this week?
- **A:** Take some time to think about how you can offer Jesus your best worship. You could write any hurts or worries in a prayer to Him.

- **PRAY:**

God, thank You for loving us. Lord, help us give our very best to YOU. Let us come to You with our hurts and our worries. Let us worship You and love You sincerely. In Jesus' name, Amen.

TUESDAY – HONORING JESUS

- **READ:** Matthew 26:6-13

On Tuesday of Holy Week, after traveling to Jerusalem, Jesus went to rest at a friend's house in Bethany. As Jesus was sitting with His friends, something really special happened. A woman, Mary of Bethany, came to Him and did something unexpected. She poured an expensive jar of perfume over Jesus' head.

The disciples didn't understand why Mary would waste such expensive perfume, but Jesus defended Mary. This wasn't a waste – it was a generous act of worship! But why did Mary pour a jar of perfume over Jesus' head? What did it mean?

This act of pouring perfume over someone's head was a special way to honor a king, called anointing. Mary was a friend of Jesus and wanted to honor Him for who He was: the Son of God, our King!

This special act of pouring perfume is also a special way to prepare a body for a funeral. Mary anointed Jesus with perfume just a few days before His death on the cross. Without knowing this, Mary was honoring Jesus and helping prepare Him for His death, for the three days He lay in the tomb, and for when He was raised from the dead as our eternal King!

Mary's love for Jesus was so strong that she was willing to give the very best of what she had to honor Him. We can honor Jesus with our actions, too! And when we are changed by God's love, our actions and our stories can help show others who Jesus is!

- **THINK & DO:**

- With your Bible open to Matthew 26, take some time and sit at the feet of the Savior today.
- Write a thank-you note to God to share your gratitude for who He is and what He has done. Keep the note in your Bible as a reminder.

- **PRAY:**

Heavenly Father, You deserve all our praise and worship! Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to be our King. Help me give You my best in all I do, even when others don't understand. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WEDNESDAY – THE BETRAYAL OF JESUS

- **READ:** Matthew 26:1-5, 14-16

On Tuesday, while Jesus taught His disciples at the Mount of Olives near Jerusalem, the religious leaders came together to make a plan to capture and kill Jesus. They didn't believe Jesus was the Son of God who was sent to save them; they hated Jesus and wanted to murder Him even though He was innocent. Jesus never did anything wrong. The religious leaders were too afraid to arrest Jesus in public because they were scared the people who listened to Jesus would get angry at them.

Then Judas, a friend of Jesus, went to the temple and asked the religious leaders how much they would pay for him to betray Jesus. The religious leaders were happy to pay Judas 30 pieces of silver, and together, Judas and the religious leaders made a plan to arrest Jesus in secret.

Greed, jealousy, pride – we don't know exactly why Judas chose to betray his friend, but none of this surprised God. He always had a plan to rescue us. Jesus, the only perfect person to ever live, took our punishment for all the wrong things we've done. Because Jesus died for us and came back to life, He defeated the enemy! He defeated sin and death! We can have a new life with Jesus forever when we follow Him! Nothing, not the enemy, not sin, not death, could ever stop God's love and plans for His people!

- **THINK:**

- **Q:** How did Judas betray Jesus?
- **A:** Judas agreed to help the religious leaders arrest Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.
- **Q:** What is one way that you have sinned or made a mistake?
- **A:** Take turns answering the question. God loves you so much and wants to forgive you of your sins.

- **PRAY:**

God, thank You for Jesus, Your perfect Son! We love and praise You! When we are scared or uncertain, help us remember how powerful You are. Nothing can stop You, God. In Jesus' name, Amen.

THURSDAY – JESUS AND THE LAST SUPPER

- **READ:** Matthew 26:16-30

On the night before Jesus was arrested, Jesus and His disciples celebrated the Passover by eating a special meal together. As they ate, Jesus told the disciples that one of their friends would betray Him. This surprised the disciples! They wondered who it could be. Judas and Jesus knew the truth; Judas would be the one to help Jesus' enemies arrest Jesus. Jesus didn't let this betrayal stop this special time with His friends. As they were eating, Jesus prayed, broke the bread, and passed it to the disciples. The bread represented Jesus giving His body for us. Jesus then prayed over a cup and passed it to His disciples. The drink in the cup represented the blood Jesus shed on the cross for us so that we could be forgiven and have a relationship with God forever. That night, Jesus was arrested by the religious leaders with Judas' help, but God's rescue plan could not be stopped! When we take the Lord's Supper, we are remembering the Last Supper and what Jesus did for us on the cross because of His love for us.

