



THE SYMBOLS OF  
**EASTER**

AN EASTER WEEK  
FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

# FELLOWSHIP FAMILIES

We are so excited to walk with you through the week leading up to Easter. It is our desire that these short devotionals would prepare your hearts to truly celebrate what God did for us through Jesus. Each daily devotional is designed for families to read scripture together and then have a discussion or do a small activity. Feel free to account for your family's personal style to engage everyone and have some fun with this! We look forward to seeing all of you at our Easter services this weekend.

# THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY



Jesus entered Jerusalem on the first day of the week leading up to His death. People were so happy to see Him because they knew all of the wonderful things Jesus had been doing and they wanted to celebrate Him! But Jesus knew that He was not coming to Jerusalem to be crowned king, but to die for the sins of the world.

**Read Luke 19:28-40 as a family.** Then spend time discussing these questions: What did the crowd put on the ground to make His path clean? What did the people shout? What are some ways that we can show Jesus that we are excited that He came to be our Savior?

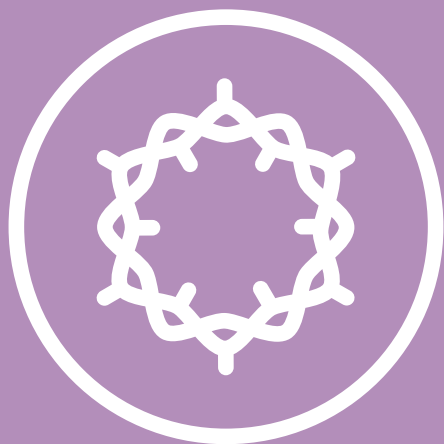
# THE LAST SUPPER



This special meal that Jesus shared with His disciples symbolized the fulfillment of the promised Messiah. At this meal, Jesus broke the bread to symbolize that His body would be broken, and He drank the cup to symbolize that His blood would be spilled. His death is the sacrifice that allows our sin to be covered so that we can have a relationship with God.

**Read Luke 22:14-22 as a family** and then have every family member draw a picture of what they think this meal looked like. Share and discuss your pictures.

# THE CROWN OF THORNS



After Jesus was arrested and sentenced to death, He was beaten, made fun of, spit on, and then a crown of thorns was pushed onto His head. A crown is an obvious symbol to us that the person wearing it is a king. When they put the crown of thorns on Jesus' head, it was very painful and was done to mock Him and show that they did not believe that Jesus was a real king.

**Read Luke 23:1-3 as a family.** Then spend time discussing the following questions: Were the people from the passage treating Jesus as a king? Do people usually hit kings, make fun of kings, or hurt kings? Do you treat Jesus like the king that He is? How?

# THE CROSS



Jesus Christ chose to die on the cross even though He had never sinned and didn't deserve it. As He hung on the cross that day, the sun quit shining and, trusting in God's plan, Jesus died. The moment Jesus died, the temple curtain tore, symbolizing that people now have the opportunity to have direct access to God. That is why we call it Good Friday, because even though His death was sad, it enables us to have a friendship with God.

**Read Luke 23:44-46 as a family** and then do this activity: give an ice cube to every family member to hold in their hand. Start a timer and see how long each of you can hold the ice cube before it hurts too much and you drop it. Then discuss the amazing truth that Jesus chose to stay on the cross for our sins, even when it was hard!

# THE EMPTY TOMB



Three days after His death and burial, Jesus rose from the dead and left an empty tomb behind. We celebrate His resurrection on Easter! Through His death and resurrection, Jesus defeated sin and death, allowing us to have eternal life and enter into a personal relationship with God.

**Read Luke 24:1-9 together as a family** and then spend some time in prayer, thanking Jesus for His sacrifice and power over death.



# GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> | 6:00 PM

*ROUND ROCK & HUTTO CAMPUSES*



# SATURDAY

APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> | 6:00 PM

*ROUND ROCK CAMPUS*



# SUNDAY

APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> | 9:30 & 11 AM

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