



## **Family Discussion Guide – Walking with Jesus One Step at a Time**

*Based on Mark 11–16 and the final week of Jesus' life*

### **The Big Idea**

Jesus walked all the way to the cross and the empty tomb because He loves us, and we can walk closely with Him one day at a time.

### **Key Bible Verse**

“‘The most important one,’ answered Jesus, ‘is this: “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”’”

— Mark 12:29–30

### **Questions for Younger Kids (roughly ages 4–10)**

1. On Palm Sunday, people shouted “Hosanna!” to Jesus and waved branches.
  - a. If Jesus walked down our street today, how would you want to welcome Him?
2. Jesus wants us to love God and love other people.
  - a. What is one kind way you can show love to someone in our family this week?

*(Let kids answer in their own words. Keep it light and encouraging.)*

### **Questions for Teens**

1. The pastor said we often like the “Palm Sunday and Easter” parts, but not the hard days in between.
  - a. What does a real, everyday walk with Jesus look like for you right now—on a normal school or workday?
2. In Gethsemane, Jesus prayed, “Not my will, but Your will be done.”
  - a. Is there an area in your life where it’s hard to say, “God, Your way, not mine”? What makes that challenging?

*(Give space for honest answers. Listen more than you correct.)*

### **Simple Family Application for the Week**

#### **“One Step, One Person” Challenge**

- **One Step with Jesus:** As a family, choose *one simple step* to walk closer with Jesus this week.

Examples:

- Read one short Bible passage together each day (Mark chapters 11–16, a few verses at a time).
- Pray one short prayer together before school or bedtime.
- Share one thing you’re thankful to Jesus for each night at dinner.
- **One Person to Love:** As a family, pick *one person* (a neighbor, friend, classmate, or relative) to pray for and show God’s love to this week.
  - Pray for them each day.
  - Do one kind thing: write a note, send a text, invite them to church, or help them in a practical way.

Write both on a sticky note and put it where everyone can see it (fridge or front door).

### **Short Family Prayer**

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for walking to the cross and rising again because You love us. Help our family walk closer to You one step at a time. Teach us to love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love other people the way You do. Show us how to take our “one step” with You this week and how to bless the “one person” we’re praying for. Be with us in the good days and the hard days. We trust You.

In Your name we pray, amen.