- **THINK & DO:**

- Draw a picture of what you think the Passover meal with Jesus and His disciples may have looked like.
- Take some time to say thank you to Jesus for what He did on the cross.

- **PRAY:**

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your grace. You are always faithful, and we praise You! Help us to remember how much You love us and what Jesus did for us on the cross. In Jesus' name, Amen.

- **SUGGESTED FAMILY ACTIVITY :**

- The Lord's Supper Coloring Page on page 5
- Make a Plate on page 6

FRIDAY – JESUS ON THE CROSS

- **READ:** Matthew 27:11-61

On Friday, Jesus was arrested by the Jewish religious leaders. He was brought to Pilate, the governor, for a trial to decide if Jesus had done anything wrong. Pilate said he couldn't find anything that Jesus had done wrong, but the crowd wanted Jesus to be put to death anyway. Pilate let the crowd have their way and agreed to hand Jesus over to them to be killed. Jesus was beaten, mocked, and nailed on the cross. He died a very painful death, but not because He had sinned or done anything wrong. When people do something wrong, punishment is a consequence. Jesus took our punishment on the cross so that we could be forgiven and have a relationship with Him. This was a part of God's rescue plan for us.

We all have done something that God said wasn't good; that means we've sinned. God wants us to have a relationship with Him forever, so He sent Jesus to earth to live a perfect life so that He could take the punishment for our sins on the cross. He died so that we could have a new life with God. When we think about the cross, we can remember that Jesus died for us. After Jesus died, His body was placed in a borrowed grave, a temporary tomb, but the story doesn't end there—Easter is coming!

- **THINK & DO:**

- **Q:** Why did Jesus have to die?
- **A:** God knew it was the only way. Jesus was perfect. He never sinned. He took on the punishment for our sins: past, present, and future. We couldn't save ourselves, but because of Jesus, we can be saved.
- When you do something that is wrong, you can go to God in prayer. You can tell God how truly sorry you are for the things you have done wrong. God promises to forgive you.

- **PRAY:**

Lord, how amazing is Your love! Thank You for sending Jesus to save me from my sins. Let me always remember the sacrifice You made for me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

- **SUGGESTED FAMILY ACTIVITY :**

- "He is Risen" Cross on pages 7-8

SATURDAY – JESUS IN THE TOMB

- **READ:** Matthew 27:62-66

On Saturday, when Jesus' body was in the tomb, His disciples hid, and the crowds who had demanded Jesus' death were nowhere to be seen. The Pharisees, religious leaders, worried about the words Jesus told His followers. Jesus had said, "After three days, I will rise again." The Pharisees went to the governor, Pilate, because they thought Jesus' followers would try to steal His body to trick everyone. They asked Pilate to roll an enormous stone to block the entrance to the tomb and to send guards to prevent Jesus' disciples from taking His body. Pilate agreed and told the guards to make the tomb as secure as possible.

The Pharisees thought they had won, but they would soon know that Jesus had won the victory. When things seem scary or impossible, we can trust that God will never leave us. That is what faith is all about! Even when people try to stop God's plans, we can have faith that He always wins!

- **THINK:**

- **Q:** Is there something in your life that feels scary or impossible?
- **A:** No matter what, we can have faith that God is always with us. Jesus promised that He would rise again after three days. He did! God never fails; He always wins. You can always trust Him!

- **PRAY:**

Heavenly Father, thank you for always keeping Your promises! You are so good! We love and praise You! In Jesus' name, Amen.

- **SUGGESTED FAMILY ACTIVITY :**

- Empty Tomb Rolls Recipe on page 9

SUNDAY – JESUS IS ALIVE

- **READ:** Matthew 28:1-10

On Sunday, Jesus' friends walked to His tomb to be close to Him and to care for His body as instructed by Jewish customs. But before they could even ask the guards to see Jesus' tomb, an earthquake shook the ground! The ground rumbled when an angel dressed in white came down from heaven, rolled the huge stone away, and then sat right on top of it. The guards were so frightened that they fainted!

Then the angel told Mary and Mary Magdalene, Jesus' friends, that Jesus had risen from the grave; the tomb was empty. This was what Jesus told them would happen before He was killed. The angel told the women to go tell their friends the good news that Jesus was alive and that He would see them soon! As they ran to tell their friends that Jesus was alive, Jesus Himself appeared to them! They fell at Jesus' feet and worshiped Him. Jesus told them again to go tell their friends the Good News: He was alive!

