

# Holy Week

family  
devotional  
guide





# A family guide walking through Jesus' final week with:

- devotions
- discussion questions
- family activities

# PALM SUNDAY

## Jesus Enters Jerusalem

The people celebrate Him with joy, but Jesus comes to bring salvation, not power or comfort.

**SCRIPTURE:** *Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:7-10; John 12:12-15*

### **QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER KIDS:**

- Who rode into Jerusalem?
- What did the people shout?
- How can we praise Jesus today?

### **QUESTIONS FOR OLDER KIDS:**

- Why did Jesus choose to come humbly and not as the King the people expected?
- What kind of King is Jesus?
- How can we follow Him this week?



FAMILY ACTIVITY:

Make paper palm  
branches and shout  
Hosanna together.

# MONDAY

## Jesus Cleanses the Temple

Jesus shows that God wants us to honor Him.

**SCRIPTURE:** *Matthew 21:12–13; Mark 11:15–17; Luke 19:45–46*

### **QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER KIDS:**

- Why was Jesus upset?
- What is the temple for?
- How can we honor God?

### **QUESTIONS FOR OLDER KIDS:**

- What is something these verses teach us?
- What distracts us from God?
- How can we keep our hearts focused on Him?



FAMILY ACTIVITY:

Clean a shared space &  
pray together about  
clean hearts.

# TUESDAY

## Love God and Love Others

Jesus teaches that loving God and loving people is most important.

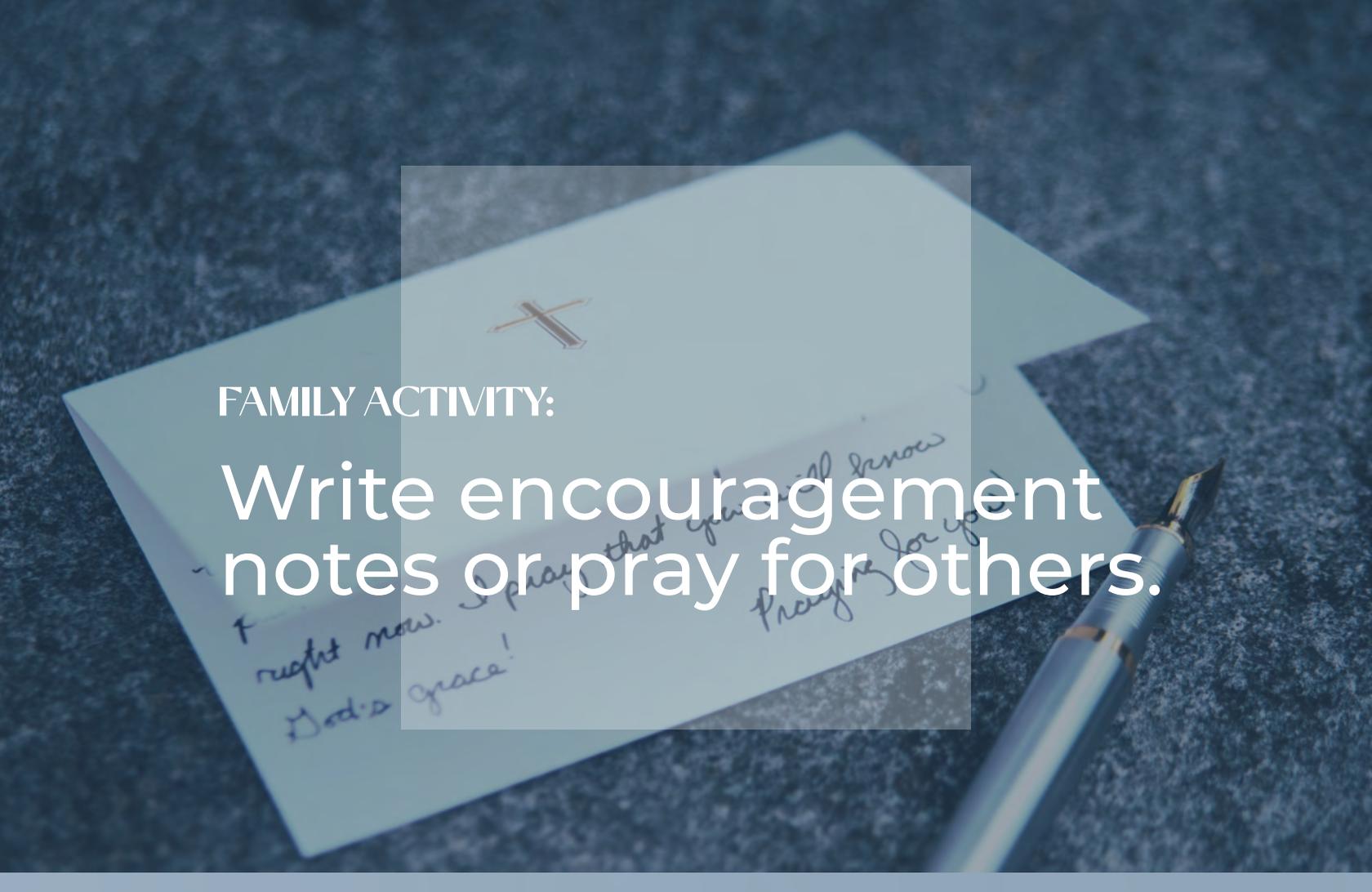
**SCRIPTURE:** *Matthew 22:36–40; Mark 12:29–31*

