

MAKE YOUR OWN HOLY WEEK DISPLAY



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LUTHERAN CHURCH



PALM SUNDAY **JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM**

GATHER: Paper, scissors, green crayon

DO: Trace your hand and cut it out. Color it green. Set it in your Holy Week Display

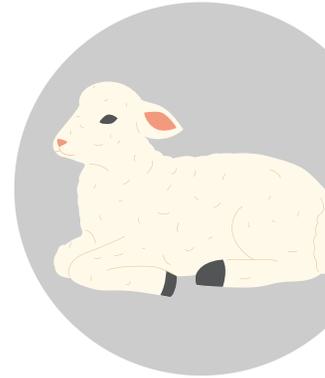
READ: John 12: 12 – 19

JESUS IS THE LAMB OF GOD **JESUS OVERTURNS THE TABLES IN THE TEMPLE**

GATHER: Print the Lamb of God image. Gather cotton balls and glue

DO: Cover the lamb with cotton balls. Place the lamb (or a tiny pile of cotton balls) in your Holy Week Display.

READ: Mark 11: 15 - 18



HOLY THURSDAY **JESUS SHARES A MEAL WITH HIS FRIENDS**

GATHER: Plate and Large Cup or Glass

DO: Set the Plate and Cup in your Holy Week Display

READ: Matthew 26: 17 - 30

JESUS IS BETRAYED **JESUS IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE**

GATHER: Pick flowers from outside or gather multi-color crayons and paper

DO: Draw a garden scene or add your flowers to your Holy Week Display

READ: Luke 22: 39 -46



GOOD FRIDAY **JESUS IS CRUCIFIED**

GATHER: Print the Jesus on the Cross Poem. Gather various craft materials of your choice

DO: Create a Cross and a Crown of Thorns. Place them in your Holy Week Display

READ: John 19: 17 - 37

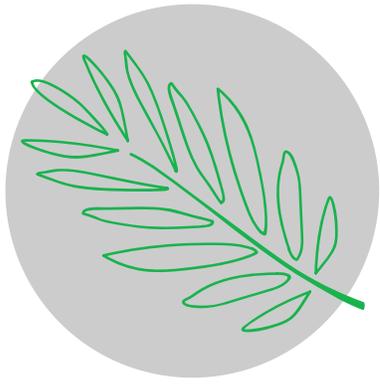
JESUS IN THE TOMB

GATHER: Find a good size rock

DO: Place the rock in your Holy Week Display

READ: Mark 15: 42- 47





Palm Sunday

**JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO
JERUSALEM**

JOHN 12: 12 – 19

When Jesus came into the great city of Jerusalem that Sunday, the crowd was excited and restless. Many had heard of Jesus' teaching and miracles. They longed for a leader who would help them drive the Romans from their land.

As Jesus rode through the city gates on a young donkey the people cheered and praised God. They waved palm branches, which were the sign of kings. They shouted "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosannah in the Highest!"

They began to throw their cloaks and palm leaves onto the ground to pave the way for Jesus. Their hearts were full of hope and expectation.

TALK ABOUT IT:

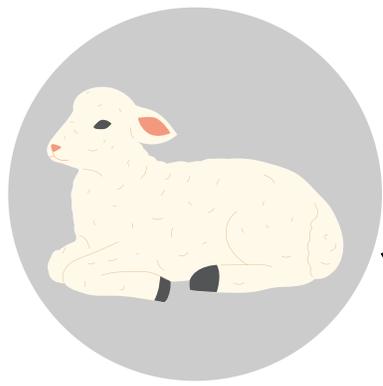
Why were people so excited about Jesus when he first entered Jerusalem?

Why do you think he wanted to enter the city riding a donkey?

Bonus Activity

Ask one of your family members to be the Donkey while someone else rides into town on their back. Wave streamers as palm branches, toss your jacket on the ground to welcome Jesus by shouting HOSANNA.

Take turns!



Lamb of God

JESUS OVERTURNS THE TABLES IN THE TEMPLE

MARK 11: 15 - 18

The next day Jesus went to the temple to pray.

When Jesus entered, he noticed lots of tables filled with doves, and other animals. Unfair people were trying to convince everyone that they had to buy an animal to give to GOD as a sacrifice. The people believed that the more expensive animals would earn more favor from GOD. They believed that if they sacrificed the animal, and said they were sorry, GOD would forgive them for the bad things they had done.

This made Jesus very angry. He knew that GOD loves everyone, and offers forgiveness to anyone who asks for it. Jesus began driving out those who were buying and selling, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those who were selling doves. Jesus said:

"Is it not written 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations' but you have made it a den of robbers."

