

HOLY WEEK FAMILY DEVOS

Day 1 – Sunday :: Palm Sunday :: April 13, 2014



Theme: Triumphant Entry

Read: Mark 11:1-11

*Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, for the Passover celebration, as the people praised Him with palm branches, shouting 'Hosanna!' (Praise the Lord)

Ask: How can we praise Jesus today?

Pray: God, thank you for sending Jesus to earth; Help us WORSHIP and PRAISE you today.

Do: Find a leaf outside that could have been used to praise Jesus in the parade.



Day 2 – Monday :: April 14, 2014



Theme: Jesus is Anointed

Read: Mark 14:1-9

*The woman (Mary, sister of Lazarus & Martha) poured expensive perfume on Jesus, to prepare His body for burial. This was her gift, her act of worship, to Him.

Ask: What gift can you give Jesus? What commitment can you make for Him?

Pray: God, we give you the gift of our hearts today; help us to commit our lives and ourselves to you every day.

Do: Mix a little oil and perfume and pretend it is like what Mary used to anoint Jesus.

Day 3 – Tuesday :: April 15, 2014



Theme: Jesus Prayed in Gethsemane

Read: Mark 14:32-41; Matthew 26:36-45

*Jesus prayed "My Father! If this cup cannot be taken unless I drink it, your will be done." He denied Himself and chose to accept our punishment on the cross.

Ask: Why did Jesus have to die on the cross? Have you ever told God 'Not my will, but yours be done' in your life? What is God's will for your life?

Pray: God, today we thank you for the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, and we pray what Jesus prayed in Gethsemane 'Not our will, but yours be done' in our lives.

Do: Write your prayers down and put them in a special place. Pray together as a family.

Day 4 – Wednesday :: April 16, 2014



Theme: Judas Betrays Jesus

Read: Luke 22:1-6; Mark 14:43-46

*Judas, who was one of Jesus 12 disciples, agreed to betray Jesus, for 30 pieces of silver. He brought the soldiers to Jesus, showed them who He was, and watched as they arrested Jesus. We can stand up for Jesus and be loyal to Him.

Ask: How can you stand up for Jesus and show your loyalty to Him today?

Pray: God, we love you. Help us let everyone know that YOU are our best friend.

Do: Count 30 silver coins, like the ones Judas got for betraying Jesus.

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Day 5 – Thursday :: Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2014

Theme: The Last Supper

Read: John 13:1-17

*The word 'Maundy' comes from the Latin word 'Mandatum' which means "command," and has to do with God's command for us to love and serve one another. Jesus showed His disciples how to love one another.

Ask: Who can you serve today? How can you show God's love to others today? We don't wash people's feet; how can we serve others?

Pray: God, thank you for the example Jesus set for loving and serving others. Help us follow your command and serve others and show them Your love.

Do: Take Communion as a family (grape juice and bread/crackers) in remembrance of Jesus



Day 6 – Friday :: Good Friday, April 18, 2014

Theme: Jesus Suffered and Died

Read: Mark 14:53-65; 15:31-39

*Jesus suffered and died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins.

Ask: Have you accepted the gift of salvation and forgiveness? How do you feel, knowing that Jesus died on the cross for our sins?

Pray: God, thank you for sending your son to die on the cross to take the punishment for our sins, and for forgiving us.

Do: Confess your sins, and ask Jesus to forgive you; thank Him for the sacrifice on the cross



Day 7 – Saturday :: April 19, 2014

Theme: Jesus was Buried

Read: Mark 15:42-47; John 19:38-42

*Jesus was wrapped in grave clothes and buried in a tomb with a stone and guards.

Ask: How do you think Jesus' followers felt when He was buried?

Pray: God, we are sorry for our sins, which put Jesus on the cross. Forgive us and cleanse us. Change our hearts. We love you.

Do: Make a resurrection roll (refrigerated biscuits & marshmallows) to represent the empty tomb



Resurrection Sunday :: April 20, 2014

Theme: Jesus' Resurrection

Read: Mark 16:1-7; John 20:1-16

Ask: How has Jesus changed your life? What does the Resurrection mean to you? How can you celebrate the Savior this Easter?

Pray: God, we praise you and thank you that Jesus is ALIVE and living in us!

Do: Go to church and celebrate the risen Savior! Worship the Lord and give thanks!

