

# Jesus' Final Week

## Taken from the Gospels

A 3 Part Series

Sunday School Lesson for the Week of:

4/5/20

Hey Parents!

I am praying for you as you navigate this season. You are in the trenches now, more than ever. How are you doing? Do you need anything? Please feel free to reach out to the church if we can help your family in any way!

- Before using, it may be helpful to look at the complete packet and think about how or when you will use each “session.”
- Consider encouraging your older children to read through and reflect on the stories themselves. Have them take time to consider these questions:
  - Who are the “characters” in this story?
  - Where is this story taking place?
  - What does this story tell me about Jesus?
  - What does this story tell me about God?
  - How does this story challenge or encourage me?

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### What's in here?

- Jesus' last week in 3 sessions
- Activities to go with each session

### Sessions:

Session 1 - The Triumphant Entry

Session 2 - Be a Servant

Session 3 - Jesus Loves us THAT Much

**Memory Challenge:** This week, work together as a family to memorize the verse. Send a video, to Miss Aicha, of your child or children saying the verse. When we come back to church, if you've said the verse and sent a video, you will receive a cool prize!

Email your video to: [children@alliancechurch.com](mailto:children@alliancechurch.com) or text 717.756.9934



# Session 1

## The Triumphant Entry

### Mark 11:1-11

**Open your Bibles together if you can, or read:**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”

They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve. -NIV

**Because this is in God’s Word we know it is..... True!**

**Read:** So Jesus has been traveling around for three years, healing people and ministering to them in all different places. He was serving them in order to point them to God. In Mark 9:35-36 Jesus said to be a servant of all and to humble ourselves and serve others. He led by being an example.

In this chapter He is coming to Jerusalem for the Passover ceremony and also because it was coming near to the day He would die on the cross.

**Discuss:**

- Why would the crowds have worshipped Jesus the way that they did? Was it because of the donkey he was riding on? Probably not. Pause to allow children to think about this. It was likely because of what they had seen and heard of Him doing over the past three years of His ministry. Remember, He preached openly that He was the Messiah and the Son of God. He healed the sick, raised the dead, never sinned, preached about God.
- What are some reasons we have to praise Him? He is God, He loves us so much, He died for our sins
- Do you think Jesus needed the praise of the Crowd? No. He only needed the approval of His Father, God. He knew that these were the same people who would have shouted for Him to be crucified, just 5 days later.
- If we worship Jesus it is probably because we have chosen to make Him Lord of our life. When we do this we have to let go of the wrong things we do- lie, cheat, steal, disobey our parents. We have to worship only Him. If we have unconfessed sin in our lives, then our worship means nothing.
- So we need to repent and praise Him. He is worthy of our sacrificing the little joy that sinning brings. He is worthy of our praise.

**Video:** (This video compiles the story from different Gospels, so the story looks a little different. Consider reading the story together from different Gospels. Compare them together. Matthew 21:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-19)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITmbTuutBgg>

Search on Youtube: God's Story: Palm Sunday

**Pray:** (This is just a suggestion, encourage each family member to pray and consider closing with something like this)

Dear Jesus, help us to be like you. Help us to be able stop sinning. Help us to remember that our life can be worship when we choose you instead of sin. Thank you for always choosing us instead of giving into temptations. Thank you for loving us. We love you so much and we thank you for all that you have done. In Jesus name, Amen.

**Family Worship:** Have a family worship time together. Pray and ask Jesus to be with you in these precious moments. Here are some suggested songs. Remember, Kids worship the same Holy Spirit that grown ups do. And that same Holy Spirit is eager to meet with them in intimate worship the same as with you and I. Create the space for quiet intimacy! Even for your children.

Here is a link to some of the Kingdom Seekers' Favorite Worship Videos:  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1MP8zZxvSn2USHfLmK9Y-MgWpYULoyYp-?usp=sharing>

### Memory Verse:

Mark 10:45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

### Activities:

- Make a Palm Leaf: Trace your child's hand several times and cut them out. Attach them to a popsicle stick or whatever type of stick you have lying around (a pen, a stick from a tree, etc.). Take it a step further by encouraging your child to write something on them. It could be things they are sorry for or need forgiveness for. It could be things to praise Jesus for. Whichever direction your conversations went.



