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Find a place for your Holy Week box where your family can see it.

You might put a special cloth for it to be on, or draw a picture for the background.

As well as your Holy Week Box, you will need a Bible to find the stories each day.

You could read the Bible's words or tell them in your own words.

Palm Sunday

Read

Mark 11:1-15.



Take the green paper and the Jesus figure out of the box. Cut the paper into palm leaves. Place them and Jesus beside the closed box. The people waved palm leaves to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem.

How can we welcome Jesus into our home?

Say the Lord's Prayer together.

Monday

Read

Mark 11:15-19.



Take one of the coins and the Jesus figure out of the box. Place the coin on the box with Jesus beside it. The people in the Temple were cheating others out of their money and Jesus got very cross.

How can we use our money wisely?

Say the Lord's Prayer together.

Tuesday

Read

Mark 12:13-17.



Take a second coin and the Jesus figure out of the box. Place the coin on the box with Jesus beside it. The religious leaders asked Jesus if it was right to pay their taxes. Taxes help to pay for things we need like education and healthcare.

I wonder if it is the right thing to pay taxes?

Say the Lord's Prayer together.

Wednesday

Read

Mark 12:41-44.



Take the third coin and the Jesus figure out of the box. Place the coin on the box with Jesus beside it. Jesus saw rich people putting lots of money into the collection. He knew they could afford more. Then he saw a very poor woman putting a little bit of money in the collection. He knew that she could hardly afford it but she still wanted to give her money to God. How can we give our money to God?

Say the Lord's Prayer together.

Thursday

Read

Mark 14:12-25.



Draw a cup and plate on the box. Place the Jesus figure next to it. This was the last meal Jesus had with his friends. When do we think about this in church? I wonder how his friends felt when they heard Jesus' words?

Say the Lord's Prayer together.

Good Friday

Read

Mark 15:1, 15,
22–25, 37, 39.



Wrap the Jesus figure in the white cloth, place it in the box and close the box. Make a cross out of the wires and place it against the box. Jesus' enemies wanted him out of the way. When he was praying with his friends, they came and had him arrested. They told lies, and Jesus was put to death on the cross. His friends were very sad. They didn't know what was happening. Jesus' friends buried him in a tomb and wondered what would happen next.

I wonder what it might be like not to have Jesus with us.

Say the Lord's Prayer together.

Saturday

Read

Mark 15:46,47.



Keep the box closed today. Jesus' friends put his body in the tomb that belonged to Joseph. The Roman authorities made sure that they guarded the tomb. They didn't want anyone to steal the body. It was a very sad day. The disciples didn't think they would ever see Jesus again.

Say the Lord's Prayer together.

Sunday

Read

Mark 16:1-8.



Open the box. Place the Jesus figure beside it and place the cloth inside it. On the Sunday the women came to the tomb. They were so surprised to find an angel who said, 'Jesus has been raised'. Because Jesus has been raised from death he can be with us now.

I wonder when you know that Jesus is with you?

Say the Lord's Prayer together.

Holy Week Box Bible Verses

Sunday: Mark 11:1-10

1 Jesus and his disciples reached Bethphage and Bethany near the Mount of Olives. When they were getting close to Jerusalem, Jesus sent two of them on ahead. 2 He told them, "Go into the next village. As soon as you enter it, you will find a young donkey that has never been ridden. Untie the donkey and bring it here. 3 If anyone asks why you are doing that, say, 'The Lord needs it and will soon bring it back.'"

4 The disciples left and found the donkey tied near a door that faced the street. While they were untying it, 5 some of the people standing there asked, "Why are you untying the donkey?" 6 They told them what Jesus had said, and the people let them take it.

7 The disciples led the donkey to Jesus. They put some of their clothes on its back, and Jesus got on. 8 Many people spread clothes on the road, while others went to cut branches from the fields.

9 In front of Jesus and behind him, people went along shouting, "Hooray! God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"

10 God bless the coming kingdom of our ancestor David.

Hooray for God in heaven above!"

Monday: Mark 11:15-19

15 After Jesus and his disciples reached Jerusalem, he went into the temple and began chasing out everyone who was selling and buying. He turned over the tables of the moneychangers and the benches of those who were selling doves. 16 Jesus would not let anyone carry things through the temple. 17 Then he taught the people and said, "The Scriptures say, 'My house should be called a place of worship for all nations.' But you have made it a place where robbers hide!"

18 The chief priests and the teachers of the Law of Moses heard what Jesus said, and they started looking for a way to kill him. They were afraid of him, because the crowds were completely amazed at his teaching.

