



JOURNEY TO easter

Encountering Jesus Together on
the Way to the Empty Tomb



Activity Book

Name _____ Age _____

A note from Pastors Michael and Megan

Hi Community Kids and Parents!

We are so glad that you've picked up this Journey to Easter guide! We hope that over these eight days you will have fun learning more about Holy Week. We encourage you to take your time, look up the Scriptures and do the activities as a family to really process and think about what happened that week. This guide is so much more than just a few questions and pictures to color, it's an opportunity to better understand what the week was like for Jesus as he prepared to go to the cross because of His love for us! We are praying for you this week and believing that you will grow in your relationship with Jesus and understanding of how much God really does love you!

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We've gathered some fun activities for the family to do throughout the Journey to Easter.



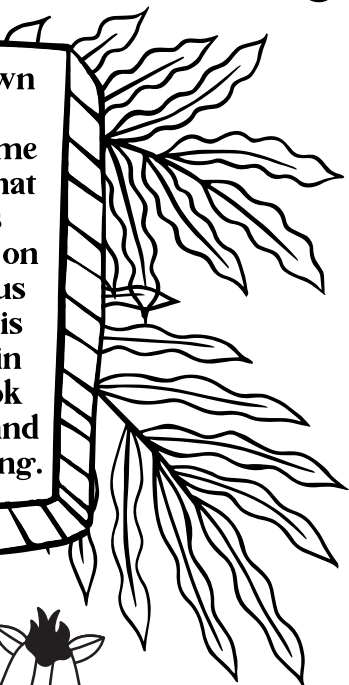


sunday

Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-10, Luke 19:21-44

Jesus' Triumphant Entry

The Sunday before Easter is known as Palm Sunday and is the beginning of Holy Week. The name comes from the palm branches that were placed on the ground. As Jesus entered Jerusalem He rode on the back of a borrowed colt. Jesus is King and yet at the start of His final week, He showed once again that His Kingdom would not look like the kingdoms of the world, and that He was a different kind of king.



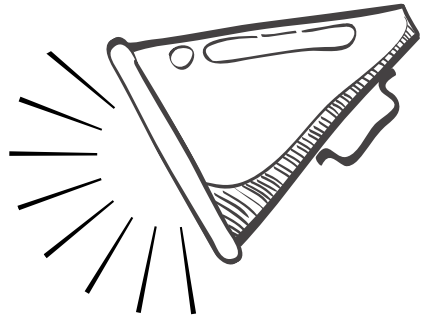
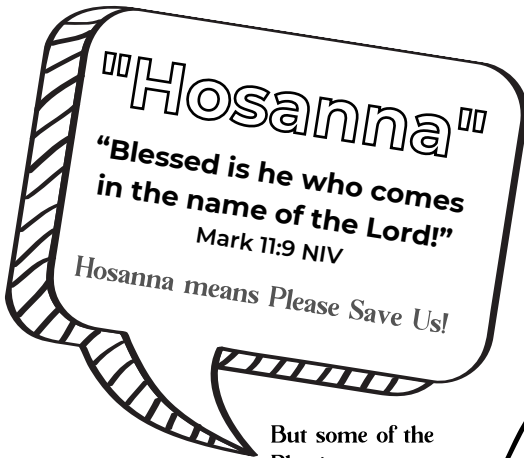
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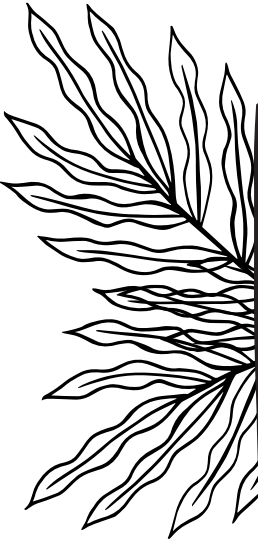


sunday



But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, "Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!" He replied, "If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!"