- Act out the story together! It's a fun one! You'll need: a Jesus, 2 disciples, a donkey, some crowds. Be creative! Use stuffies and props! Act it out with lego people... HAVE FUN!

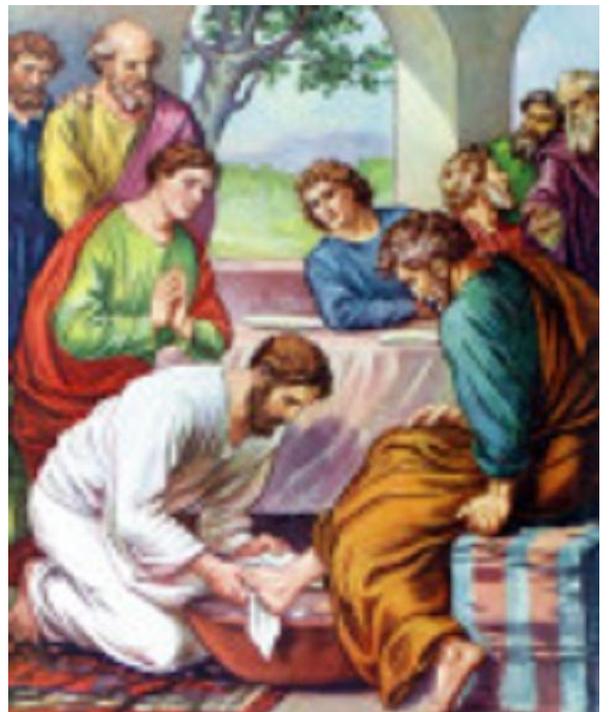
# Session 2 - Be a Servant

## John 13:1-5 & 12-17

**Open your Bibles together if you can, or read:**

“It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.



When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them” -ESV

**Discuss:**

- Why would Jesus do that?! Just a few verses later, in John 13:34-35 Jesus says, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." Jesus was giving the disciples a picture of how He wants us to love and serve others.

- **Video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L11aniUYocw>  
Search on Youtube: What was the significance of Jesus washing the feet of the disciples?

This video will be a little bit over children's heads. BUT don't underestimate the power of planting seeds in their hearts and the work of the Holy Spirit to grow them. The video will have many truths they can understand and will be great for you, as parents, to hear as well!

- Think about people's feet back then. They traveled on foot. There were no sidewalks or roads, just dirt pathways. What kind of shoes did they wear? Not sneakers! Their feet were PROBABLY pretty dirty. To clean them would have been a REAL service. This act showed a LOT of kindness. And Jesus wants us to serve others that way.
- How can we serve our family the way that Jesus served the disciples?  
Help around the house, help with eachother's chores, help make meals and set the table, etc.

**Prayer:** Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for being with our family today. Thank you for Your Word and the lessons you have for us in it. Thank you that you gave us such a clear picture of how you want us to love others. Help us to follow Jesus' example and love each other well. Thank you for loving us so much. In Jesus name, Amen.

**Video:** This is a GREAT video that shares the Gospel to children on their level through this story:

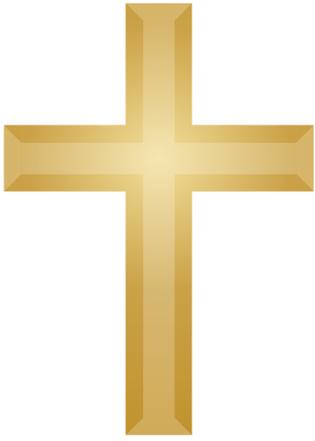
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-97SwzuERHY>

Search on Youtube: JESUS WASHES FEET MESSAGE | Kids on the Move

**Activities:**

- Memory Verse Game: Write the verse on a large sheet of paper. Cut the verse apart by word or segment. Hide them around the room and have children work together to find them and put them in order. You could also turn it into a competition by having the kids find them and put them in order on their own. Time them to see who is fastest.
- Memory Verse Activity: Write the verse in chalk on the sidewalk or driveway! Decorate it together!
- Draw the Story: Fold a piece of paper in half vertically, and then in thirds horizontally. Make 6 equal parts. Draw the story of Jesus washing the disciples feet in comic strip form.
- Foot Washing: Serve each other exactly the way that Jesus served His disciples. Have a foot washing ceremony in your home. Parents included. It might feel weird, but what a powerful way to serve each other and show love for one another?





