

Children's Sunday school | Sunday, April 5

Palm Sunday and Holy Week
Matthew 21:1-11, 26:14-27:66.

Opening Family Prayer

Holy God,
You hear our words and you know our hearts.
Thank you for loving us and holding us close to you. Amen.

Read Scripture

[Matthew 21:1-11](#)

Watch an Easter story <https://youtu.be/F7rTwaSSsW0>

Holy Week

Each day read these scripture passages together as a family. Take your time, read in small sections. If possible, one reading each day, set up with suggested Prop/Images.

- 1.) April 5: The Last Supper - [Matthew 26:26-29](#), Props - Loaf of Bread and Cup of juice
- 2.) April 6: A Place to Pray - [Matthew 26:36-46](#), Props - go outdoors or use potted plants
- 3.) April 7: An Arrest - [Matthew 26:47-64](#), Props - toy swords
- 4.) April 8: A Betrayal - [Matthew 26:69-75](#), Props - your fire pit or sticks and red tissue paper
- 5.) April 9 Holy Thursday: A Trial - [Matthew 27:11-26](#), Props - make a throne out of a large chair and cover it with red or purple cloth
- 6.) April 10 Good Friday: A Death - [Matthew 27:32-53](#), Props - a small decorative cross
- 7.) April 11: A Burial - [Matthew 27:55-61](#), Props - length of white fabric or a sheet

Family Discussion

- How would you feel on Palm Sunday, when you saw Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey and people were shouting, "Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he, who comes in the name of the Lord!" Would you be joyful?
- As the week progresses and you read the additional scriptures, is there one of the sections or stories of Holy week that stands out to you, if so which one and why?
- Have you seen or thought about the great works of art that depict the different scenes from these scriptures? Go online and look at some here: www.artsheaven.com | www.joyfulheart.com

Create a Prayer

There are many emotions in the selections of scripture for Holy week: joy and excitement on Palm Sunday and then fear, sadness, anger, betrayal, violence, exhaustion, and desperation. Have you experienced any of these emotions, if so, when? Can you think of folks who may have experienced any of these feelings? Who are they and can you pray for them? Ask God to enter into their sadness and to take their sadness and to give them hope in their heart. Create a prayer and write it down so that you can add to it next week and perhaps watch your prayers being answered!

Help Others

Consider helping United Methodist Family Services this week as a family by sending cards or purchasing something for the students on Amazon. Visit www.reveilleumc.org/umfs for details. Pray for these students, their teachers, and UMFS. You can also call a family member that lives far away from you and encourage them or help a family member or neighbor from a safe distance.

Make a Card for a homebound member of this church and mail it to them or mail it to Tammy at the church and she will mail it. Try to use some items from nature to inspire what you color, paint, or draw.
Church address: Reveille UMC, Attn: Tammy Tipton-Nay, 4200 Cary Street Road, Richmond, VA 23221
Or make a special card for a neighbor or relative.

As a Family

Return to the feelings in this weeks' scriptures. What colors would you use to depict the different emotions, create a collage of colors and feeling of the scriptures using crayons, markers, or paint. Make some Easter eggs by using hard boiled eggs and dyeing them different colors!

Watch This Video

[Deep Blue Adventures Spring 2020- Palm Sunday- E6](#)

After the Video

This year we not be able to be actually together to celebrate in the sanctuary with a Palm Processional, but we will next year. Can your family talk about a Palm Sunday in the past and share your memories of other Palm Sundays. Did anyone wave a Palm branch and shout, "Hosanna in the Highest" or "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord" or sing, or ring bells?

Respond

Say the [Lord's Prayer](#) together or pray the prayer your family wrote together or say them both.

Sing along with ["Praise Ye The Lord Hallelujah" \(New Version\)](#)

Remember and Recall

The story is not over; God will have the last word. Easter is just around the corner, be hopeful!

Closing Prayer Video

[Watch the Christian Mindfulness Prayer](#) with the Taize music of "Nada de Turbo," let nothing trouble you, all will be well and the Crown of Thorns meditation of Saint Francis of Assisi prayer.

Resources

<https://www.mindfulschools.org/free-online-mindfulness-class-for-kids/>

<https://www.childrensbulletins.com/covid19-childrens-activities-for-churches>