

# Holy Week

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**Matthew 26:17-28:10 / Mark 14:10-16:11 / Luke 22:14-24:12 / John 13:1-20:18**

Find time each day of Holy Week to read these stories with your child, either from the Bible or their Story Bible. During Holy Week, we read about and reflect on the path Jesus took from his triumphant entry in Jerusalem, to his final meal with the disciples, to the Garden of Gethsemane, to his betrayal, crucifixion and death. Finally, we experience the joy of his resurrection! As we experience so many emotions throughout the week, it is important to remember that God's great and amazing love is constant.

## Activities\*

- Bake resurrection rolls - dip large marshmallows in melted butter and roll in cinnamon sugar. Then wrap the marshmallow in a triangle of crescent roll dough, being sure to cover it completely, and pinch the edges of the dough to seal in the marshmallow (this step is very important!). Repeat this process to make 8 rolls. Then place them on a baking sheet coated with cooking spray and bake according to instructions on crescent roll package. When the rolls have baked and cooled, break one open to see that the marshmallow has disappeared and the "tomb" is empty!
- Make butterflies - butterflies are a symbol of the resurrection, because they appear to die as caterpillars and come back to life as butterflies. You will need squares of brightly colored tissue paper or regular paper (or color your own paper). Fold the squares accordion-style, then use ribbon or string to tie them in the middle. Spread out the folds on both sides to make butterfly wings. Hang these inside your home or outside to remind you of new life.
- Have egg races - mark a start and finish line in your home or outside. Race to see who can roll their empty plastic egg (which reminds us of the empty tomb) across the finish line first. You can also try carrying the eggs on spoons for an added degree of difficulty.
- Keep a prayer journal - this could be something as simple as a spiral notebook or just a few sheets of paper stapled together. Each day, have your child write or draw a picture of how they feel after hearing the Bible story. Write about what you are praying for that day, and also make a list of what you're grateful for each day. When you pray, refer back to your notes and pictures.

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