

PALM SUNDAY



COST

Matthew 26:26-29

As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take this and eat it, for this is my body." And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, "Each of you drink from it, for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many. Mark my words—I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom" (NLT).



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SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Loaf of bread (i.e. french loaf, homemade bread, or anything that can easily be broken)
- Small cup for each family member
- Grape juice (white grape juice with little kids)

DISCUSS

- What's the most expensive thing you ever purchased? Did it hurt to pay that much?
- What did it cost God to rescue humanity?
- At the Passover meal Jesus celebrated with His disciples, He said that someone there would betray Him. What do you think went through the disciples' minds at the moment?
- When we take communion, we are instructed to "do this in remembrance of me (Jesus)." What are we remembering?
- When you eat the bread or drink the juice, what do you feel, experience, or think about?

PRAY

God, we thank You for the price that You paid to save us from our sins. We know that it came at a great cost, the death of Your son. Thank You that in Jesus we are set free from the bondage of sin.

M O N D A Y



CONFESS

Matthew 26:47-56

And even as Jesus said this, Judas, one of the twelve disciples, arrived with a crowd of men armed with swords and clubs. They had been sent by the leading priests and elders of the people. The traitor, Judas, had given them a prearranged signal: "You will know which one to arrest when I greet him with a kiss." So Judas came straight to Jesus. "Greetings, Rabbi!" he exclaimed and gave him the kiss. Jesus said, "My friend, go ahead and do what you have come for." Then the others grabbed Jesus and arrested him. But one of the men with Jesus pulled out his sword and struck the high priest's slave, slashing off his ear. "Put away your sword," Jesus told him. "Those who use the sword will die by the sword. Don't you realize that I could ask my Father for thousands of angels to protect us, and he would send them instantly? But if I did, how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that describe what must happen now?" Then Jesus said to the crowd, "Am I some dangerous revolutionary, that you come with swords and clubs to arrest me? Why didn't you arrest me in the Temple? I was there teaching every day. But this is all happening to fulfill the words of the prophets as recorded in the Scriptures." At that point, all the disciples deserted him and fled (NLT).



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SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Something to get your hands dirty (Mud, flour, syrup, brownie batter, etc.)
- Bowl full of water
- Soap
- Towel to dry hands afterwards

DISCUSS

- What does it mean to confess something?
- How is confession different than just saying, "I am sorry?"
- How is sinning more than just breaking one of the commands of God?
- How did it feel when your hands were dirty or sticky? How did it feel when you were getting your hands clean? How is confession a lot like that process of washing your hands?
- Why should we be quick to confess and ask for forgiveness when we have sinned?

PRAY

God, we thank You that when we confess our sins and ask for forgiveness, You forgive and make us clean. Thank You for loving us even when we make mistakes and for giving us strength and power to live for You!

T U E S D A Y



C R O S S

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One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, "So you're the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you're at it!" But the other criminal protested, "Don't you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn't done anything wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise" (NLT).





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SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Two popsicle sticks per family member (alternative—two sticks from your yard)
- Elmer's glue or rubber cement (for the popsicle sticks) OR yarn/string (for sticks from yard)
- Tape
- Picture of yourself (small)
- Picture of Jesus (printed from online)

DISCUSS

- What thoughts or images come to mind when you see a cross?
- The cross was a form of punishment used by the Romans, but who was the cross reserved for?
- In what ways was death on a cross brutal and cruel?
- What does the **substitutionary death** of Jesus mean, and why is it important for us?

PRAY

God, we thank You for taking our place on the cross and dying a criminal's death. Thank You for taking the cruel punishment of the cross, so I didn't have to and for setting me free from sin.

W E D N E S D A Y



CARRY

Luke 23:26-31

As they led Jesus away, a man named Simon, who was from Cyrene, happened to be coming in from the countryside. The soldiers seized him and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. A large crowd trailed behind, including many grief-stricken women.

But Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, don't weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are coming when they will say, 'Fortunate indeed are the women who are childless, the wombs that have not borne a child and the breasts that have never nursed.' People will beg the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and plead with the hills, 'Bury us.' For if these things are done when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?" (NLT)



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SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Band-Aid (big enough to write a name on it)
- Black marker

DISCUSS

- How do you think Jesus felt when Simon helped Him carry His cross?
- What does it feel like if you have to carry something really heavy for a long time all alone?
- What are some examples of burdens that people can carry? What is a burden you have carried that someone has helped you with?
- How does helping and praying for others show God's love in a powerful way?
- Discuss who you wrote on your Band-Aid and how the rest of your family can join you in praying for them.

PRAY

God, we ask that You would help us to reveal Your love in how we care for, pray for, and help others with the burdens that they carry, and that by our words and actions, they would see You alive in us. Give us courage and boldness to love others well!

