

Thanks for downloading the Holy Week Family Guide from Talk About™ and letting us be part of your family's Easter this year.

While you make memories with egg hunts and family get-togethers, we hope our guide helps you to also reflect on Jesus and the gift of salvation.

For each day of Holy Week you'll find an activity (templates and coloring sheets included), a short prayer you can read with your family and Scriptures to help your kids learn what the Bible says about Jesus and how we can be more like Him. Pick the activities that you think will be a hit in your family — some of them are geared toward young children and others are great for tweens and teens. Our prayer is for your family to gather together around Jesus this Easter in a way that adds depth to your Holy Week, but not more to your plate.

We see you loving your kids and building disciples. Have the best Easter.


Talk About

WHAT IS HOLY WEEK?

In the eight days from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, so many "big" biblical moments took place — Jesus' final entrance into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, the crucifixion and His resurrection on Easter Sunday — that Christians call it Holy Week.



SUNDAY



Read Mark 11:8-10

Praise: Celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus with your children by creating palm branches from construction paper and saying, "Hosanna in the Highest!"

Pray: Dear Father, We praise You for sending Jesus to save us. Thank You for making a way for us to be with you forever. Amen.

MONDAY



Read: Mark 11:15-17

Create: Ask your child to draw a picture of your church. Pray together and ask God to help your church be a house of prayer.

Pray: Lord, thank You for the church. Help us to honor You by bringing a sacrifice of praise and a heart of worship when we attend. Amen.

TUESDAY



Read: Mark 12:28-31

Love: Help your children think of ways to love the Lord with all their soul, mind and strength. You can also make a list of ways your family can love and serve your neighbors.

Pray: God, teach me to love You with all my heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love others in the same way I love myself. Amen.

WEDNESDAY



Read: Mark 14:10-11

Give: Consider what your family could give as a gift to someone in need. Remind them they can use their time, money or talents to be a blessing to others.

Pray: Lord, You have given me so much. I want to thank You with my time, money and talents, and use my life to bless Your name. Amen

MORE TO EXPLORE

Read: Mark 11:1-11

DISCUSS:



How does Zechariah 9:9 foreshadow Jesus' triumphal entry in Mark 11?

MORE TO EXPLORE

Read: Mark 11:12-19

DISCUSS:



Read Isaiah 56:7 and Jeremiah 7:11. Talk about the words from the Old Testament that Jesus used to describe the temple.

MORE TO EXPLORE

Read: Mark 12:28-44

DISCUSS:



When Jesus shared the commands to love God and your neighbor, He quoted Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18. Look up these verses and share them with your family.

MORE TO EXPLORE

Read: Mark 14:1-11

DISCUSS:



Read Psalm 41:9-10. How did Judas' actions fulfill this passage of Scripture?

THURSDAY



Read Mark 14:32-36

Eat: Before Jesus was arrested, He ate the Passover meal with His disciples and then went to the garden to pray. After a meal together, take your family to a special place to pray (a park, outside under a tree, in a quiet room) and thank God that Jesus was willing to go to the cross for us.

Pray: Jesus, the sacrifice You made for me was costly. Thank You for being the final Passover Lamb and dying for my sin. Amen.

MORE TO EXPLORE

Read Mark 14:12-72

DISCUSS:



Read the story of the first Passover in Exodus 12:21-42. Explain that Jesus is the Passover Lamb whose death covered our sin.

FRIDAY



Read Mark 15:16-20

Make: Help your child make a crown from craft paper. Remind them that the people made fun of Jesus and made Him a crown of thorns. But one day, every knee will bow and worship Jesus as our true King!

Pray: Jesus, You are the true King and You are worthy of all praise. Thank You for making it possible to have a relationship with You forever. Amen.

MORE TO EXPLORE

Read Mark 15:1-47

DISCUSS:



Read Revelation 5:8-14. What can your family learn about worship from this passage?

SATURDAY



Read Psalm 34:19-22

Silence: Eat dinner with your family by candlelight. Spend a minute or two in silence to remind your children Jesus was dead in the tomb. He didn't speak or move or breathe.

Pray: Lord, teach me to run to You when life is hard. Help me to wait patiently for Your help and trust You in all things. Amen.

MORE TO EXPLORE

Read Psalm 34:19-22

DISCUSS:



Read Psalm 34:19-22 again. How did Jesus' death fulfill the words of this psalm?

