

Jesus' Final Week Family Guide

Spend some time with us this Holy Week remembering Jesus' journey! There are five cards in this envelope along with some other items that you can use to experience that final week. Please do visit our webpage each day to find the linked video for each card. You will find them toward the bottom of the homepage in the center box. Share with one another, listen to each other, pray together, and remember Jesus and His love for YOU!

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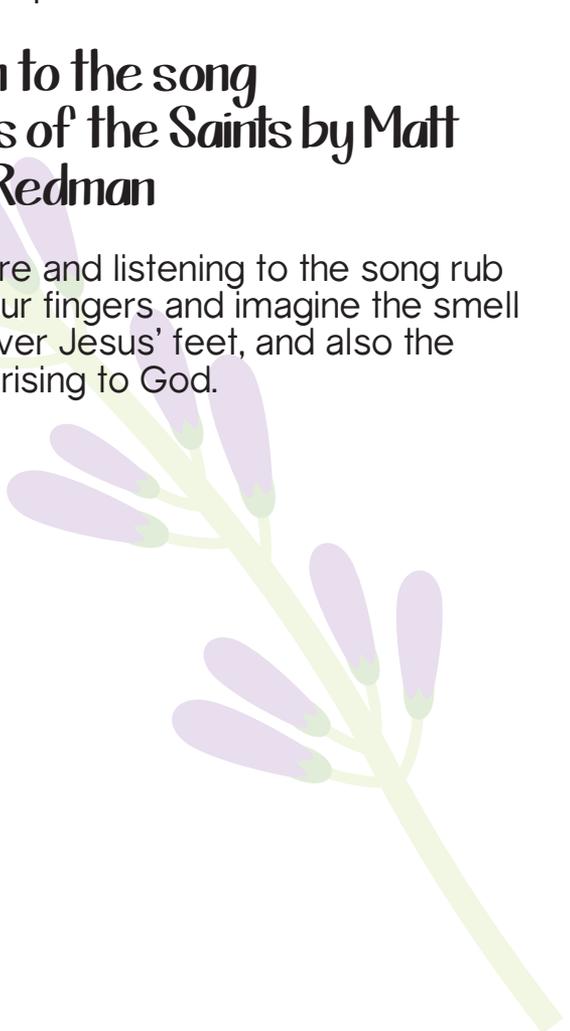
Friday, March 23

Read John 12:1-3

12 Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, home of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. 2 Lazarus and his sisters hosted a dinner for him. Martha served and Lazarus was among those who joined him at the table. 3 Then Mary took an extraordinary amount, almost three-quarters of a pound, of very expensive perfume made of pure nard. She anointed Jesus' feet with it, then wiped his feet dry with her hair. The house was filled with the aroma of the perfume.

Listen to the song Are the Prayers of the Saints by Matt Redman

While reading the scripture and listening to the song rub the lavender between your fingers and imagine the smell of the perfume poured over Jesus' feet, and also the fragrance of our prayers rising to God.



Sunday, March 25

Read Mark 11:1-11

11 When Jesus and his followers approached Jerusalem, they came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives. Jesus gave two disciples a task,² saying to them, “Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘Its master needs it, and he will send it back right away.’”

⁴ They went and found a colt tied to a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. ⁵ Some people standing around said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶ They told them just what Jesus said, and they left them alone. ⁷ They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes upon it, and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread out their clothes on the road while others spread branches cut from the fields. ⁹ Those in front of him and those following were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessings on the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. After he looked around at everything, because it was already late in the evening, he returned to Bethany with the Twelve.

Listen to the song Hosanna sung by Selah

Rip around the outline of your green sheet to make a palm leaf, and then write or draw prayers of praise on your leaf. During the song wave your palm in the air every time you hear the word hosanna.