THURSDAY



CLOTHED

Matthew 27:32-36

Along the way, they came across a man named Simon, who was from Cyrene, and the soldiers forced him to carry Jesus' cross. And they went out to a place called Golgotha (which means "Place of the Skull"). The soldiers gave Jesus wine mixed with bitter gall, but when he had tasted it, he refused to drink it. After they had nailed him to the cross, the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice. Then they sat around and kept guard as he hung there (NLT).



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SUPPLIES NEEDED

- White cloth (it can be cut from a white t-shirt)
- If you are more creative, you can get a white t-shirt that you wear
- Sharpie

DISCUSS

- How do you think Jesus felt as He hung on the cross naked and exposed for the world to see? How would you have felt?
- In the Garden of Eden, before sin, Adam and Eve are described as being naked and without shame. The moment sin entered the equation, they saw their nakedness and tried to hide their shame. What was significant about how the Lord "covered their nakedness?"
- What does it mean to be clothed in Jesus' righteousness?
- How has shame as a result of sin impacted you? How does knowing that Jesus has clothed us in His righteousness change that for you?

PRAY

God, we are grateful that we no longer have to live under the umbrella of shame and guilt since You became naked on our behalf and clothed us in Your righteousness. We are free. We are made clean. We are righteous. We are forgiven.

GOOD FRIDAY



CUP

Matthew 26:36-46

Then Jesus went with them to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and he said, “Sit here while I go over there to pray.” He took Peter and Zebedee’s two sons, James and John, and he became anguished and distressed. He told them, “My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, “My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.” Then he returned to the disciples and found them asleep. He said to Peter, “Couldn’t you watch with me even one hour? Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!” Then Jesus left them a second time and prayed, “My Father! If this cup cannot be taken away unless I drink it, your will be done.” When he returned to them again, he found them sleeping, for they couldn’t keep their eyes open. So he went to pray a third time, saying the same things again. Then he came to the disciples and said, “Go ahead and sleep. Have your rest. But look—the time has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Up, let’s be going. Look, my betrayer is here!” (NLT)



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SUPPLIES NEEDED

- A small cup with a wide mouth that a hand can easily fit into (8 oz. cup is perfect)
- Apple cider vinegar or distilled white vinegar
- A towel in case of any mess

DISCUSS

- Is God a good judge? If He is, why must He judge every single sin?
- What did Jesus mean when He asked for the "cup" to pass from Him?
- How do you think Jesus felt as the disciples kept falling asleep?
- How do you feel knowing that Jesus took the full weight, punishment, and judgment upon Himself for every single one of your sins?
- What should our response be knowing the price that Jesus paid so that we would not experience God's wrath?

PRAY

God, we thank You for Jesus. He who had never sinned or done anything wrong willingly accepted the penalty for our sins. Thank You that in Jesus we are free from the penalty of sin and have eternal life!

SATURDAY



CRUCIFIED

John 19:16-36

*Only a small portion of this text is included here, but be sure to read the whole text with your family.

Jesus knew that his mission was now finished, and to fulfill Scripture he said, "I am thirsty." A jar of sour wine was sitting there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips. When Jesus had tasted it, he said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit (NLT).



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SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Post-it note
- Sharpie
- Nail
- Hammer
- Piece of scrap wood

DISCUSS

- What did Jesus mean when He said with His last breath, "It is finished"?
- What did Jesus being crucified on the cross accomplish for ALL of humanity?
- Prior to Jesus' death on the cross, the Law required that certain animals be brought to the temple to be sacrificed to help atone for the sins of humanity, but this was no longer necessary. How did Jesus' death eliminate animal sacrifice according to the Law?
- Why should you be thankful that our debt was paid in full when Jesus was crucified?

PRAY

God, we are thankful that our sins were paid in full at Your crucifixion. We are thankful that Your sacrifice was all-sufficient and dealt with sin completely.

EASTER SUNDAY



CONFIDENCE

Hebrews 10:15-22

And the Holy Spirit also testifies that this is so. For he says, “This is the new covenant I will make with my people on that day, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.” Then he says, “I will never again remember their sins and lawless deeds.” And when sins have been forgiven, there is no need to offer any more sacrifices. And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven’s Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God’s house, let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ’s blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water (NLT).



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SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Any of the following
 - Red sidewalk chalk
 - Canvas and red paint
 - Paper and red crayon or red marker

DISCUSS

- How does it make you feel knowing God sees you as His child?
- How is Jesus' death and His resurrection like a key piece of evidence in a court case?
- What does it mean to have confidence or to be confident?
- Why is it important that we know we can run to Jesus with confidence even when we have made mistakes and sinned?
- What do you feel knowing that you bring Jesus great joy?

PRAY

God, we thank You that we can come to You with boldness and confidence, knowing that You hear us and that You care! Thank You for Jesus who made all of this possible. Please help us to be more like You every day!