

Walking Your Family Through the Last Days of Jesus

The first Easter was the greatest day in history! But the days leading up to it included Jesus's arrest, crucifixion, and death. The greatest day was preceded with some of the darkest times Jesus ever endured.

Use this calendar as a tool to walk your family through Jesus's final days. Each day, you can take some time to read the Bible and ask the questions to start discussions with your family. The activities are designed to include friends who don't yet know Jesus! Do them daily as a family or choose a few activities to do all at once with friends.

We hope you are blessed by Jesus's life, death, and coming back to life this Easter and beyond!



Palm Sunday

Read Matthew 21:8-11

We're told that people were shouting "Hosanna!" and praising Jesus. What do we learn about those people in this passage? What might they have been expecting Him to do next?

Matthew points out that Jesus riding on a donkey fulfills a prophecy spoken by Zechariah more than 400 years ago. What does that tell us about God and His plans?

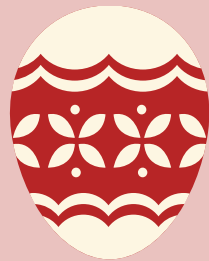
Gather family and friends and share that this year you want to make a special set of eggs to remind us of what Jesus has done for us.



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Jesus Clears the Temple



Read Mark 11:15-18

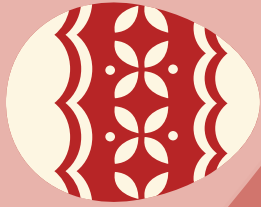
Does Jesus sin by clearing the marketplace out of the temple? If not, what was He doing instead? What does Jesus teach us about God in these verses?

Jesus commands “My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.” Today, how do we follow that command?

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Did you know memorizing scripture can be fun? Invite some friends to play these egg-cellent games together!



Jesus Washes the Disciples feet



Read John 13:1-17



In Jesus's time, the lowest servant had the job of washing people's feet. What was Jesus demonstrating about Himself by doing this lowly job?

In this passage, Jesus says "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." What was the example Jesus set? What is He encouraging His followers to do?

Jesus set an example for His followers by serving them through washing their feet. Take turns washing your family's feet. Then pray together as a family.



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The Lord's Supper

Read Matthew 26:26-28

Passover is a holiday Jewish people celebrate every year. By describing the bread as His body and the wine as His blood, Jesus was trying to tell the disciples something about Himself. What was Jesus trying to help them understand?

How does taking the Lord's Supper today help us remember what Jesus did for us on the cross?

Invite your friends for lunch or dinner to recreate Jesus and the disciples' last meal together. Spend some time asking each other how Jesus and the disciples must have felt at the last supper.





Jesus Prays in Gethsemane



**Read Matthew 26:36-39
& Luke 22:39-44**

Jesus was 100% man and 100% God. How do we see that in this passage? How does Jesus show He is God? How does Jesus show He is a man?

Jesus asked His disciples to stay awake and pray for Him, but they kept falling asleep. What did they not understand was about to happen to Jesus? When was a time God did a big thing in your life, but you didn't understand it until later?

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Take time as a family to go on a prayer walk through your neighborhood. As you walk, pray for each house to come to know Jesus.



Jesus is Crucified

Read Luke 23:32-43


When Jesus was crucified, many in the crowd made fun of Him and asked why didn't He save Himself. Knowing that Jesus was God and could have gotten down off the cross, why didn't Jesus save Himself from dying?

Jesus was crucified between two criminals. One of the criminals saw that Jesus was innocent and asked to be with Jesus in His kingdom when they died. How did Jesus respond to Him? What does that tell us about Jesus even at the very end of His life?

Because of Jesus, we look at the cross as a symbol of life instead of death. Create a stained glass cross in your front window so everyone can see this symbol of new life.



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Jesus is Crucified



**Read John 19:28-30
& Romans 6:23**



Some of Jesus's last words were "it is finished." This phrase was also used by merchants to state that a debt had been paid in full. Why might Jesus have said that on the cross?

Thinking about Romans 6:23, what do we learn about how God views sin? Knowing that Jesus followed His Father's will and died for us on the cross, what else do we learn about God?

Today, celebrate Easter with a special Easter egg hunt. Invite friends to hunt with you and explain Jesus's love once you find all the eggs.



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Jesus is Alive!



Read Luke 24:13-35

This passage shares people's first reactions to Jesus being resurrected. How did they respond? How do people respond to Jesus today?

The two disciples on the road to Emmaus met Jesus personally, but they did not recognize Him until Jesus broke the bread. Once they knew Jesus was alive, what did they do? We know Jesus is alive today! What can we do?

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Celebrate that Jesus is alive with Resurrection Rolls! Give the rolls to a friend and share how Jesus is no longer in the grave!



Now What?

Romans 3:21-25

Righteousness, justified, grace, redemption, atonement. So many big words! Take some time and look up these words as a family.

God lays out a pretty big promise in verse 22, can you see it? God promises that those who have faith and believe in Jesus Christ are called “righteous.” What must we do to gain God’s promise of righteousness?

Do you ever feel scared to talk to others about Jesus? Make a sticker chart to help encourage you to pray and share Jesus with your friends!