Monday, March 26

Read John 2:13-20

13 It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 He found in the temple those who were selling cattle, sheep, and doves, as well as those involved in exchanging currency sitting there. 15 He made a whip from ropes and chased them all out of the temple, including the cattle and the sheep. He scattered the coins and overturned the tables of those who exchanged currency. 16 He said to the dove sellers, "Get these things out of here! Don't make my Father's house a place of business." 17 His disciples remembered that it is written, Passion for your house consumes me.[a] 18 Then the Jewish leaders asked him, "By what authority are you doing these things? What miraculous sign will you show us?" 19 Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple and in three days I'll raise it up." 20 The Jewish leaders replied, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and you will raise it up in three days?"

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Today is all about sound. Turn the volume up as loud as you are able. Watch this video and listen to the sounds.

Thursday, March 29

Read John 13:1-17, 31-35

13 Before the Festival of Passover, Jesus knew that his time had come to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them fully.

2 Jesus and his disciples were sharing the evening meal. The devil had already provoked Judas, Simon Iscariot's son, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew the Father had given everything into his hands and that he had come from God and was returning to God. 4 So he got up from the table and took off his robes. Picking up a linen towel, he tied it around his waist. 5 Then he poured water into a washbasin and began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he was wearing. 6 When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

7 Jesus replied, "You don't understand what I'm doing now, but you will understand later."

8 "No!" Peter said. "You will never wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't have a place with me."

9 Simon Peter said, "Lord, not only my feet but also my hands and my head!"

10 Jesus responded, "Those who have bathed need only to have their feet washed, because they are completely clean. You disciples are clean, but not every one of you."

11 He knew who would betray him. That's why he said, "Not every one of you is clean."

12 After he washed the disciples' feet, he put on his robes and returned to his place at the table. He said to them, "Do you know what I've done for you? 13 You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you speak correctly, because I am. 14 If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you too must wash each other's feet. 15 I have given you an example: Just as I have done, you also must do. 16 I assure you, servants aren't greater than their master, nor are those who are sent greater than the one who sent

them. 17 Since you know these things, you will be happy if you do them.

31 When Judas was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Human One[a] has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also

glorify the Human One[b] in himself and will glorify him immediately. 33 Little children, I’m with you for a little while longer. You will look for me—but, just as I told the Jewish leaders, I also tell you now—‘Where I’m going, you can’t come.’

34 “I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each

other. 35 This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other.”

Listen to song
Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
by Chris Tomlin.

Using warm water, wash each others’ feet. Share your expressions of love with one another.



Friday, March 30

Read Luke 23:33-49

33 When they arrived at the place called The Skull, they crucified him, along with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. 34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing." They drew lots as a way of dividing up his clothing.

35 The people were standing around watching, but the leaders sneered at him, saying, "He saved others. Let him save himself if he really is the Christ sent from God, the chosen one."

36 The soldiers also mocked him. They came up to him, offering him sour wine³⁷ and saying, "If you really are the king of the Jews, save yourself." 38 Above his head was a notice of the formal charge against him. It read "This is the king of the Jews."

39 One of the criminals hanging next to Jesus insulted him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

40 Responding, the other criminal spoke harshly to him, "Don't you fear God, seeing that you've also been sentenced to die? 41 We are rightly condemned, for we are receiving the appropriate sentence for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

43 Jesus replied, "I assure you that today you will be with me in paradise."

Jesus' death

44 It was now about noon, and darkness covered the whole earth until about three o'clock, 45 while the sun stopped shining. Then the curtain in the sanctuary tore down the middle. 46 Crying out in a loud voice, Jesus said, "Father, into your hands I entrust my life." After he said this, he breathed for the last time.

47 When the centurion saw what happened, he praised God, saying, "It's really true: this man was righteous." 48 All the crowds who had come together to see this event returned to their homes beating their chests after seeing

what had happened. 49 And everyone who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance observing these things.

Listen/watch *The Lamb* a song by Ray Boltz.

While listening to the reading and watching the song pass the nails around. If you like pound the nails into a piece of wood.