### **QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER KIDS:**

- Who should we love?
- How can we show love?
- Who can we help?

### **QUESTIONS FOR OLDER KIDS:**

- Why are these commands connected?
- What does loving God look like daily?
- How can our family love others better?



FAMILY ACTIVITY:

Write encouragement  
notes or pray for others.

right now. I pray that you will know  
God's grace!  
Praying for you!

# WEDNESDAY

## A Heart of Worship

A woman honors Jesus with a costly gift, showing true worship comes from love.

**SCRIPTURE:** *Matthew 26:6–13; Mark 14:3–9; John 12:1–8*

### **QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER KIDS:**

- What gift did the woman give?
- Was Jesus thankful?
- What can we give Jesus?

### **QUESTIONS FOR OLDER KIDS:**

- Why did others criticize her?
- What does this teach about worship?
- What does sacrificing for Jesus look like?

A photograph of two hands, one from the left and one from the right, holding a black heart-shaped cutout. The hands are positioned as if they are about to place the heart down or are holding it together. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue-grey. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing text.

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

**As a family, choose one way to sacrifice for Jesus this week.**

# THURSDAY

## The Last Supper

Jesus serves His disciples and gives us the Lord's Supper.

**SCRIPTURE:** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; John 13:3–15*

### **QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER KIDS:**

- What did Jesus do for His friends?
- Why did He wash feet?
- How can we serve?

### **QUESTIONS FOR OLDER KIDS:**

- What does communion remind us of?
- Why is serving important?
- How can we serve quietly?



**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

**Wash hands or feet as a  
reminder to serve one  
another.**

# GOOD FRIDAY

## Jesus' Sacrifice

Jesus gave His life on the cross because of His great love for us.

**SCRIPTURE:** *Matthew 27:32–54; Mark 15:21–39; John 19:16–30*

### **QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER KIDS:**

- What happened to Jesus?
- Why did He die?
- Who loves us this much?

### **QUESTIONS FOR OLDER KIDS:**

- Why was the cross necessary?
- What does this teach us about sin & grace?
- How should we respond?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

Create a paper, wood or other material cross and thank God for Jesus' sacrifice.



# SATURDAY

## Waiting & Trusting

God is still working even when we are waiting and don't understand.

