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PASSION WEEK REFLECTION & PARTICIPATION MATERIALS

The materials are intended to help you think about the daily events that occurred this week as Jesus approached his crucifixion and burial. It is not an exhaustive list of all that is recorded in Scripture. The impact it has on you depends on your investment and engagement while allowing the Holy Spirit to speak to you.

Parents, the materials are only broadly geared toward children and you will need to determine if they are appropriate for your children. Please modify as necessary or allow the materials to inspire you to develop the ideas further.

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sunday

JESUS IS **PRAISED** AS HE ENTERS JERUSALEM

Read **Matthew 21:1-11**

Children's Activity: Palm branch hands

Materials:

- Stick (popsicle stick, chopstick, etc.)
- Green construction paper (or green markers)
- Tape

Instructions:

- Trace 3-4 hands (fingers spread out) on paper and cut them out. Color them green.
- Tape them in a palm tree-shaped pattern to your stick. The fingers will act as palm fronds; the stick will be the trunk.
- Wave them around while dancing and singing along with your favorite worship songs!

Youth & Adult Activity: Take a walk outside if you're able and use the attached document

Sing *Hosanna (Praise is Rising)* [LYRICS HERE](#)

Complete the praises:

"Jesus, you are worthy of praise because you are...." (repeat often!)

Sing *In Christ Alone* [LYRICS HERE](#)



Monday

JESUS EMPHASIZES PRAYER IN THE HOUSE OF GOD

Read **Mark 11:15-18**

Children's, Youth & Adult Activity: House of prayer

Instructions:

- Pray in and for each room of your house
- Pray for how you can use this room to glorify God
- Pray for the people who use this room

Samples

- Front door: God, please bless each person who comes through; help us to show hospitality to others just as you have welcomed us into your family
- Bedroom: God, please help us to remember that when we're tired, or worried, we can rest in your presence.



Tuesday

JESUS' COMMAND TO **LOVE** GOD AND OTHERS

Read **Matthew 22:37-40**

Children's, Youth & Adult Activity: Act of kindness for a neighbor

- Express your love to a neighborhood resident in tangible way.
- Suggestions: make and deliver a small care package, carry out an outdoor chore, wash your car and theirs, purchase a large take-out order and share it, write a note of encouragement.
- Pray for your neighbor before and after your delivery or act of service.

Sing *Take My Life and Let It Be* (Hymn) or *Take My Life* (Chris Tomlin) [LYRICS HERE](#)



wednesday

JESUS IS BETRAYED

Read **Matthew 26:14-16**

Children's Activity: Cleaning coins

Materials:

- Dark and dirty pennies, about 10-12
(enough for each family member to have a few)
- 1/2 cup of white vinegar
- 1 tablespoon of salt
- Stirring utensil.

Instructions:

Give the example of two friends and one stranger. The two friends are good friends until the stranger offers one the pennies to stop being his friend and to make him look really bad. The first friend accepts the coins and does it.

- Ask why they think the friend would take the money and accuse the other of something false?
- Ask how the second friend must have felt.
- Associate these characters with Jesus, Judas, and the Pharisees.

The pennies represent sin or sinful acts. Each member should put some into the jar to represent that we all sin. A member may add more for every "bad act." Or the pennies represent Judas' sin.

Add the white vinegar and salt and stir everything gently.
Watch the pennies become clean.

You can talk about how God forgives sin (because the sin leaves us and onto Jesus) and we are made clean. Forgiveness might also require **apologizing to another person.**



wednesday

JESUS IS BETRAYED

Read **Matthew 26:14-16**

Youth & Adult Activity: An act of admission & confession
Even though he was betrayed, how do you think Jesus thought about Judas?

Write out how or where you've been disloyal to Jesus and detail your reasons why. As examples: What are some idols you have, and why? What have you not surrendered completely to Jesus, and why?

Set these notes aside when completed but remember where.

Admit and confess these betrayals to Christ now, remembering **1 John 1:9** - *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*



Thursday

JESUS GIVES AN EXAMPLE OF HUMBLE SERVICE

Read **John 13:2-17**

Group Activity: Feet-washing

Materials:

- Bathmat, drying towel, basin, warm water, soap

Instructions:

After one's had his/her feet washed, he/she should wash the next person's feet. Do this until everyone's had their feet washed and washed someone else's.

Take turns reading the passage while the other(s) wash feet.

Discuss the activity:

- How did it feel for you to wash?
- How do you think Jesus felt washing?
- How did the disciples react to Jesus' washing?

Individual Activity: Messages of love and appreciation

Write to someone who you may not have spoken to in a long time. Encourage them with a Bible verse and message. Offer your help or assistance in some way.

Draft a text and/or email. Pray over message. Then send it when you're ready.

Sing *Make Me a Servant* [LYRICS HERE](#)

Listen and become familiar with the song, *Humble King* (Brenton Brown) [LYRICS HERE](#)



good friday

JESUS GIVES HIS LIFE AS A SACRIFICE

Read **Mark 14:22-26**

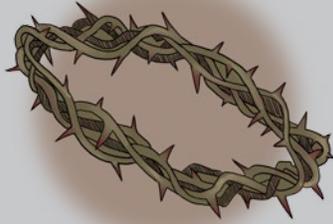
Individual or Group Activity: Last Supper Re-Enactment

Have some bread and juice available during your regular dinner, if possible. Read from Mark 14:22-26. Then eat the bread and drink the juice together.

