

Holy Week Family Activity Guide



SATURDAY - CREATE A RESURRECTION GARDEN

Begin your resurrection garden today. Place it in a central space in the home. Set six candles around your garden.

PALM SUNDAY - RESURRECTION EGGS

Recall the Easter story using a bible, an Easter storybook, or the instructions from a set of resurrection eggs.

Open the resurrection eggs one at a time, and allow your kids to guess what will be in each egg as the story unfolds. Let them retell you the story as they put the items back into the eggs.

Light 6 candles around your garden. Read the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem in Mark 11:1-11. Place a palm leaf and the donkey from your eggs inside the garden.

Blow out one candle.

MONDAY - JESUS CLEARED THE TEMPLE

Read about how Jesus turned the tables and chased the money changers out of the temple courts on this day in Mark 11:12-19. Give each child a coin to feel as they listen.

Blow out one more candle. Pray.

TUESDAY - JESUS PREACHED & TAUGHT

Read Luke 19:47-21:38. Jesus preached and taught in Jerusalem on this day and the next..

Tell your children how much God loves them and how He has created each of them with a special plan in mind for their lives.

Teach your children a new activity (optional).

Blow out one candle. Pray.



THURSDAY - SEDER

Observe the Passover Seder meal. Blow out one candle.

WEDNESDAY - PREVIEW SEDER, PRAYER IN THE GARDEN, JESUS WAS ARRESTED

Read Mark 14:12-15:20. On Thursday night, Jesus celebrated the Passover meal with his disciples, was betrayed by Judas, prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, was arrested by the temple guard and sentenced to death during an illegal night session of the Jewish court, the Sanhedrin.

Blow out one candle. Pray.

SATURDAY - SABBATH


Gather around your garden. Talk about how Jesus' body rested in the tomb today, and how the disciples observed the Sabbath. Discuss how afraid and confused the disciples must have been feeling at this time. Pray.

FRIDAY - CRUCIFIXION & BURIAL

9:00AM Place three twig crosses in garden. Read the crucifixion story in Matthew 27:32-44. Place Jesus figure on center cross.

NOON Blow out your last candle. Read how the noonday sun went dark, the earth shook, and the curtain in the temple was torn in half as Jesus died in v.45-56.

3:00PM Take Jesus figure off cross, wrap in piece of linen from your eggs, and place inside the tomb of your garden. Roll the stone in front of the tomb to seal it. Read v.57-66. Pray.



Jesus is risen! Your seeds should be sprouting new life in your resurrection garden today.

Before your kids wake up on Easter morning, place your Jesus figure triumphantly on top of the mountain in your garden. Roll the stone to the side of the tomb, and fold up the cloth inside the tomb.

Light all the candles - the Light of the world is alive and well!

Display your Easter baskets nearby to celebrate. Make resurrection rolls for breakfast with your kids.

Read Matthew 28 and discuss how to live out the Great Commission as Jesus's disciples.

Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! -John 1:29

He is not here, for He has risen just as He said. -Matthew 28:6

EASTER SUNDAY - WORSHIP!!!