# Session 3 - Jesus Loves us SO much!

## Matthew 27:27-54 & 57-60

Open your Bibles together if you can, or go to:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+27&version=NIV>

Read the passage together. Stop along the way and let the children ask questions. Challenge them to think about 'who, what, and why' of each piece of the story. Remember, it is okay to not know all the answers. Just promise to do the research and answer them later. **BUT DO IT!**

**Suggested Sectioning of the Story: Read each section and discuss.**

- Matthew 27:27-31- Jesus is mocked and beat up. He is made to feel less than human.
- Matthew 27:32-37 - They hung Him on the cross, made bets for His clothing, and hung a sign above Him, making fun of Him.
- Matthew 27:38-44 - men who were ACTUALLY bad were hung next to Jesus who had done nothing wrong. People continued to mock Him saying "if He really is the Son of God, why doesn't He save Himself." If He'd have saved Himself, He wouldn't have saved us from Hell.
- Matthew 27:45-50 - For the first time, God leaves Jesus alone. He has to because Jesus is taking the punishment for our sin and because of that He is filled with our sin. He cries out to God and finally, He dies.
- Matthew 27:51 & 54 - The invincible curtain in the temple is torn in two from top to bottom and there was an earthquake. Finally people saw that Jesus, was in fact, the Son of God.

**Here are a few videos to help you tell the story:**

Pause after Jesus is placed in the tomb, watch the rest on Sunday (Easter)!

- The Story of Easter (Jesus' Sacrafice) - Saddleback Kids  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL8R158Ujp4>
- Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection - Fear Gives Way: The Gospel Project for Kids  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2fK3ZS9T3as>

## GOSPEL ALERT: (This is the important stuff)

**Discuss:** Did you know that Jesus died for you and me? The only reason why this was possible was because He NEVER sinned. He NEVER gave in to temptation. Which is something we do every day.

- What kinds of temptations do we feel every day? To lie, steal, cheat, disobey our parents (answers should vary) (parents, be sure to weigh in and be honest about your temptations as well)

Jesus sacrificed His feelings and desires His whole life to one day pay the ultimate sacrifice: death. For OUR sins. Because He loved us THAT much, He died a painful death for us so that we can have a relationship with Him and go to heaven to be with Him when we die.

- How do we earn His love and salvation? WE DON'T!
- Romans 10:9 tells us exactly how we can be saved. "If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."
  - To declare that Jesus is Lord means that we have to be ready to give up our sinful habits. Which means we first have to confess that we ARE sinners and we have to be ready to say "no" to temptation because we love and serve Jesus.
  - If we can do that, then all we have to do is BELIEVE that Jesus died for our sins and was raised from the dead and we will be saved.

**Do you know in your heart that you have received that salvation?** That you have made Jesus the Lord of your life and that you will go to heaven to be with Him when you die?

- IF NOT: Are you ready to make Jesus the Lord of your life? Are you ready to try every day to give up your sins and to confess to Jesus when you give in to that temptation?
- IF YES: Pray together. In your prayer be sure to:
  1. Confess that you have sinned.
  2. Ask for forgiveness.
  3. Declare that you believe that Jesus died on the cross and that His death is the only way to receive salvation for your sins.
  4. Ask Jesus to help you overcome temptation and grow to be like Him.

**- Then CELEBRATE TOGETHER!**

Luke 15:7 “I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.”

**- Then call Miss Aicha and let her celebrate with you!**

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**Activities:**

- Paper Plate Tomb:

- Paint the dull side of a paper plate black/gray/brown to look like a stone/tomb.
- Once dry, cut the plate in half.
- Cut a circle out of the bottom of the “front half.” Keep the circle.
- Staple the halves together.



Find a doll or some toy to represent Jesus, On Good Friday (Friday, April 10) put “Jesus” in the tomb. Before your kids wake up on Easter, take Him out of the tomb and tell the resurrection story at breakfast on Easter!

- Plant Some Seeds: Plant some seeds and discuss how they have to be buried in order for them to come back to life. Just like Jesus had to be buried in order to overcome our sin and death and rise from the dead. When they start to sprout, talk about the new life that we can have because Jesus came out of the tomb and rescued us from our sin.
- Memory Verse Activity: get out the playdough and work together to make symbols for the words of our memory verse (page two) use the symbols to practice saying the verse together.