Luke 19:39 NLT



**What are you thankful to Jesus for?
write or draw it here.**

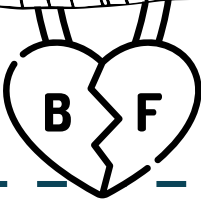
HTH

monday

Matthew 21:12–13, & 18–19, Mark 11:12–18, Luke 19:45–48

On the Monday before Easter, Jesus spent time in a village called Bethany with his friends Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. Knowing he would go to the cross in just a few days, Jesus chose to be with them because they were some of His closest friends.

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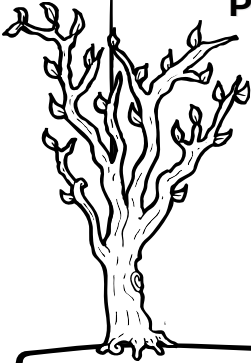


Draw yourself with your best freinds





monday



Plan a dinner with your friends



Friends to Invite

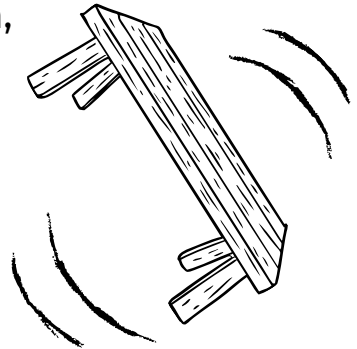
Appetizers:

Main Course:

Dessert:

On Monday morning, on his way back to Jerusalem, Jesus cursed a fig tree that had yet to bear fruit. His disciples later saw that the tree had withered, a moment where Jesus taught them the importance of faith in God's ability to do the impossible. On the same day, Jesus entered the temple and drove out those buying and selling goods in the temple and he overturned the tables where they exchanged money. Jesus did this to show the importance of God's house being a house of prayer. Jesus went back to spend time with his friends in Bethany with those closest to him.



"It is written," he said to them,
"My house will be called a
House of Prayer;
but you are making it
'a den of robbers.'"
Matthew 21:13 NIV



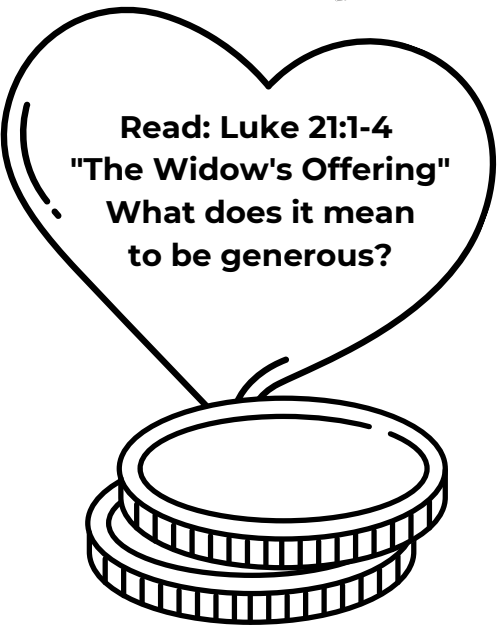
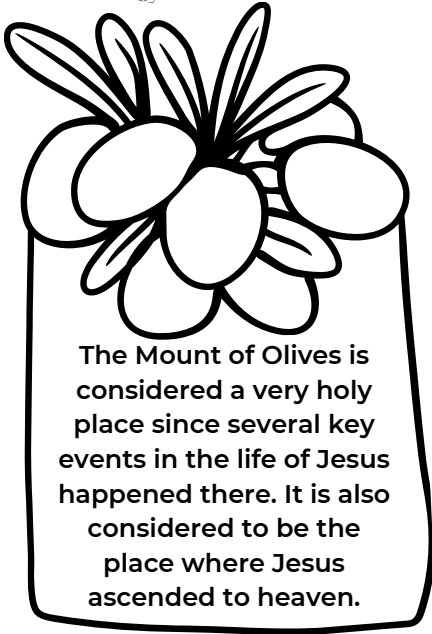


tuesday

Matthew 21:20-27, & 25:1-14, Mark 11:20-12:44, Luke 20:1-21:36



On Tuesday, Jesus went back to the temple in Jerusalem and taught with great authority. Later that day, Jesus traveled to the nearby Mount of Olives, where He spoke to His disciples about what would happen in the days ahead.