SUNDAY



Read Mark 16:1-8

Snack: Create an empty tomb using a donut and donut hole. Slice the full-sized donut in half and place it upright on a plate. Then set the stone (donut hole) in front. Remind your children that the tomb is empty! Jesus rose from the dead!

Pray: Jesus, thank You for defeating sin and death when You rose from the grave. Thank You that I can have life in Your name. Amen.

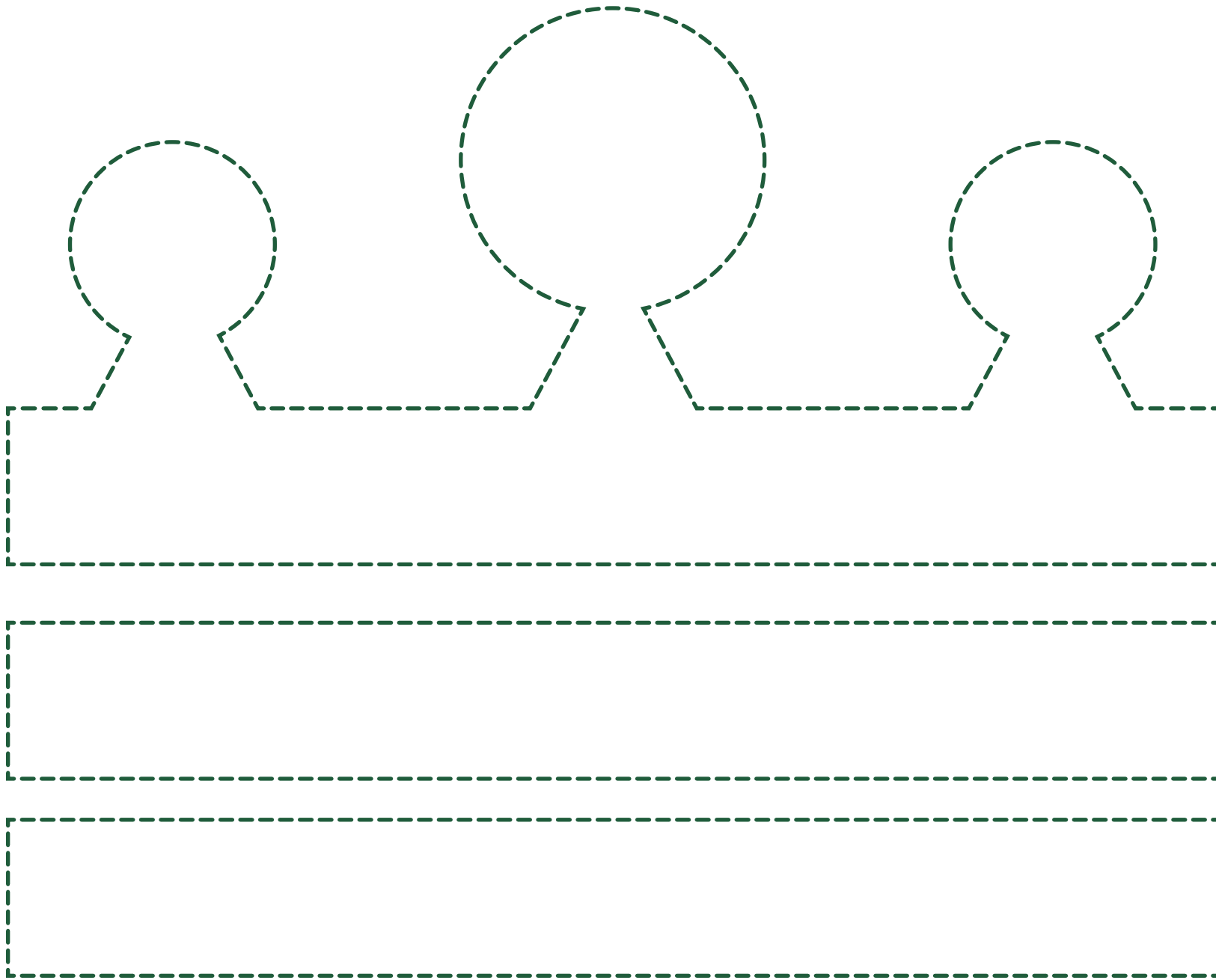
MORE TO EXPLORE

John 2:18-22.]