Explain, if needed, how the bread and juice are only symbols, and when taken with other believers, they remind us of how Jesus gave his life for us.

- What are your thoughts about you dying for others so they may live?

Share with each other, or pray to the Lord, what does it mean to you that Christ died as an atoning sacrifice for you.



good friday

JESUS IS **CRUCIFIED & BURIED**

Read **John 19:1-37**

Children's Activity (Option 1):

- **Cross** (Parent build a simple, small "T" cross in advance).
(John 19:12-17)
- **Nails**. Present some nails and explain how they were used on Jesus. Ask how it might feel if they were hurt by nails. Be ready to explain why Jesus accepted this pain. (John 19:18-19)
- **Sponge**. Prepare some vinegar in a sponge or towel to smell or dilute it with some water to smell and taste. Explain how Jesus asked for a drink but the soldiers only gave him sour wine.
(John 19:28-30)
- **Spear**. Have a sharp stick to represent a spear. Explain how it was used to make sure Jesus was dead and share what happened.
(John 19:31-34)
- **Tomb**. Construct a small cardboard tomb and rock covering. Use this to explain this is where Jesus' body was laid. Wrap a figure with some cloth or a towel to represent Christ's covered body.
(John 19:38-42)

Children's Activity (Option 2):

Help children build a small, simple diorama of the scene from toys and various objects in the home. Explain in simple language what is happening and have children participate as the narrative unfolds.



good friday

JESUS IS **CRUCIFIED** & **BURIED**

Read **John 19:1-37**

Youth & Adult Activity; Individual or Group:

Materials: Some scrap pieces of paper and a pen ready to use.

1. Read the passage in the prescribed sections, visualizing the scene and what is occurring.
2. Imagine what each of the characters are thinking or why they are responding or conducting themselves as they do.
3. Consider Jesus' mind and heart as he's experiencing these acts upon him.

John 19:1-7 John 19:17-22 John 19:28-42

John 19:8-16 John 19:23-27

Reflect/Share: Why do you think Jesus is suffering all of this?

Meditate and reflect on sins in your life. Write them down on the scraps of paper.

Bring out the betrayal notes you wrote on Wednesday and combine them with these.

Pray and acknowledge the power of the cross, that Jesus has taken all sin upon himself. As you confess and surrender each of these sins to Jesus, recognize that you are forgiven by God the Father. Be reminded, as a believer and follower of Jesus, all your sins have been forgiven once and for all.

Dispose of all these scraps of paper to symbolize that Jesus has taken them from you and onto himself.

Sing *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* and *You Are My King (Amazing Love)* [LYRICS HERE](#)



saturday

SILENCE: JESUS IS DEAD

Children's Activity: Moment of 'quiet time'

Adult Activity: Silence & Solitude for an extended time (suggested at least 3 minutes)

- Reflect over the past week's activities and verses.
- What stood out to you the most?
- What aspects of Jesus did you realize?
- Take some time to journal.

SUNDAY: PRAISE | SONG LYRICS

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Verse 1

Praise is rising / Eyes are turning to You / We turn to You
Hope is stirring / Hearts are yearning for You / We long for You

Pre-Chorus

'Cause when we see You / We find strength to face the day
In Your presence / All our fears are washed away / (Washed away)

Chorus

Hosanna hosanna / You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna / Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Verse 2

Hear the sound of / Hearts returning to You / We turn to You
In Your Kingdom / Broken lives are made new / You make us new

Ending

Hosanna hosanna

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In Christ Alone

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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TUESDAY: LOVE OTHERS | SONG LYRICS

Take My Life And Let It Be (Hymn)

Verse 1

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord to Thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Verse 2

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee

Verse 3

Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee

Verse 4

Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose

Verse 5

Take my will and make it Thine
It shall be no longer mine
Take my heart it is Thine own
It shall be Thy royal throne

Verse 6

Take my love my Lord I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for Thee

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Take My Life (C. Tomlin)

Verse 1

Take my life and let it be consecrated
Lord to Thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee

Verse 2

Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee
Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry power as You choose

Chorus

Here am I all of me
Take my life it's all for Thee

Verse 3

Take my will and make it Thine
It shall be no longer mine
Take my heart it is Thine own
It shall be Thy royal throne
Take my love my Lord I pour
At Your feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for Thee

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THURSDAY: HUMBLE SERVICE | SONG LYRICS

Make Me A Servant

*Make me a servant humble and meek
Lord let me lift up those who are weak
And may the prayer of my heart always be
Make me a servant make me a servant
Make me a servant today*

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Humble King

Verse

Oh kneel me down again
Here at Your feet
Show me how much You love
Humility
Oh Spirit be the star
That leads me to
The humble heart of love
I see in You

Chorus

('Cause) You are the God of the broken
The friend of the weak
You wash the feet of the weary
Embrace the ones in need
I want to be like You Jesus
To have this heart in me
You are the God of the humble
You are the humble King

Ending

You are the God of the humble
You are the humble King

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FRIDAY: CRUCIFIED & BURIED | SONG LYRICS

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Verse 1

*How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory*

Verse 2

*Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished*

Verse 3

*I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom*

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You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Verse

*I'm forgiven
Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted
You were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your Spirit is within me
Because You died
And rose again*

Chorus

*Amazing love
How can it be
That You my King
Would die for me
Amazing love
I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You*

Ending

*You are my King
You are my King
Jesus You are my King
Jesus You are my King*

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