

HOLY WEEK

FAMILY EXPERIENCES

Welcome to Holy Week! Each day you will unpack a special item and place it on your box. As a family, look up and read the provided scripture. Then, discuss the question for that day. We hope that this is a special time in which your family can experience the beautiful meaning of each day in Holy Week.

Palm Sunday: Paper Palm Fronds

It's Palm Sunday! Place the palms on top of your box. The people cut down palms and cheered as Jesus entered Jerusalem. Read Mark 11:1-10.

How can we welcome Jesus into our lives and homes?

Holy Monday: Coins

Place one coin on top of your box. When Jesus came to Jerusalem, He went into the Temple. There were people cheating others out of their money.

Jesus was very angry. Read Mark 11:15-19.

How can we be honoring to God when we worship?

Holy Tuesday: Add a Coin

Place a second coin on top of your box. The religious leaders asked Jesus if it was right to pay taxes to the Roman Emperor. Read Jesus' answer in

Mark 12:13-17.

What are different ways we can give to God?

Holy Wednesday: Add a Coin

Place the third coin on top of the box. Jesus watched people in the Temple giving money to God. Some made a big show of giving lots of money. But one person didn't. Read her story. Read Mark 12:41-44.

How can we recognize that all God has blessed us with belongs to Him?

How can we bless others with what God has provided for us?

Is it just money that He has provided for us?

Maundy Thursday: Table

Today, we remember the last Passover meal Jesus had with his friends. Use the top of the box as a table. Draw a cup and plate on it, or make a cup and plate out of modeling clay. Place Jesus by the table. Read Mark 14:12-25.

Why is it important to remember this meal?

Good Friday: Cross

The religious leaders wanted to get rid of Jesus. They told lies about Him. Jesus was arrested. It was a very sad day, because the authorities put Jesus to death on a cross. Make a cross out of the pipe cleaner and place it with Jesus in front of the box. Read Mark 15:1, 15, 22-25, 37, 39.

How do we see Jesus loving us through the cross?

Good Friday Continued: Cloth and Tomb

When Jesus had died, His friends took his body down from the cross and wrapped it in linen cloth. They placed Jesus' body in a tomb cut out of rock.

Wrap Jesus in the cloth. Place Him in the box and put the lid on.

Read Mark 15:40-43, 46, 47.

How do you think his friends felt?

Saturday: Stillness

On the Saturday, everything was so still you could almost hear the earth breathe. There was nothing that could be done. Holy Saturday is a waiting day. Place a lit candle by your box as a way of showing that you are waiting.

Spend a few minutes being quiet and still, thinking about Jesus and His goodness.

Easter: Empty Tomb

Early on the Sunday morning, the women went to the tomb and had an amazing surprise. Open the box. Place Jesus at the side of it and the cloth neatly wrapped in the bottom of it. Read about it in Mark 16:1-8.

What message do you think God wants us to understand about Him raising Jesus to life?