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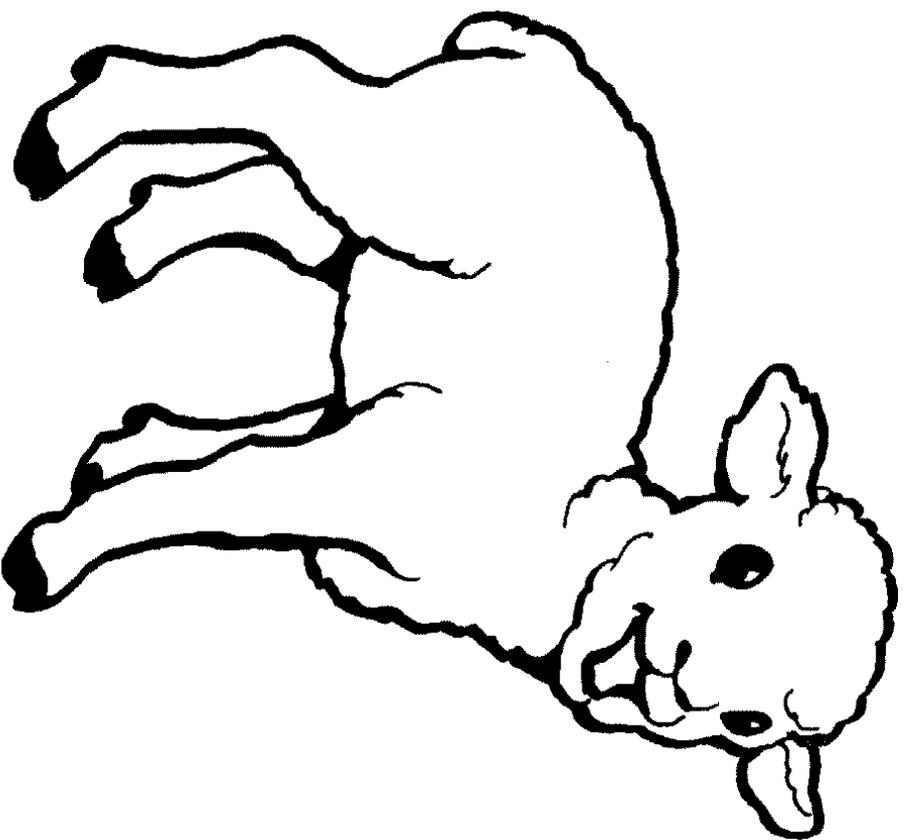
God sent Jesus into the world to show us how much he loves us. GOD knows that we could never repay HIM for all that GOD has provided, and that we could never really pay for our sins. Jesus is GOD's son...he is the ultimate sacrifice. He is the LAMB OF GOD

Bonus Activity

Make a mess of furniture and stuffed animals. Sit in the middle of the mess and talk about how Jesus got angry with people in the Temple

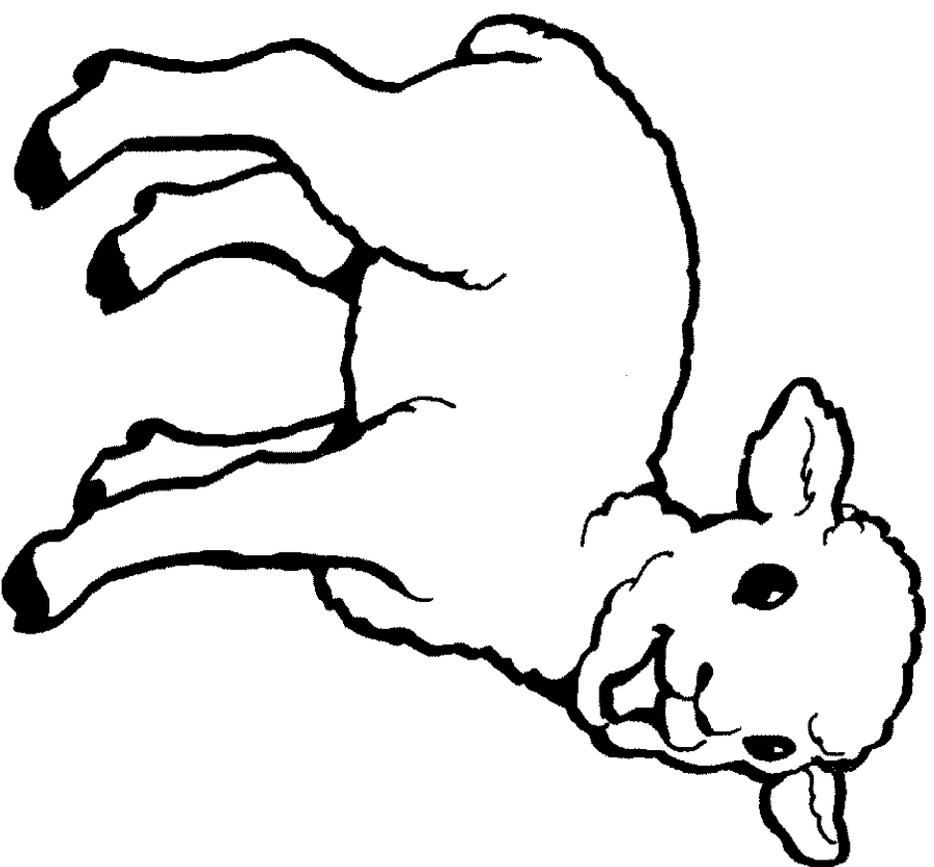
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Holy Thursday

