



**Holy Week**  
**Family Guide**  
**2021**

**Welcome!**

**This is a guided devotion intended to take your family through the eight days of Holy Week. Each day will include a small art project, reading Scripture, thoughts about the day, and a prayer. In addition, if you'd like more crafts for your family, a QR code will take you to another art project.**

**One of the daily activities will be making a Holy Week banner. Print out the strips on the next two pages, cut them out and glue them together. Cut out the "Holy Week" picture to glue at the top. Every day a new picture will be added.**

**Enjoy!**

Glue Holy week label

Glue palm

Glue fig

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Glue table

Glue money

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Glue heart

Glue cross

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tomb

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# HOLY



# WEEK

**Read:** John 12:13 They took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Jesus. They shouted,

"Praise God!

God bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

God bless the King of Israel!" *Psalm 118:25-26*

**The day:** On this day the people shouted "Hosannah!" which means "O save us now!" The people wanted someone to become a new king for them but they didn't realize that Jesus came as a servant to die for their sins. And it would happen in just a few days.

**Prayer:** Thank you, Jesus for answering my prayers of "Hosanna" by sacrificing yourself on the cross for me. Please forgive me when I just say words of praise without meaning them. Help me to always remember how much you gave up for me.



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Palm Sunday

**Read:** Mark 11:12-14 <sup>12</sup> The next day as Jesus was leaving Bethany, he was hungry. <sup>13</sup> He saw a fig tree in leaf. So he went to the tree to see if it had any figs on it. But he found no figs, only leaves. It was not the right season for figs to grow. <sup>14</sup> So Jesus said to the tree, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." Jesus' followers heard him say this.

**The day:** If a fig tree had leaves it was a sign that it should have had fruit but no fruit was found on this tree. Jesus is using the fig tree as an object lesson. We would be no better off than this fig tree faking our fruit with lying leaves if not for Jesus.

**Prayer:** Jesus, thank you for taking the curse that I deserve. Help me to produce fruit from your blessing.



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Holy Monday



**Read:** Matthew 21:12-13 <sup>12</sup> Jesus went into the Temple. He threw out all the people who were buying and selling there. He turned over the tables that belonged to the men who were exchanging different kinds of money. And he upset the benches of those who were selling doves. <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to all the people there, "It is written in the Scriptures, 'My Temple will be a house where people will pray.' But you are changing God's house into a 'hideout for robbers.'"

**The Day:** The reason Jesus was upset was because the people had replaced dependance on God with depending on their own actions of following the rules. Jesus wants our hearts to be his - not our actions only.

**Prayer:** Jesus, thank you for being my perfect, spotless Passover lamb. Please clean out the temple of my heart anything that is displeasing to You.



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Holy Tuesday

**Read:** Matthew 26:14-16 <sup>14</sup> Then 1 of the 12 followers went to talk to the leading priests. This was the follower named Judas Iscariot. <sup>15</sup> He said, "I will give Jesus to you. What will you pay me for doing this?" The priests gave Judas 30 silver coins. <sup>16</sup> After that, Judas waited for the best time to give Jesus to the priests.

**The Day:** Spy Wednesday is called that because Judas was considered a spy when he betrayed Jesus to the chief priests. Satan found that Judas had a love of money and used that to push him to betray Jesus.

**Prayer:** Thank you, Jesus, that even as I betray you, you love it when I repent and come back to you! You wait with loving anticipation for my return when I stray - even running to meet me when I turn back to you. Thank you!



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Spy Wednesday

**Read:** John 13:34-35 <sup>34</sup> "I give you a new command: Love each other. You must love each other as I have loved you. <sup>35</sup> All people will know that you are my followers if you love each other."

**The Day:** Maundy means "mandate" or "command". The old commandment was to love our neighbor like we love ourselves. Now we are to love like Jesus loves us. What does that look like? Jesus served others, washing their feet. He loves us to the point of dying on the cross!

**Prayer:** God, you have shown me what true love looks like. Thank you for loving me so much that you died for me. You have called me to love others like you have loved me. Teach me, Lord to love in that way. Please make me brave to share your love with others.



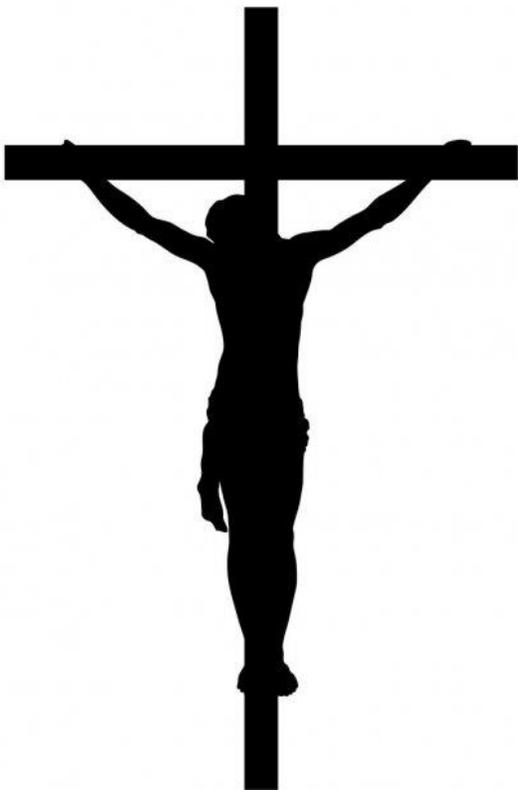
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Maundy Thursday

**Read:** Mark 15:34 <sup>34</sup> At three o'clock Jesus cried in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani." This means, "My God, my God, why have you left me alone?"

**The Day:** Even though Friday doesn't seem like a good day it really is because Jesus died for you. Be filled with thankfulness today for his willingness to die on the cross for you.

**Prayer:** Thank you, Jesus, for taking all of my sin on yourself when you had none. Thank you for all the hurt and suffering you went through just for me. I don't deserve what you have done but I see your amazing love in your actions.



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Good Friday

**Read:** Luke 23:50-56 <sup>50-51</sup> A man from the Jewish town of Arimathea was there, too. His name was Joseph. He was a good, religious man. He wanted the kingdom of God to come. Joseph was a member of the Jewish council, but he had not agreed when the other leaders decided to kill Jesus. <sup>52</sup> Joseph went to Pilate to ask for the body of Jesus. <sup>53</sup> So Joseph took the body down from the cross and wrapped it in cloth. Then he put Jesus' body in a tomb that was cut in a wall of rock. This tomb had never been used before. <sup>54</sup> This was late on Preparation Day. When the sun went down, the Sabbath day would begin.

**The Day:** Can you imagine what Jesus' followers felt this day? They did not understand that Jesus would come back to life. They were sad and filled with anguish.

**Prayer:** Jesus, let me always trust in you even when things around me look hopeless.



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Holy Saturday

**Read:** Mark 16: 6 But the man said, "Don't be afraid. You are looking for Jesus from Nazareth, the one who was killed on a cross. He has risen from death. He is not here. Look, here is the place they laid him.

**The Day:** Think about what it would have been like to find Jesus' tomb open and empty. Would you have been confused? Sad? Angry? Then you find out that an angel moved the stone and Jesus was alive. Your Savior! Alive!

**Prayer:** Jesus, you are the King on the throne! You have done something no one else has ever done. I praise you with new eyes seeing the power, beauty and love of your resurrection.



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Easter Sunday