The Book of Romans tells us that we have all done things that are wrong, which is sin, and the punishment for that sin is death. God loved us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, from Heaven to Earth to live a perfect life and to take the punishment for our sins and die on the cross for us. Jesus didn't stay in the grave, though; God raised Him back to life. When we believe this and trust in Jesus, He gives us new life. When we've put our faith in Jesus, He tells us to go and share the Good News with everyone. We can share the Gospel (Good News) with our friends and family. It's the best news ever: Jesus is alive!

- **THINK:**

- **Q:** When Jesus' friends saw that His tomb was empty, an angel appeared. What did the angel say?
- **A:** The angel told them to tell their friends the Good News: Jesus is alive!
- **Q:** How can you tell people the Good News?
- **A:** You can tell your friends what you have learned this week! We all have made mistakes, and the punishment for our mistakes is separation from God. The good news is that Jesus came, died, and rose again so that we could all have life! You can tell your friends about your trust in Jesus and what He has done in your life!

- **PRAY:**

Lord, we celebrate You on this special day! We believe and trust in You! Help us to share with others the good news that You are alive! In Jesus' name, Amen.

- **SUGGESTED FAMILY ACTIVITY :**

- Easter Coloring Sheet on page 10

EASTER KIT FOR TEENS



Activities and a Holy Week guide to help families with teens slow down, focus on Jesus, and create meaningful conversations this Holy Week.

GOSPEL BAND: INVITE ACTIVITY

SUPPLIES:

- Beads (black, red, white, green, yellow)
- String

MAKE IT:

- Gather beads of each color and some type of string. Each color represents an element of the Gospel story.
- Build a bracelet, necklace, or even a key chain as you walk through each bead, what it represents, and read the scripture together.
- Optional: Use spring colors and letter beads to create a message to share (ex. HE•IS•RISEN, JESUS•♥•YOU, ROM•5•8, etc.)

SHARE IT:

- When you're done, share the beads (necklace, bracelet, etc.) with a friend and invite them to join you at church this Easter.

- **DARK** - This reminds us of sin. Sin is anything we do that is not what God wants us to do. The Bible says that everyone has sinned.
 - Sometimes I make bad choices and disobey God.
 - Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God."
- **RED** - This reminds us of Jesus' blood. Jesus was God's Son, and He died on the cross to pay the punishment for our sins.
 - Jesus loves me so much that He died on the cross to rescue me from sin and death.
 - Romans 5:8 "But here is how Christ has shown His love for us: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
- **WHITE** - Reminds us of our new lives. The Bible says that after we have accepted Jesus, we are brand new. He cleans out the sin that was in us. Jesus is in our lives! He will never leave!
 - Jesus can take away all my sin and shame and make me new.
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17 "When anyone lives in Christ, the new creation has come. The old is gone! The new is here!"
- **GREEN** - This reminds us that we are to grow as Christians. To grow in our relationship with God, we need to pray, read the Bible, and spend time with other Christians; like going to church,
 - As I grow as a Christian, I can follow Jesus and learn to be more like Him.
 - Ephesians 5:1 "You are children that God dearly loves. So follow His example."
- **YELLOW** - This reminds us of Heaven! The Bible says that every person who has trusted Jesus to be his or her Savior will spend eternity with Him.
 - I can live with Jesus for eternity!
 - John 14:2-3 "My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."



CROSS CANVAS: REFLECTION ACTIVITY

Read Friday's Holy Week devotion and then complete the activity below.

SUPPLIES:

