

Holy Week Family Devotional Guide

From Palm Sunday to Resurrection Sunday
A simple rhythm: Read • Discuss • Pray • Sing

Introduction for Families

Holy Week is an invitation to slow down, gather together, and remember how Jesus walked through the week that led to the cross... and ended at the empty tomb.

You don't need to do this perfectly. Keep it simple. Keep it short. Keep it meaningful.

Each day, you can follow this rhythm:

- **Read** a passage of Scripture
- **Discuss** what you see and what it means
- **Pray** together
- **Sing** a song (or even just a verse/chorus)

Even 10–15 minutes can shape hearts for a lifetime.

You can find all the songs on Spotify on the [2026 Holy Week Devotional Playlist](#)

Palm Sunday – The King Arrives

Read Scripture: Matthew 21:1–11

Discuss

- What were the people shouting about Jesus?
- What kind of king were they expecting?
- What kind of king is Jesus actually?

Truth: Jesus is the humble King who came to save.

Pray

“Jesus, we worship you as our King because _____.”

Sing

- *Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)*
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Monday – A Pure Heart

Read Scripture: Matthew 21:12–17

Discuss

- Why was Jesus upset in the temple?
- What does God want from His people?
- What did the children realize about Jesus?

Truth: God desires hearts that truly worship Him.

Pray *“God, forgive me for _____ when my heart was not focused on worshipping you.”*

Sing - *Lord, I Need You*

Tuesday – The True Teacher

Read Scripture: Matthew 24:36–51

Discuss

- When will Jesus come back?
- What does he expect we will be doing when he comes?
- What does it look like to truly listen to & follow Jesus?

Truth: Jesus is coming back and calls for our obedience.

Pray *“Jesus, help us listen to your Word and follow you by _____.”*

Sing - *Speak, O Lord*

Wednesday – The Betrayal Begins

Read Scripture: Luke 22:1–6

Discuss

- Why did people want to get rid of Jesus?
- Have you ever seen someone rejected for doing what is right?

Truth: Jesus was rejected so we could be accepted.

Pray *“Lord, thank you for loving us by _____ even when people turned against you.”*

Sing - *O Come to the Altar; Jesus Paid It All*

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Maundy Thursday – Love and Surrender

Read Scripture: Matthew 26:17–46

Discuss

- What does the bread and cup represent?
- What did Jesus pray in the garden?
- How did Jesus trust God’s will for his life?

Truth: Jesus gave Himself willingly out of love.

Pray

“Father, help us trust you like Jesus did, even when it’s hard.”

Sing

- *The Wonderful Cross*
- *Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me*

Good Friday – The Cross

Read Scripture: John 18:28–19:42

Discuss

- What did Jesus suffer?
- Why did Jesus have to die?
- What does the cross mean for us?

Truth: Jesus died in our place to save us from sin.

Pray

“Jesus, thank you for taking our sin when _____ and giving us your life.”

Sing

- *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
- *Jesus Thank You*

Saturday – The Waiting

Read Scripture: Matthew 27:62–66

Discuss

- How do you think the disciples felt?
- Have you ever had to wait and trust God?

Truth: Even when it seems quiet, God is still working.

Pray

“God, help us trust you by _____ even when we don’t understand.”

Sing

- *It Is Well With My Soul*

Resurrection Sunday – He Is Risen!

Read Scripture: Luke 24:1-49

Discuss

- What did the women and disciples discover?
- What does the resurrection prove about Jesus?
- How should we respond?

Truth: Jesus is alive—and that changes everything.

Pray

“Jesus, thank you for defeating sin and death. Help us live with joy and hope.”

Sing

- *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Living Hope*

A Final Encouragement to Families

Some nights will feel meaningful.

Some nights will feel messy. That’s okay.

You are planting seeds.

You are showing your children that Jesus is not just someone we talk about at church—but someone we worship in our homes.

And over time, those small, faithful moments will shape hearts... for generations.