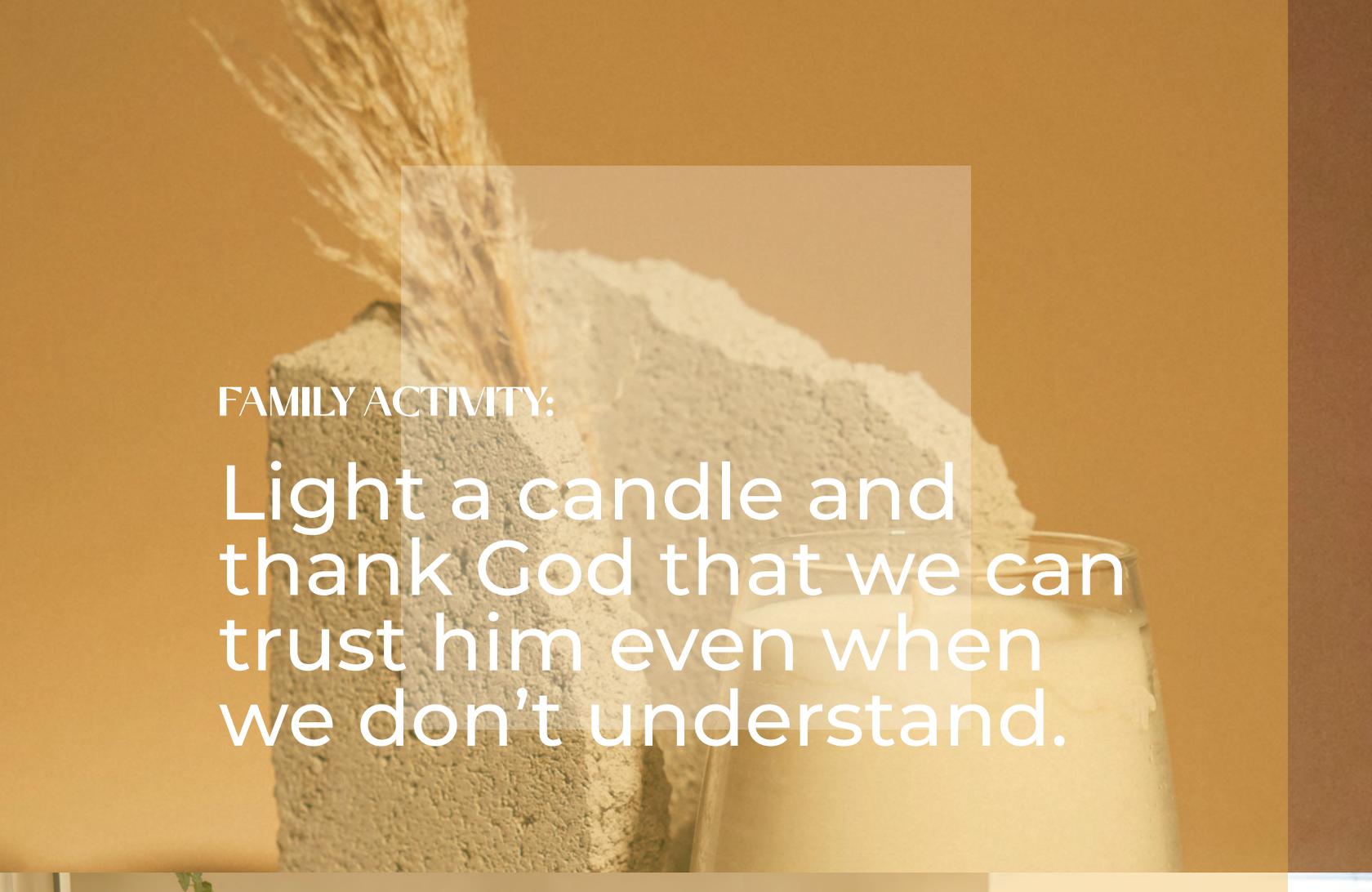
**SCRIPTURE:** *Matthew 27:57–66; Luke 23:50–56*

### **QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER KIDS:**

- What were Jesus' friends doing?
- How does waiting feel?
- Who can we trust?

### **QUESTIONS FOR OLDER KIDS:**

- Why is waiting hard?
- How does God grow us in waiting?
- Where do you need trust right now?

A lit candle in a glass holder with a decorative wick. The candle is lit, and the flame is visible. The wick is made of natural fibers and is attached to a decorative base. The background is a warm, golden-brown color.

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

Light a candle and  
thank God that we can  
trust him even when  
we don't understand.

# EASTER SUNDAY

## He Is Risen!

Jesus is alive! His resurrection brings hope and new life.

**SCRIPTURE:** *Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-9; John 20:1-18*

### **QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER KIDS:**

- Is Jesus alive?
- Why is that good news?
- What makes you joyful?

### **QUESTIONS FOR OLDER KIDS:**

- How does the resurrection change everything?
- What hope do we have in Jesus?
- How can we live as people of hope?



**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

**Celebrate with a  
special family meal and  
prayers of thanksgiving  
& joy for what God has  
done for us!**