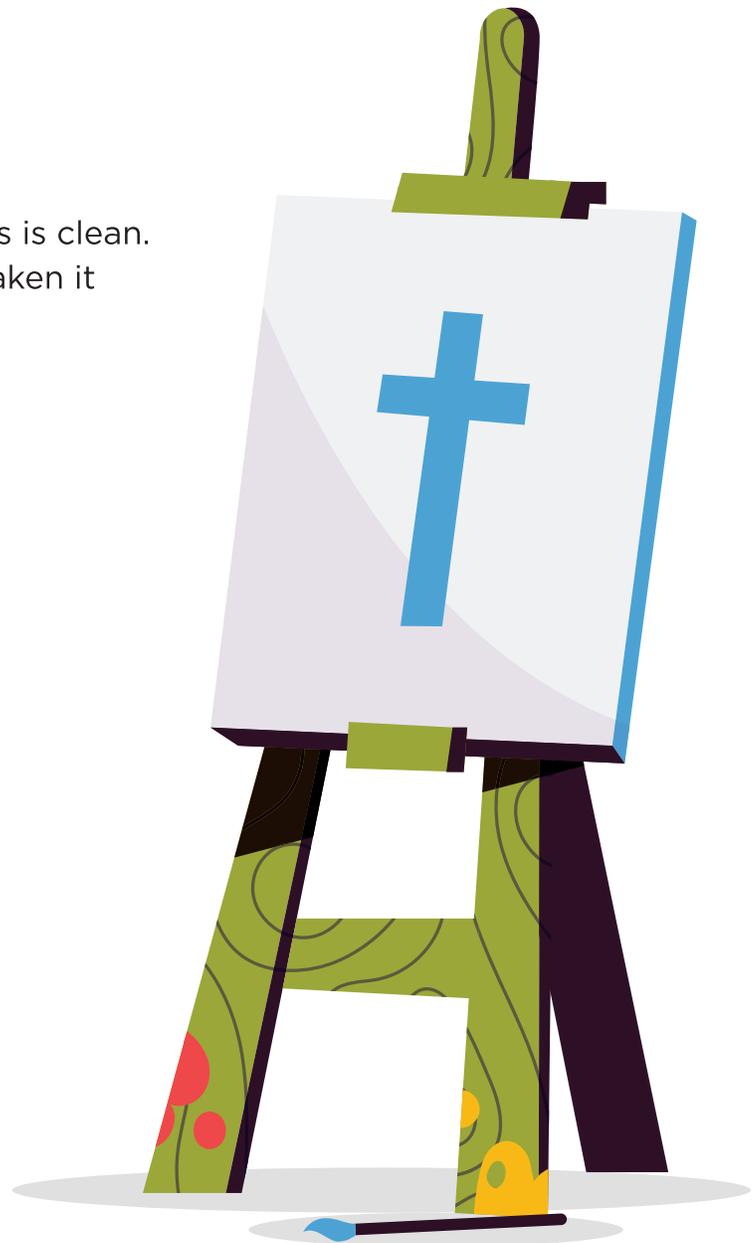
- Paper or canvas
- Painter's tape (or masking tape)
- Paint or markers
- Pen

MAKE IT:

1. Place tape in the shape of a cross on the canvas.
2. Around the cross, write:
 - Things you're stressed about
 - Things you're ashamed of
 - Things you wish were different
3. Paint over everything.
4. Let it dry and peel the tape off.
5. When the tape comes off, the cross is clean.
6. Read: Colossians 2:14 - "...He has taken it away, nailing it to the cross."

REFLECT:

1. What does it mean that Jesus "took it away"?
2. Is there anything you're still holding onto?
3. Pray and give your sins, shame, and struggles to Jesus.



SCAVENGER HUNT: REFLECTION ACTIVITY

This Scavenger hunt serves as a guided Holy Week reflection. It is designed to help families with teens slow down, focus on Jesus, and create meaningful conversations at home. Move through all 8 symbols as a family, or allow teens to complete them individually and discuss afterward as a family.

Suggested time: 60 minutes.

PARENT GUIDE

How To Lead This Time:

- Create a calm environment.
- Silence phones and remove distractions.
- Read the Scripture slowly.
- Allow silence.
- Ask open-ended questions.
- Close in prayer together.

Helpful Prompts:

- What stood out to you?
- Why do you think that matters?
- What does that change about how we live?
- The goal is not perfection - it's presence!

FAMILY DISCUSSION :

After completing the scavenger hunt, come together and share one answer that impacted you most. Discuss how the resurrection changes your week ahead. Close by praying together as a family.



SCAVENGER HUNT: MIDDLE SCHOOL

Holy Week tells the story of the most important week in history. Find each item, read the Scripture, and answer the question below. Write your thoughts to discuss as a family.

☐ GREEN PLANT - MATTHEW 21:8-9

- Why were people excited about Jesus?
- What do you get excited about?

YOUR THOUGHTS: _____

☐ CUP - MATTHEW 26:39

- When is it hard to obey?
- What can we learn from Jesus?

YOUR THOUGHTS: _____

☐ ROPE OR STRING - MATTHEW 27:2

- Why didn't Jesus stop what was happening to Him?

YOUR THOUGHTS: _____

☐ NAIL - JOHN 19:16-18

- What does the cross show us about God's love?