19 That evening, Jesus and the disciples went outside the city.

Tuesday: Mark 12:13-17

13 The Pharisees got together with Herod's followers. [a] Then they sent some men to trick Jesus into saying something wrong. 14 They went to him and said, "Teacher, we know that you are honest. You treat everyone with the same respect, no matter who they are. And you teach the truth about what God wants people to do. Tell us, should we pay taxes to the Emperor or not?"

15 Jesus knew what they were up to, and he said, "Why are you trying to test me? Show me a coin!"

16 They brought him a silver coin, and he asked, "Whose picture and name are on it?"

"The Emperor's," they answered.

17 Then Jesus told them, "Give the Emperor what belongs to him and give God what belongs to God." The men were amazed at Jesus.

Wednesday: Mark 12:41-44

41 Jesus was sitting in the temple near the offering box and watching people put in their gifts. He noticed that many rich people were giving a lot of money. 42 Finally, a poor widow came up and put in two coins that were worth only a few pennies. 43 Jesus told his disciples to gather around him. Then he said:

I tell you that this poor widow has put in more than all the others. 44 Everyone else gave what they didn't need. But she is very poor and gave everything she had. Now she doesn't have a cent to live on.

Thursday: Mark 14:12-25

12 It was the first day of the Festival of Thin Bread, and the Passover lambs were being killed. Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to prepare the Passover meal?"

13 Jesus said to two of the disciples, "Go into the city, where you will meet a man carrying a jar of water. Follow him, 14 and when he goes into a house, say to the owner, 'Our teacher wants to know if you have a room where he can eat the Passover meal with his disciples.' 15 The owner will take you upstairs and show you a large room furnished and ready for you to use. Prepare the meal there."

16 The two disciples went into the city and found everything just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover meal.

17-18 While Jesus and the twelve disciples were eating together that evening, he said, "The one who will betray me is now eating with me."

19 This made the disciples sad, and one after another they said to Jesus, "You surely don't mean me!"

20 He answered, "It is one of you twelve men who is eating from this dish with me. 21 The Son of Man will die, just as the Scriptures say. But it is going to be terrible for the one who betrays me. That man would be better off if he had never been born."

22 During the meal Jesus took some bread in his hands. He blessed the bread and broke it. Then he gave it to his disciples and said, "Take this. It is my body."

23 Jesus picked up a cup of wine and gave thanks to God. He gave it to his disciples, and they all drank some. 24 Then he said, "This is my blood, which is poured out for many people, and with it God makes his agreement. 25 From now on I will not drink any wine, until I drink new wine in God's kingdom."

Friday: Mark 15:1, 15, 22—25, 37, 39

1 Early the next morning the chief priests, the nation's leaders, and the teachers of the Law of Moses met together with the whole Jewish council. They tied up Jesus and led him off to Pilate.

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15 Pilate wanted to please the crowd. So he set Barabbas free. Then he ordered his soldiers to beat Jesus with a whip and nail him to a cross.

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22 The soldiers took Jesus to Golgotha, which means "Place of a Skull." 23 There they gave him some wine mixed with a drug to ease the pain, but he refused to drink it.

24 They nailed Jesus to a cross and gambled to see who would get his clothes. 25 It was about nine o'clock in the morning when they nailed him to the cross.

...37 Jesus shouted and then died.

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39 A Roman army officer was standing in front of Jesus. When the officer saw how Jesus died, he said, "This man really was the Son of God!"

Saturday: Mark 16:46,47

46 Joseph bought a linen cloth and took the body down from the cross. He had it wrapped in the cloth, and he put it in a tomb that had been cut into solid rock. Then he rolled a big stone against the entrance to the tomb.

47 Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph were watching and saw where the body was placed.

Sunday: Mark 16:1-8

1 After the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene, Salome, and Mary the mother of James bought some spices to put on Jesus' body. 2 Very early on Sunday morning, just as the sun was coming up, they went to the tomb. 3 On their way, they were asking one another, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance for us?" 4 But when they looked, they saw that the stone had already been rolled away. And it was a huge stone!

5 The women went into the tomb, and on the right side they saw a young man in a white robe sitting there. They were alarmed. 6 The man said, "Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus from Nazareth, who was nailed to a cross. God has raised him to life, and he isn't here. You can see the place where they put his body. 7 Now go and tell his disciples, and especially Peter, that he will go ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you."

8 When the women ran from the tomb, they were confused and shaking all over. They were too afraid to tell anyone what had happened.