

# Holy SPIRIT Week



Palm Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday
Wear Green	Manchaca UMC Shirt	Twin Day	Dress like a Villain	Crazy Socks	Wear Black	Superhero Day

## Directions:

1. Dress up and take pictures each day according to the theme.
2. Post your pictures on your own social media platforms with the hashtag #MUMCSpiritWeek. You can also share them on our Manchaca Facebook Group page.
3. Use the guide below for a simple daily devotional for each day of Holy Week.

## Sunday, April 5 - Palm Sunday

**Spirit Week:** Dress in green as much as possible from head to toe!

- Be sure to tune into Sunday morning services on our Facebook page at 8:30 or 11:00 am. Children's time at 9:30 am.

## Bible Story: The Triumphal Entry

Read **Matthew 21:1-11** or read the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem from a children's Bible.

## Questions to Ask or Ponder:

- Hosanna means: God Saves. What did the people in the story think that Jesus would save them from? What does Jesus really save us from?
- If Jesus is King, who are we? What does it mean to let Jesus be the ruler in our lives?

## Prayer:

*Saving God, today we welcome Jesus as our Savior and ask him to free us from all that would keep us from you. We invite Jesus to be our King – the One who rules our lives. Hosanna! Save us, we pray! Amen.*



### **Monday, April 6**

**Spirit Week:** Wear a shirt from Manchaca UMC (from VBS, the 5K, a youth shirt, etc.). If you don't have a shirt from Manchaca, wear a religious shirt, or get creative and make one with materials you have at home!

#### **Bible Story: Jesus Cleans Out the Temple**

Read Mark 11:15-18: Jesus visits the temple in Jerusalem and becomes angry because people are using the temple as a place to make money and take advantage of the poor.

#### **Questions to Ask or Ponder:**

- Anger can tell us when something is unjust or not fair. When you look at your school, your work, your community, your nation, the world, what do you see that is unfair or unjust? How would you fix it?
- Jesus said that the Temple should be a house of prayer. What does "church" mean to you? In this time of social distancing, has your definition of church changed?

**Prayer:** *God of All People, help us to see people and the world through your eyes. Break our hearts for the things that break your heart. And then spur us into action. Amen.*

### **Tuesday, April 7**

**Spirit Week:** Dress like twins with someone in your house or with someone you love - even if they are not in your home. (A parent, a child, a spouse, a best friend, a grandparent, a pet!)

#### **Bible Story: The Greatest Commandment**

Read Matthew 22:34-40: Jesus reminds us that the greatest commandment is to love God with everything we are and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

#### **Questions to Ask or Ponder:**

- What it means to love God with your whole heart, mind, body and soul. How do you show your love for God?
- What does it mean to love your neighbor as yourself?

**Prayer:** *Loving God, we love because you first loved us. Help us to shine the light of your love where we go in the world. Amen.*



### Wednesday - April 8

**Spirit Week:** Dress like a villain. Maybe you have a villain costume. Be creative in what you think a villain might wear!

**Bible Story: Judas Betrays Jesus**

Read Matthew 26:14-16: Judas conspires to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.

**Questions to Ask or Ponder:**

- Have you ever been betrayed or hurt by a friend? What happened. Are you still friends? If so, how has the friendship changed? If no, do you think the friendship could ever be repaired? Why or why not?
- Have you ever been tempted to do something you know is wrong to gain a short-term reward?

**Prayer:** *Forgiving God, help us to be trustworthy friends for others. Lead us away from temptation, and forgive us when we make mistakes. Help us to forgive those who have hurt us. Amen.*

### Maundy Thursday - April 9

**Spirit Week:** Wear crazy socks in honor of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples!

**Bible Story: Passover Meal and Jesus Washes the Feet of his Disciples**

Read both of these stories from the Bible or a children's Bible.

John 13:1-5, 12-15: Jesus washes the feet of the disciples.

Matthew 26:26-29: Jesus shares a meal with his disciples.

**Questions to Ask or Ponder:**

- Washing the feet was an intimate act of service that required getting his hands dirty. What are some ways that you have served others that required you to get out of your comfort zone?
- In this time of social distancing, how can we still commune with one another?

**Prayer:** *Jesus, help us to remember you always and to look for ways that we can serve others in your name. Amen.*



### Good Friday - April 10

**Spirit Week:** Wear black or dark colors as we mourn the death of Jesus.

**Bible Story:** Read parts of the passion story, including the death of Jesus on the cross.

Jesus was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane. All of his disciples left him and Peter denied even knowing him. He was put on trial, beaten, mocked, and nailed to the cross. He died and was buried in a tomb.

Choose one or more of the following stories to read: Read Matthew 26:47-56 (Jesus' arrest in Gethsemane.) Mark 14:66-71 (Peter denies Jesus.) Matthew 27:27-31 (Jesus is mocked and beaten.) Luke 23:32-43 (Jesus dies on the cross.)

Note: You might choose to read the story of the cross out of a Children's Bible. Remind children that God isn't finished yet - this story has a happy ending!

#### Questions to Ask or Ponder:

- The death of Jesus was a very sad event. Why is this day known as Good Friday?
- What good things have come out of sad or dark times in your own life?

**Prayer:** *Jesus, we know that you are always a friend to us. But we are not always a friend to you. You have said that people will know that we are your disciples by our love. May our words and our actions show that we know you and follow you and love you. Amen.*

### Holy Saturday - April 11

**Spirit Week:** Looking forward to Easter, we know that Jesus conquers death. Dress like a superhero today as you remember how Jesus will rise from the grave.

No readings today. Instead, spend some quiet time alone with God.

**Prayer:** *O Lord, today we await new life. Like a seed that was buried in the ground, we know that you will rise and live again. Help us to bury our selfishness and sinfulness, and rise with you to walk in the way that leads to life everlasting. Amen.*



**Optional: Make Ressurrection Rolls for Sunday Morning!**

- 1 can refrigerated crescent roll dough
- 8 large marshmallows
- Melted butter, cinnamon and sugar

Dip the marshmallow (representing Christ's body) in melted butter and roll in a mixture of cinnamon and sugar (burial spices). Wrap the marshmallow inside one of the triangle shaped pieces of crescent dough (representing Jesus being sealed in the tomb). Pinch all the seams tightly together. Bake according to the package directions. Cool. When you break open the "tomb," the body of Christ is no longer there!

**Easter Sunday - April 12**

**Spirit Week:** Wear your Easter clothes!

**Bible Story: The Empty Tomb**

Read John 20:1-18: When Mary went to visit the tomb, the stone was rolled away and the tomb was empty.

**Join us for Easter Worship and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!**

**Prayer:** *Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!*