YOUR THOUGHTS: _____

☐ DARKNESS - MATTHEW 27:45-46

- Have you ever felt like God was quiet?

YOUR THOUGHTS: _____

☐ STONE - MATTHEW 27:59-60

- How do you think the disciples felt on Saturday?

YOUR THOUGHTS: _____

☐ EMPTY CONTAINER - MATTHEW 28:5-6

- Why is the empty tomb good news?

YOUR THOUGHTS: _____

☐ MIRROR - 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

- What does it mean that you are a new creation?

YOUR THOUGHTS: _____

SCAVENGER HUNT: HIGH SCHOOL

Holy Week confronts us with both suffering and resurrection. Move through each symbol thoughtfully. Reflect deeply on the Scripture. Consider not only what happened, but why it matters in Scripture and in your life.

☐ GREEN PLANT - MATTHEW 21:8-9

- What kind of Messiah were the people expecting?
- How does that compare to who Jesus actually is?

YOUR THOUGHTS: _____

☐ CUP - MATTHEW 26:39

- What does this prayer reveal about Jesus' humility and obedience?

YOUR THOUGHTS: _____

☐ ROPE OR STRING - MATTHEW 27:2

- What does voluntary suffering reveal about God's character?

YOUR THOUGHTS: _____

☐ NAIL - JOHN 19:16-18

- Why was the cross necessary?
- What did it accomplish?

YOUR THOUGHTS: _____

☐ DARKNESS - MATTHEW 27:45-46

- What does Jesus' cry teach us about suffering and trust?

YOUR THOUGHTS: _____

☐ STONE - MATTHEW 27:59-60

- What does waiting in silence produce in faith?

YOUR THOUGHTS: _____

☐ EMPTY CONTAINER - MATTHEW 28:5-6, 1 CORINTHIANS 15:14

- Why is the resurrection essential to Christianity?
- What would faith be without it?

YOUR THOUGHTS: _____

☐ MIRROR - 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

- What does new creation mean for your identity, purpose, and daily living?

YOUR THOUGHTS: _____



HOLY WEEK GUIDE



Use this simple guide to equip teens for Holy Week.
This can be used as a family, individually, or in a group of friends.

DAY 1: PALM SUNDAY – EXPECTATION

- **Read:** Matthew 21:1-11
- **Reflect:**
 - Why were people excited?
 - What were they expecting Jesus to do?
 - What are you expecting from God right now?
- **Pray:**

DAY 2: MONDAY – JESUS AT THE TEMPLE

- **Read:** Read: Matthew 21:12-17
- **Reflect:**
 - What had the people done at the Temple?
 - Why was the corruption at the Temple upsetting to Jesus?
 - What is an area of your life that you need to allow Jesus to cleanse?
- **Pray:**

DAY 3: TUESDAY – HONORING JESUS

- **Read:** Read: Matthew 26:6-13
- **Reflect:**
 - Why do you think the disciples were confused about Mary’s actions?
 - Why did they think it was a waste?
 - What actions of ours can help us honor Jesus?
- **Pray:**

DAY 4: WEDNESDAY – BETRAYAL OF JESUS

- **Read:** Matthew 26:1-5, 14-16
- **Reflect:**
 - In what way do we betray Jesus? (Sin)
 - Why is it so easy for us to sin?
 - When you realize you have betrayed Jesus, how does knowing He died for your sin change what you do next?
- **Pray:**

DAY 5: THURSDAY – LAST SUPPER

- **Read:** Matthew 26:16-30
- **Reflect:**
 - Why does Jesus welcome Judas knowing he'll betray Him?
 - What is communion? Why do we take it and why is it important?
 - How can you show compassion to others, even those who hurt you?
- **Pray:**

DAY 6: GOOD FRIDAY – SACRIFICE

- **Read:** Isaiah 53:3-6/ Matthew 27:11-61
- **Reflect:**
 - What did Jesus carry for you?
- **Optional:** Cross Canvas
- **Pray:**

DAY 7: SILENT SATURDAY – WAITING

- **Read:** Read: Matthew 27:57-66
- **Reflect:**
 - Have you ever felt like God was silent?
 - What do you do in seasons of waiting?
- **Pray:**

DAY 8: EASTER SUNDAY – RESURRECTION

- **Read:** Matthew 28:1-10
- **Reflect:**
 - Why does the resurrection matter?
 - What does “new life” look like for you?
- **Pray:**
