



**FAMILY HOLY WEEK
GUIDE**

THIS BOOK BELONGS TO:

Dear Families,

We are so excited to celebrate Holy Week as a church community this season! Easter is a truly powerful time, not only because of who we celebrate (Christ our Risen Savior), but also because of the joy of celebrating Him alongside others, and getting to understand the Good News in a new way!

My prayer for your family is that you would have ample opportunity to enjoy this beautiful season and to intentionally reflect on the death and Resurrection of Christ with your loved ones. As parents and guardians, we understand your desire to bring an awareness of the reason for Easter into your home. With that in mind, we've created a special resource just for you: a Holy Week Family Guide! Each day offers a meaningful reflection and an engaging activity designed to help your family connect with what Jesus has done for all of us.

I am personally praying that you will embrace and utilize this resource in your home. For a digital version of the Holy Week Family Guide, please scan the QR code below.

I continue to pray for you and your family as we approach and experience this Holy Week together.

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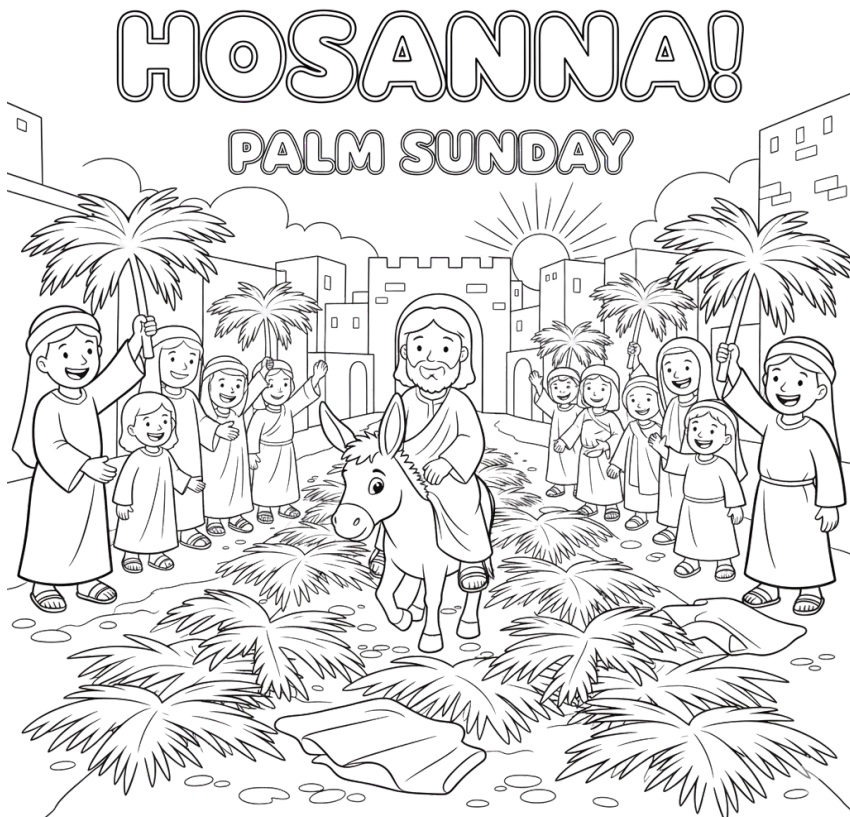
PALM SUNDAY

THE KING IS HERE!

Read: Open the Bible to Matthew 21:1-11 together and read aloud as a family.

Activity: Go outside and find "branches" (leaves, sticks, or green paper). Have a parade through your house or yard shouting "Hosanna!"

Family Question: If Jesus came to our house today as a King, how would we welcome Him?



HOLY MONDAY

CLEANING THE TEMPLE

Read: Mark 11:15-17

Activity: Choose one room in the house to "deep clean" together as a way to remember Jesus wanting God's house to be pure and holy.

Family Question: Jesus wanted the Temple to be a place for prayer. How can we make our home a place where it's easy to talk to God?

JESUS CLEANS TLEANS THE TEMPLE: A HOUSE OF PRAYER



HOLY TUESDAY

TEACHING IN THE TEMPLE

Read: Matthew 22:34–40

Activity: Write "The Greatest Commandment" on a piece of paper and tape it to your fridge, or on the bathroom mirror as a reminder for the week.

Family Question: Who is someone that is hard to love right now? How can we show them God's love tomorrow?

JESUS TEACHES: THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT



HOLY WEDNESDAY

A GIFT FOR JESUS

Read: Matthew 26:6–13

Activity: Find the best-smelling thing in your house (lotion, a candle, or flowers). Take a moment to thank Jesus for being "sweet" to us.

