



THE STORY BIBLE

This week, read and discuss these stories:

- **The Lord's Supper**, page 392
- **Peter Denies Jesus**, page 395
- **The Passion of Christ**, page 398
- **Jesus Dies and Lives Again**, page 402

The sights, smells, and sounds of Holy Week services can hold particular meaning for children, as well as adults.

- The Hosannas and waving of palm leaves on **Palm Sunday** remind us of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.
- The communion on **Maundy Thursday** reminds of the wonderful gift of communion through the Lord's Supper. It is followed by the stripping of the altar symbolizing Jesus' humiliation by the soldiers as they mocked Him.
- During the **Good Friday** service, we will be reminded of Jesus' bitter death on a cross and His light being snuffed out as the lights in the sanctuary are extinguished one by one.
- The **Easter Vigil** service begins in the dark with the lighting of the Paschal (Easter) candle and everyone lighting their own candles from it as we are reminded of God's promise of a savior throughout scripture.
- The Easter morning Sunrise Service begins with the dressing of the altar, acknowledging the risen Savior. Point out to your children that we once again celebrating the joy of Easter with our loud Alleluias ringing in our worship services, after having "put them away" during Lent.

Know the Bible Now (including Scripture references)

THE LORD'S SUPPER — [Luke 22:1-34](#) | KtBN page 286

- Why do you think Judas decided to betray Jesus?
- What do you think it would have been like to eat the Lord's Supper with Jesus?

Prayer: *Dear Lord, so often we betray You in thought, words, and actions. Thank you for Your mercy, shown to us in Jesus Christ, who offers and gives forgiveness for all who trust in You Amen.*

JESUS IN THE GARDEN — [Mark 14:32-50](#) | KtBN page 288

- Why do you think Jesus was so upset in Gethsemane?
- During this time of great stress, what things did Jesus do to help Him get through?

Prayer: *Lord, You suffered so much to make us right with our Heavenly Father. We thank You for Your constant love and mercy, which covers all our sins. Amen.*

PETER DENIES JESUS — [Matthew 26:69-75](#) | KtBN page 290

- When do you find it difficult to stand up for the Christian faith?
- Peter denied Jesus 3 times, yet became a powerful leader of the church. How do you think he was able to overcome his earlier failures?

Prayer: *Lord, help me to stand strong in my faith when times are tough. Keep me firm in my trust in You through everything I face. Amen.*

JESUS' TRIAL — [Matthew 27:15-31](#), [John 18:28-40](#) | KtBN page 292

- In Jesus' time, most people thought the Messiah would be a person who would restore the Nation of Israel. Read John 18:36-37 to see Jesus' response. What do you think He means?
- Jesus didn't defend himself. Why do you think he stayed silent?

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, to take my place and pay for my sin. I am forever grateful to You. Amen.*

THE CRUCIFIXION — [John 19:16-42](#), [Luke 23:39-43](#), [Matt. 27:45-54](#) | KtBN page 294

- On the cross Jesus said, "It is finished." What do you think is finished? What does that mean for you?
- The curtain of the temple torn in two when Jesus died. It shows us that we now have access to God the Father through the sacrifice of His son, Jesus. What might you want to talk to God about, know you have this access? You can talk to Him about these things in prayer.

Prayer: *Lord Jesus Christ, You lived the life we should have lived and died the death for sin that we deserved. Thank you for Your mercy, which is new every morning. Amen..*