



Growing
FAITH
at home

5 April 2020

PALM SUNDAY

Jesus is our humble,
gentle King.

Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

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| S | Matthew 21:1-11 | Jesus enters Jerusalem |
| M | Matthew 21:42-46 | The stone the builders rejected |
| T | Matthew 26:6-13 | Jesus anointed at Bethany |
| W | Matthew 26:14-16 | Judas agrees to betray Jesus |
| T | Matthew 26:17-30 | The Last Supper |
| F | Matthew 27:1,33-50 | Jesus dies on the cross |
| S | Matthew 27:57-60 | The burial of Jesus |
| S | Matthew 28:1-10 | He has risen! |

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, our King, please come and rule in our lives so that we are humble and gentle like you.
Amen.

BLESSING

May Jesus rule as King in your life.

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

Have you ever attended a parade? What do you remember?

2

Why do you think Jesus chose to ride on a donkey? What does this say to you about him?



Caring Conversations



Lent

VIOLET (or Purple) is the colour of royalty, repentance, and self-discipline and is the traditional colour for the season of Lent. This deep rich colour represents a time of penitence and prayer.

Creative Response

Find a bare branch and place it in a pot. Each day of Holy Week, attach a different symbol to the branch and read the associated scripture passage.

Palm Sunday: Read Matthew 21:1-9. Place twigs and strips of cloth at the foot of the branch to symbolise the cloaks and branches spread on the road as Jesus entered Jerusalem.

Monday: Read Matthew 21:42-46. Place a stone at the foot of the branch to symbolise Jesus, the stone that was rejected.

Tuesday: Read Matthew 26:6-13. Hang a small bottle of perfume from the branch.

Wednesday: Read Matthew 26:14-16. Hang a bag of coins on the branch.

Maundy Thursday: Read Matthew 26:17-30. Place a small plate and cup at the foot of the cross as a reminder of the Last Supper.

Good Friday: Read Matthew 27:1, 33-50. Hammer small nails into the branch and attach a sign reading "This is Jesus, King of the Jews".

Saturday: Read Matthew 27:57-60. Place a black cloth over the branch.

Easter Sunday: Read Matthew 28:1-10. Remove the black cloth and decorate the branch with flowers, paper butterflies or paper streamers.

mealtime prayer

Lord Jesus, as we gather this week may we remember all that you have done for us, and all that you call us to do for others. Bless this food to strengthen us in your service. Amen.

verse for the week
Hosanna to the son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!

MATTHEW 21:9

Service



Complete an act of service as a household e.g. contact an elderly neighbour to offer your help with household cleaning or gardening, or prepare food to donate to a food pantry supporting the needy.