Read: Luke 21:1-4
"The Widow's Offering"
What does it mean to be generous?



tuesday

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Love the Lord your God.
Love him with all your heart,
all your soul, all your mind,
and all your strength.' The
second most important
command is this: 'Love your
neighbor as you love
yourself.' These two
commands are the most
important commands.”

Mark 12:30-31 ICB

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HEART

MIND

STRENGTH

SOUL

Read: Matthew 25:1-13

"Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids"

What does this story teach us about being ready?

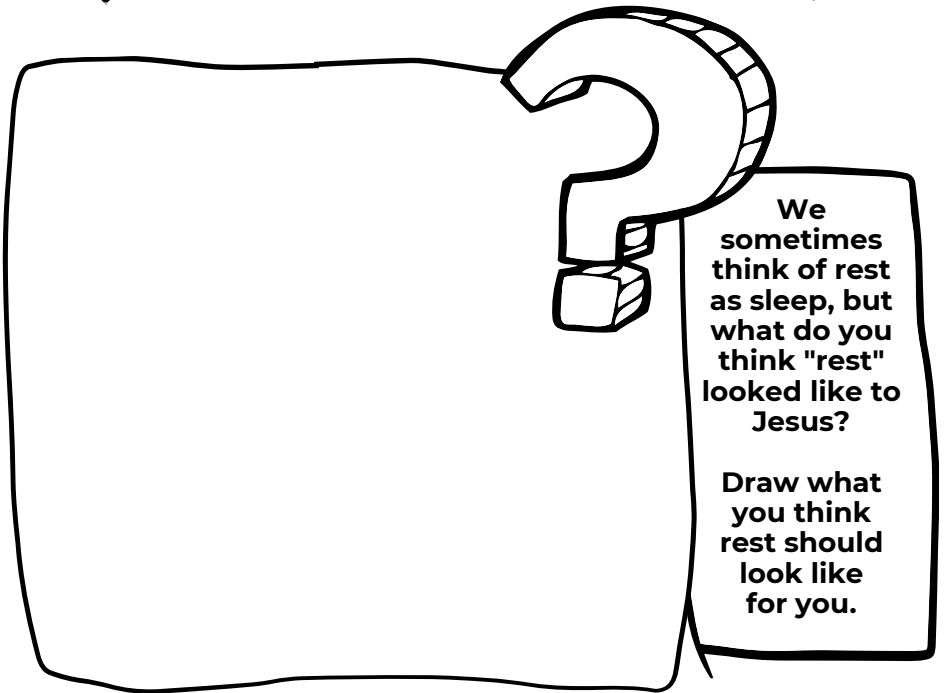




wednesday

Matthew 26:14–16, Mark 14:10–11, Luke 22:3–6

On Wednesday, the Bible
does not say exactly what Jesus did.
Many people believe that Jesus spent the
day resting with His disciples and
friends in Bethany.





wednesday

"This is believed to be the day Judas, one of Jesus' friends (a disciple), agreed to betray Jesus."
Matthew 26:14-16

How do you feel about Judas' decision to betray Jesus?



Find the Journey to Easter words you have learned so far in the word search below.


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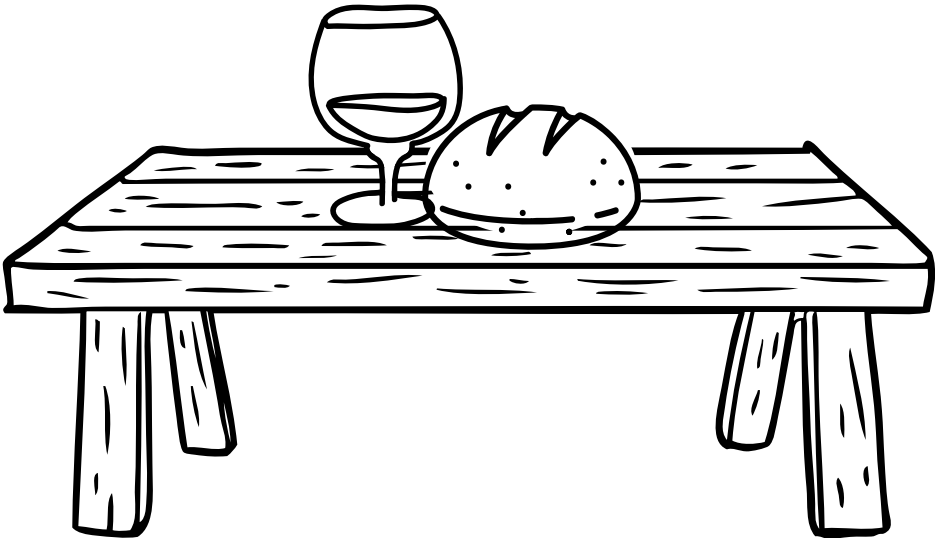


