



The Story @ Home

3rd -6th

Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story

Narrative Lectionary, Year 2 (2019-2020)

Lesson #2-30

Mark 11:1-11; 15:16-39; 16:1-8

Last Week

As Jesus draws nearer to the end of his earthly ministry, his teachings become more direct and strongly worded. He warns about both the destruction of the temple and the Day of the Lord (Mark 13:1-8, 24-37).

This Week

This week, the lectionary flowed backwards to Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as well as forward to his death and resurrection (Mark 11:1-11; 15:16-39; 16:1-8).

The Point

We can celebrate Jesus, the crucified and risen king.

Story Summary

Jesus, the Messiah, rides into Jerusalem on a colt as people shout "Hosanna!" Later that week, this Messiah is led out to his death. He is crucified and mocked. He cries out to God and then dies. The temple curtain is torn. A centurion declares that Jesus was God's Son. It appears that our Messiah has failed.

However, three days later, several women go to Jesus' tomb and discover the tomb is empty. A young man tells them that Jesus has been raised and that they should go tell his disciples to meet him in Galilee. Out of fear and amazement, the women run away. They go but tell no one. So, we wonder, how did the news get out if they did not tell? How do we tell this story?

Bible Nuts & Bolts

Understanding Culture and Customs

The books of the Bible were written in specific time periods in specific cultures. The writers of the Bible wrote for an audience that shared their knowledge of the culture and customs of the day. We live nearly 2,000 years after the New Testament was written. It is important to try to understand the Bible in its original context to better understand the message.

Practice: Worship

The stories of Holy Week range from the excitement of the triumphal entry, to the heartbreak of the crucifixion, to the amazement of the resurrection. The disciples are experiencing emotions of every type. We often feel the same during times of worship. During devotions (or other times), ask each person what has made them happy or sad, angry or scared during the day. Talk to God about those things.

Next Week

Forty days after his resurrection, Jesus tells his disciples that they will receive the Holy Spirit and go to the ends of the world to be witnesses. Jesus ascends into heaven and the disciples return to Jerusalem (Acts 1:1-14).

Family Discussions

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- † In what way does this text teach about the theme of God's Triumph?
- † What does this scripture have to do with our lives today?
- † What part of this scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Sunday—Read Mark 11:1-11; 14:3-9

Triumphal entry and anointing.

Sing or say Ho-ho-ho-Hosanna and raise your hands in praise of Jesus today!

Monday—Read Deuteronomy 15:7-11

Open your hand to the impoverished.

Ask family members what good words or deeds they have done or will do this week for others in the family or community.

Tuesday—Read Mark 14:10-21

Passover preparations.

Prepare a meal together as you read this story.

Wednesday—Read Mark 14:22-31

The Last Supper.

Look online for images of the Last Supper.

Thursday—Read Mark 14:32-42

Prayer in Gethsemane.

Go off by yourself to pray.

Friday—Read Mark 15:16-39

The death of Jesus.

Place a cross in the center of your worship area as you read this passage.

Saturday—Read Mark 15:40-47

The burial of Jesus.

Use blocks or stones to create a tomb. Leave it in place overnight.

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Sunday—Read Mark 16:1-8

The empty tomb.

Use the blocks or stones from yesterday to show the open tomb.

Monday—Read John 20:1-10

Running to the tomb.

Choose characters and act out this story.

Tuesday—Read John 20:11-18

Mary and Jesus.

Talk about what you think Mary, Jesus, and the disciples were each feeling during this story.

Wednesday—Read Luke 24:13-27

On the road to Emmaus.

Walk along the road and retell this story.

Thursday—Read Luke 24:28-35

Jesus is known through broken bread.

Talk about ways that you experience Jesus during worship.

Friday—Read Luke 24:36-49

Jesus appears to his disciples.

Describe how you would have felt if you had been in this room.

Saturday—Read Matthew 28:16-20

The Great Commission.

Name one person that you can tell about Jesus this week.