Family Question: The woman gave Jesus her most expensive gift. What is something "valuable" to you that you can share with God?

A Sweet Gift for Jesus



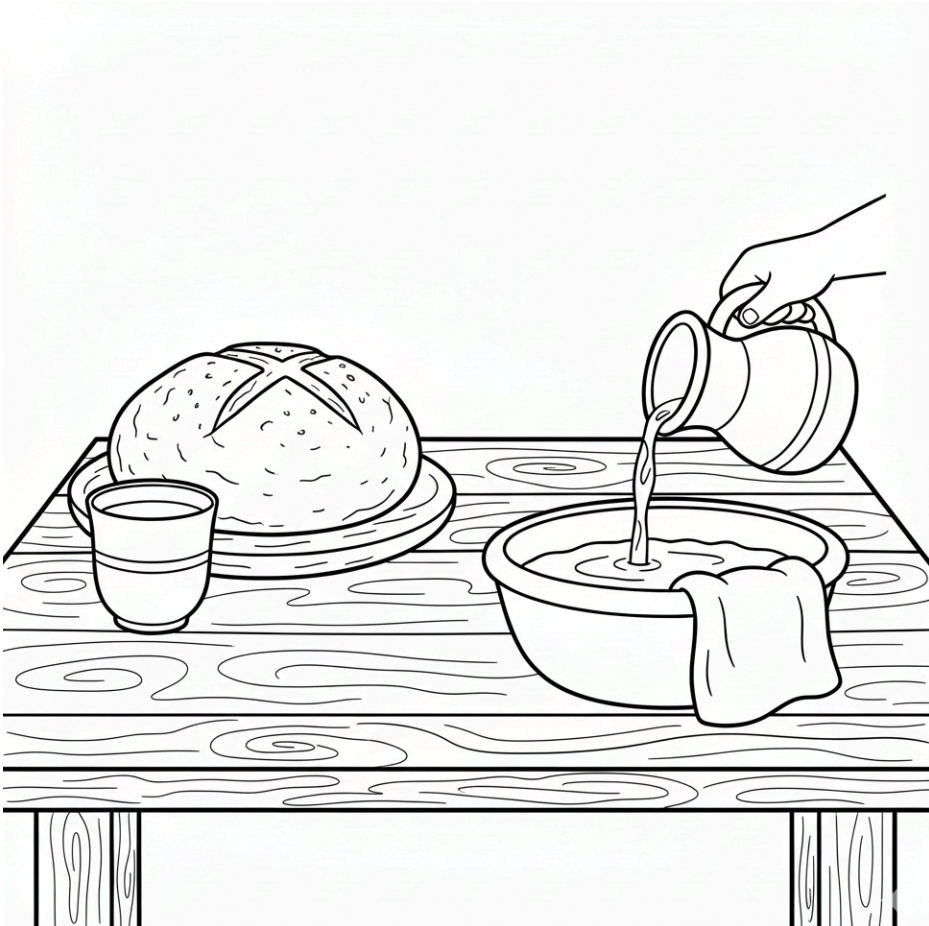
MAUNDY THURSDAY

THE LAST SUPPER

Read: John 13:1-15 & Matthew 26:26-28

Activity: For dinner, have everyone serve someone else their food before taking their own.

Family Question: Why do you think Jesus chose to wash feet like a servant instead of acting like a boss? How can we serve others like He did?