thursday

Matthew 26:1–46, Mark 14:12–42, Luke 22:7–46, John 13–17



Thursday was the Jewish day of Passover, so Jesus celebrated by having a meal with His disciples, known as the Last Supper. In this meal, Jesus explained and began the practice of Communion. He also washed the disciples' feet and gave final instructions to them. Afterward, Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane with a few of His disciples to pray. That night, Judas met Jesus in the garden and turned him over to the soldiers to be arrested.





thursday

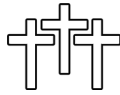
Jesus chose to serve his disciples by washing their feet. He was setting the example of how to love.

“ John 13:34-35 ICB
“I give you a new command: Love each other. You must love each other as I have loved you. All people will know that you are my followers if you love each other.” ”



When Jesus went to the garden to pray He knew what would happen next.

What do you think Jesus talked to God about when He prayed?

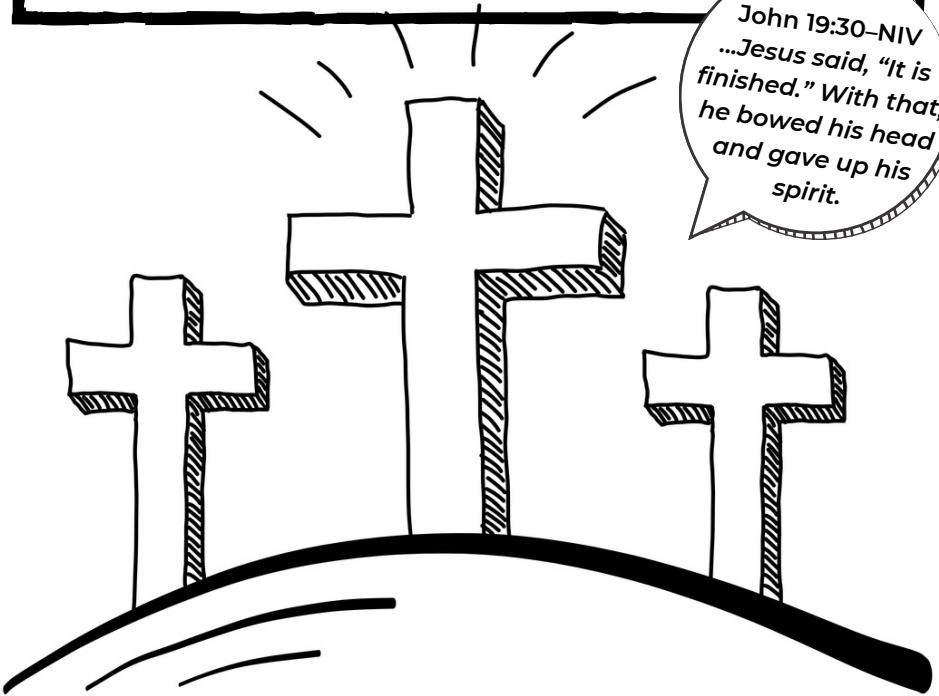


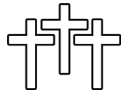
friday

Matthew 26:47–27:61, Mark 14:43–15:47,
Luke 22:47–23:56, John 18:2–19:42

After being arrested early Friday morning, Jesus went through several trials. During these trials, Jesus was mocked, beaten and whipped. Pilate, the Roman governor, attempted to convince the Jewish leaders to let Jesus go, but they wouldn't. Pilate finally agreed to hand Jesus over to be crucified. Jesus hung on a cross for approximately six hours, until He died in the afternoon.