JESUS SHARES A MEAL WITH HIS FRIENDS MATTHEW 26: 17 - 30

On the night before he died, Jesus had supper with his friends. After they had everything they wanted to eat, Jesus took some bread and gave thanks to God. He knew he would be leaving them soon and he wanted his friends to know that they could always remember him. He broke the bread in pieces and said:

"Take and eat, this is my body which is given for you,
do this to remember me."

He also took a cup of wine, gave thanks to God, and said:
"Drink this all of you. This is my blood which is poured out for you
and for many for the forgiveness of sins."

TALK ABOUT IT

Where have you heard these words spoken by Jesus?

Why do you think we use these words when we share communion?

Bonus Activity

Taste the food of the Passover.

Serve foods from Middle Eastern cuisine

Find a picture of

The Last Supper Painting by Leonardo DaVinci.

Talk about it together



Jesus is Betrayed

JESUS IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE LUKE 22: 39 -46

During the course of the week, people started to get really upset with Jesus. He was going against the usual ways that the Jewish people were living. And, he was causing trouble for the Romans.

In fact, some of the Jewish Leaders really didn't like Jesus!

So, they decided to have him arrested.

Jesus knew that soon the soldiers would come to arrest him. He went to a garden called Gethsemane, with his friends and asked them to keep watch while he prayed to God to help him.

But his friends were tired and they fell asleep.

In the darkness of the night Jesus felt very alone.

Even so, he trusted himself to God's care.

TALK ABOUT IT:

Have you ever been outside at night? How does it feel?

Peaceful? Dark? Scary?

Do you think that Jesus was a little bit afraid of what would happen next?

What should we do when we feel afraid?

Bonus Activity

Go outside in the evening and look up at the sky.

Listen to the sounds around you.

How do you think Jesus was feeling when he was praying outside in the garden?



Good Friday

JESUS IS CRUCIFIED
JOHN 19: 17 - 37

Jesus wasn't a typical criminal.

He didn't fight back, or try to get away. In fact, he was very calm.

This confused the soldiers - they didn't really know what to think.

Some decided to make fun of him. They put a purple robe on him.

Then they twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. Soldiers led Jesus outside the city of Jerusalem to Golgotha, which means the place of the skull. There they nailed him to the cross and fastened a note above his head that read:
"Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews".

At three o'clock that day Jesus died.

Read the Poem.

Sit in silence for 30 seconds, 2 minutes, or whatever feels meaningful to your family. Think for about Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

Bonus Activity

TALK ABOUT IT:

Sometimes we can get caught up in the moment, and we go along with the crowd even though we know it's the wrong thing to do.

Is it hard to stand up for the right thing, even when everyone around you disagrees?

Do you think you would have had the courage to stand up for Jesus?

Did Pontius Pilate do the right thing? Hmm....

While Jesus was on the cross,

Your face was in his eyes,

Your life was in his mind,

And Your sin was on his back.

Though the pain was mighty,

He bore it with peace and calm.

For on that day, and every day,

Your name was written on his
palm.

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The Tomb

JESUS IS BURIED IN THE TOMB

MARK 15: 42- 47

A little while later, the soldiers removed Jesus' body from the cross.

He was carried to the tomb, in a beautiful, peaceful garden.

Some women, who had been journeying with the disciples, followed Jesus's body at a distance, all the way to the tomb.

Then they went home to prepare spices and perfumes to sprinkle over the body.

TALK ABOUT IT

How do you think Jesus' friends were feeling that day?

Parents: *We know it can be hard to talk about death with our kids, but we cannot shield them from this part of life. Share your stories of losing someone you loved, and the comfort you found knowing that Jesus has broken the bonds of sin by facing death for us. So that even though our earthly loss is real, we can look forward to being together in the presence of God.*

Bonus Activity

We Wait for Easter Morning!

Early in the morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, went to Jesus' tomb to tend to his body. What did they find there?

Who did they talk to when they arrived at the tomb?

The answers to these questions, and so much more can be found in your bible.

Read all about it with your family this week! Mark 16: 1-8