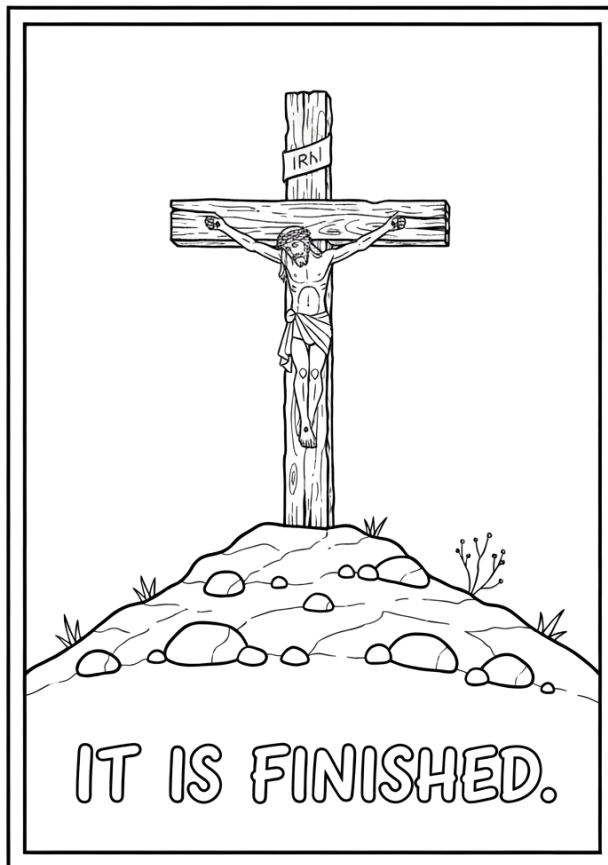
GOOD FRIDAY

THE SACRIFICE

Read: Luke 23:32-47

Activity: Build a cross out of LEGOs or sticks. At 3:00 PM (or sunset), turn off all the lights in the house for a few minutes of silence to remember the darkness when Jesus died.

Family Question: Why is this day called "Good" Friday even though it's a sad story? (Because Jesus was winning the battle over sin!)



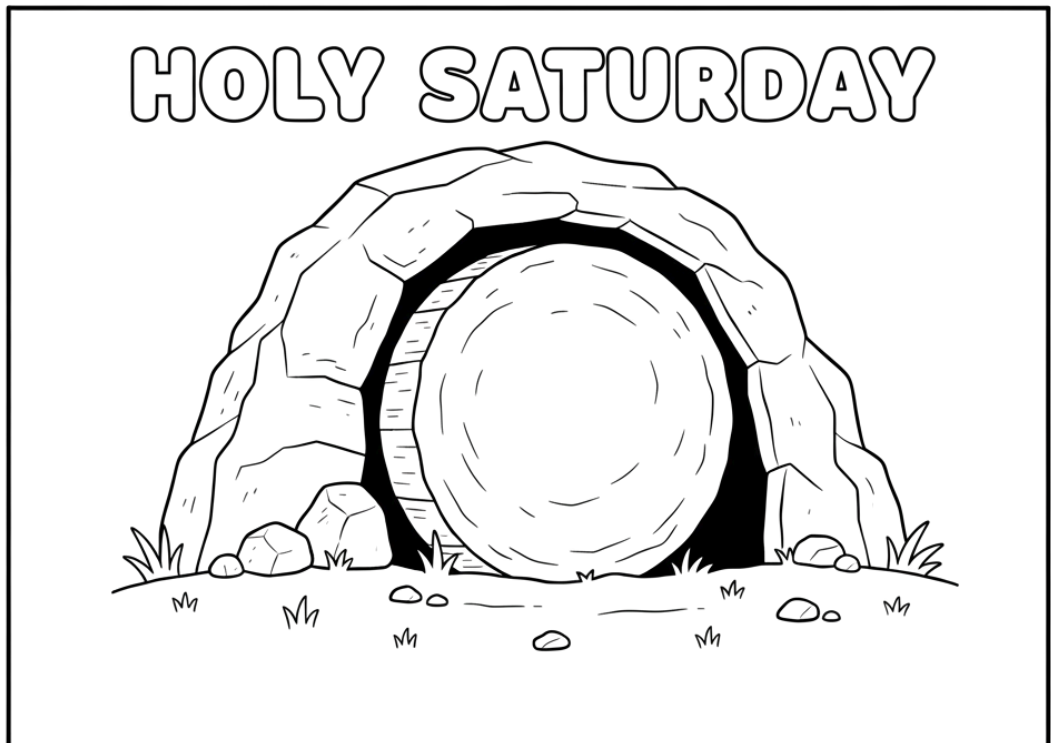
SILENT SATURDAY

THE WAIT

Read: Matthew 27:57–66

Activity: Find a large rock outside. Wash it off and put it in the center of your table. This represents the tomb being sealed and the world waiting.

Family Question: How do you think the disciples felt on this day? How do we feel when we are waiting for God to answer a prayer?



RESURRECTION SUNDAY

HE IS RISEN!

Read: Luke 24:1-6

Activity: The "Tomb of Blankets" Kids love building forts. Use this to act out the morning of the Resurrection!

What you need: Chairs, blankets, and a pillow.

The Setup: Build a "tomb" using chairs and blankets. Put a pillow inside as the "stone bed."

The Story: Have one person sit inside. Then, have the "Angels" (the kids) come and pull back the "stone" (the blanket door) and shout, "*He is not here! He is risen!*"

Family Question: Because Jesus is alive, we have hope forever! What is one thing you are most thankful for today?