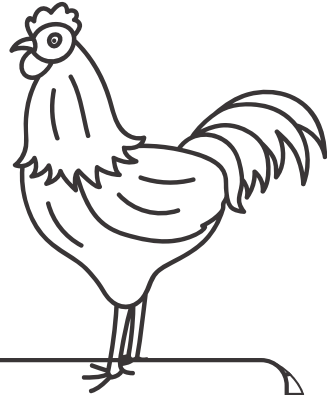
*John 19:30–NIV
...Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*





friday

GOOD FRIDAY

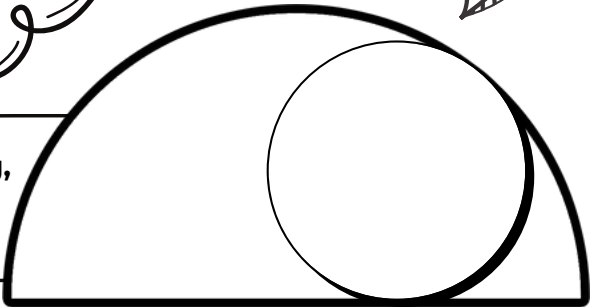


Why is such a sad day called "Good"?

Because Christians know that this is the moment that Jesus made a way for us to be with him forever

Matthew 26:34 ICB
Jesus said, "I tell you the truth. Tonight you will say you don't know me. You will say this three times before the rooster crows."

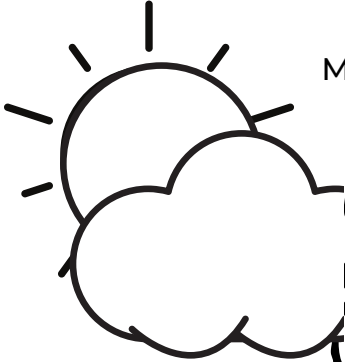
On Friday evening, Jesus' body was buried in a tomb.





saturday

Matthew 27:62-66

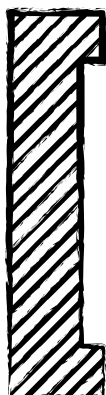


On Saturday, Jesus remained in the tomb for the entire day. The Jewish leaders convinced Pilate to place Roman soldiers to guard the tomb, afraid that His disciples would try to take His body. This was a sad day for His disciples. They were without hope and did not know that everything would change on Sunday.

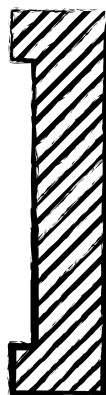
Draw a picture of what you think it was like for the disciples on Saturday.



saturday



**Jesus' friends had to
TRUST and WAIT
Do you like to wait?**



YES

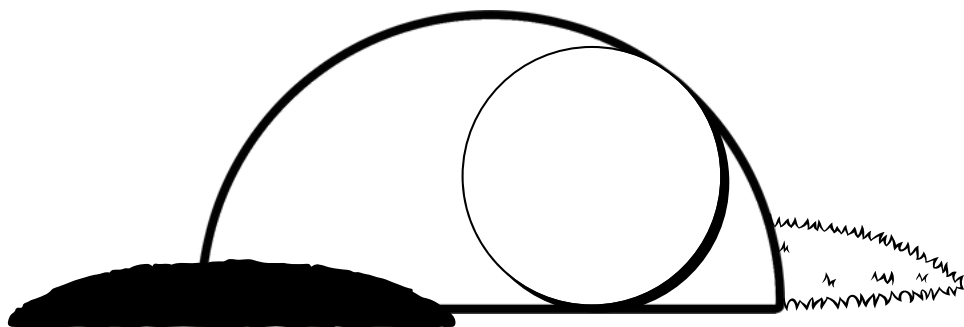
NO

Draw a Roman guard

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easter

Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20–21

On Easter Sunday, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. A few women went to see the tomb, where an angel appeared to them. They reported what they had seen and heard to Jesus' disciples. They told the story of their experience. We all tell a story with our words and with our actions. The story always includes our history. Jesus' resurrection is the institution of His story (history) becoming our story.





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