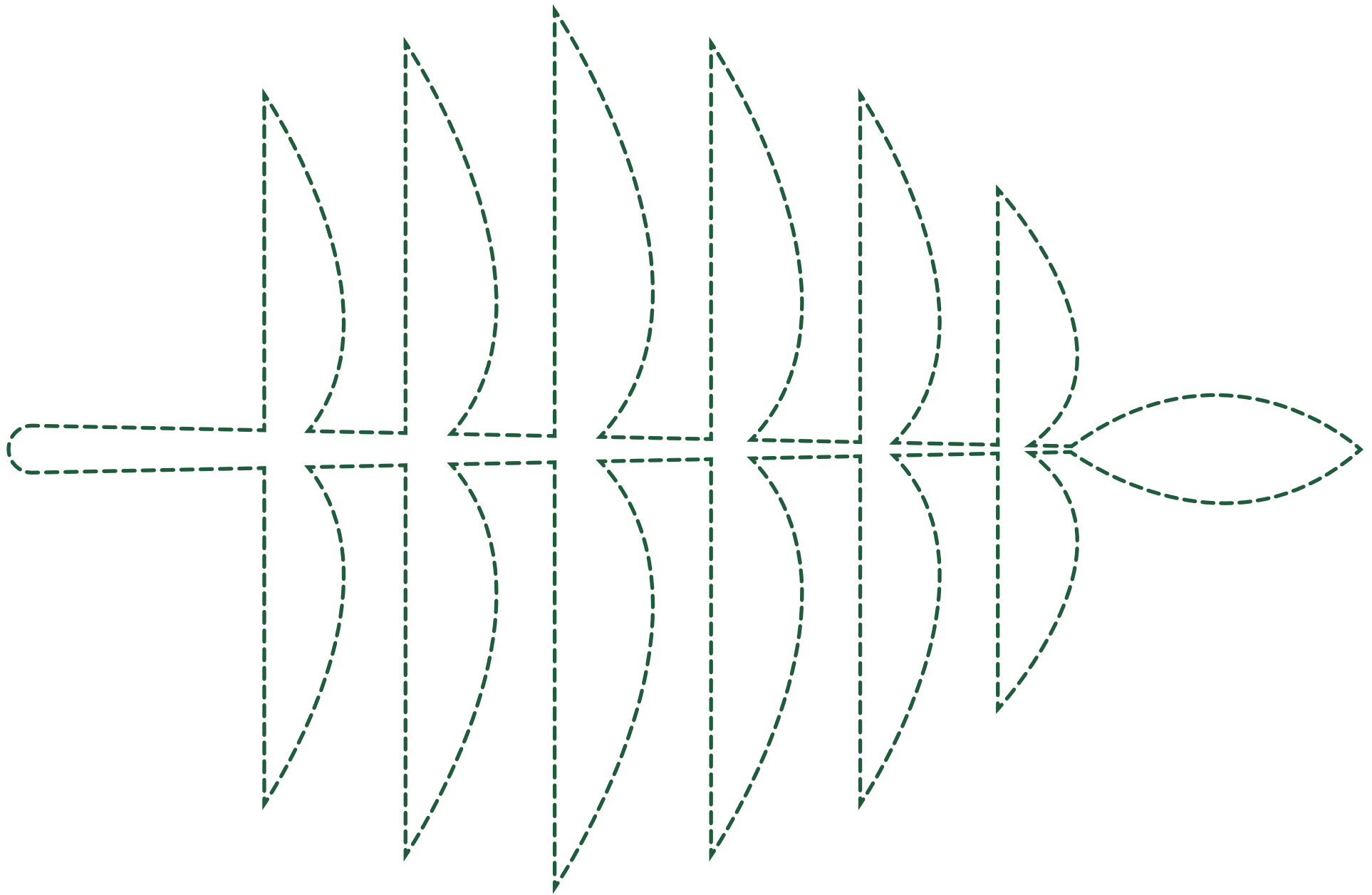
DISCUSS:



How did Jesus' death and resurrection fulfill God's promise in John 2?



1. Write your name on the crown.
2. Cut out the crown.
3. Cut out the sides.
4. Glue the sides to the crown.



COLORING PAGE

