

Here is a simple guide to help your family pray together.



Pray for **FAMILY MEMBERS.**



Pray for your **NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS.**



Pray for **OUR CHURCH.**



Pray for **OUR MISSIONARIES.**



Pray for **PEOPLE WE KNOW WHO DON'T KNOW JESUS.**



Pray for **OUR GOVERNMENT AND LEADERS.**



Pray for **OTHER CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD**—especially those who are treated badly because they are followers of Jesus.

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Church and Family Partnering Together



Today's Big Idea

Jesus' Triumphal Entry
Read about it: Matthew 21:1-17; Mark 11:1-11;
Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-19



The Main Point

People welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem as their King.



What Did We Learn?

- ▶ Jesus traveled to Jerusalem on a young donkey, just as Scripture prophesied.
- ▶ People welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem as their King.
- ▶ The religious leaders wanted people to stop praising Jesus.
- ▶ Jesus knew that He deserved their praise.

TODAY'S CHRIST CONNECTION

During Jesus' triumphal entry, the people welcomed Him as King. Jesus was the Messiah spoken about by the prophet Zechariah: "Look, your King is coming to you; He is righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey" (Zec. 9:9). One day, Jesus will return to earth on a white horse as King over everything. (Rev. 19:11)



LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

As we get closer to Easter, we pause in our regular lesson schedule to remember when Jesus died on the cross, rose again, and rescued us from our sins. Open your Bible to Matthew 26:36–28:10; John 18:1–20:18 and read together as a family. Or read the children’s version of the passage below.

Jesus prayed to God, “Father! If it is possible, take this suffering away from Me. But only if it is part of Your plan.” Suddenly Judas arrived with a large crowd. The crowd arrested Jesus. Jesus was led to the high priest. The high priest asked, “Are You the Messiah, the Son of God?”

Jesus replied, “Yes, that’s right.”

The high priest said, “He has spoken against God. He deserves to die!”

When morning came, the religious leaders led Jesus to Pilate, the governor. “Are You the King of the Jews?” Pilate asked. “Yes, that’s right,” Jesus replied.

Pilate asked the crowd what he should do. “Crucify Him!” they said.

The governor’s soldiers put a scarlet robe on Jesus. They made a crown of thorns and put it on His head. Then they mocked Him, beat Him, and led Him away to be killed.

The soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross. Two criminals were crucified next to Him. Jesus cried out, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” Then Jesus died. His body was buried in a tomb.

On the third day, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb. Suddenly there was an earthquake. An angel of the Lord rolled back the stone and sat on it. The angel spoke to the women, “Don’t be afraid! Jesus is not here. He has been resurrected.”

The women ran to tell the disciples the good news. Just then Jesus met them. “Don’t be afraid,” He told them. “Go tell My disciples to meet Me in Galilee.”

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ Why did the people want to kill Jesus?
- ▶ How do you think Jesus’ disciples felt when Jesus was arrested and killed?
- ▶ How do you think they felt when they saw Jesus alive?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Find an “Empty Tomb Cookie” recipe on the Internet. Prepare it with your family and explain the symbolism of ingredients.

CHRIST CONNECTION

The crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus is the center of the gospel. We deserve to die because of our sin, but Jesus died in our place. He was the blood sacrifice made once and for all for the forgiveness of sin. God was pleased with Jesus’ sacrifice and raised Jesus from the dead to reign as King over all creation. We are forgiven only through Jesus. (Acts 4:12)

BIBLE READING THROUGH THE WEEK

Take time this week to read the Bible together as a family. Breakfast, dinner, or bedtime—you choose when and where.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Matthew 26:36–75	Matthew 27:1–66	Matthew 28:1–10	John 18:1–19:16	John 19:17–20:18

As you read, ask these questions:

- ▶ What is God teaching us?
- ▶ What does this show us about who God is?
- ▶ What do we need to ask God’s help for to change?
- ▶ How would you share this with a friend?

UNIT MEMORY VERSE

We know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. —Romans 6:9