

TIGARD COVENANT KIDS

Sunday School Online Lesson Plan

Week of: April 5, 2020

Title of Lesson: PALM SUNDAY and HOLY WEEK

Dear Parents,

Palm Sunday was the beginning of Holy Week, just days before the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. This lesson will touch on the events leading up to His arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane. Included are 3 pages of images that will help the children understand these blessed events that will segue to next week's Easter lesson.

To God be the Glory!

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References: The Word of God, <https://lifehopeandtruth.com/prophecy/kingdom-of-god/a-message-christianity-ignores/>

Materials Needed: Tablet/Computer and Bible

BEFORE WE GET STARTED, GOD WANTS ME TO TELL YOU SOMETHING:

"I love you with an everlasting love because you are a part of Me. I created you and breathed life into your lungs. You are not an accident. I know everything about you... when you sit down, and when you stand up, when you laugh and when you cry. You are more important to Me than you will ever know, and I have great plans for your future. I will never stop doing good to you. I am for you and never against you. I loved you so much that I sent My only Son Jesus to be your Savior. If you accept My Son, nothing will ever separate you from My love, and you will live forever in Heaven with Me. You are my special child and your names are stamped on My heart for all eternity."

Love from your Father in Heaven

Question: Have you ever heard of Holy Week? Well, Holy Week was the week before Jesus was crucified on the cross. A lot of things happened to Jesus that week, and it all started on a day we call Palm Sunday when He arrived in Jerusalem with his 12 disciples, which were chosen by God to be His followers and future teachers of how to enter the Kingdom of God.

Let's watch a video about this this historic event.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-39h0xYqdE>

(For older children, have them read Luke 19:35-45)

Did you notice in the video that not everyone loved Jesus? The men called Pharisees were strict followers of the 10 Commandments and self-righteous, which means they thought they were better than anyone else. They were wealthy men and didn't like the message that Jesus brought to the people.

1. Why do you think these men hated Jesus? (They were very upset because crowds of men, women and children loved Jesus. Jesus gave the people hope of a better life someday in the Kingdom of God. He was teaching them about a future with God, not just the 10 Commandments like the Pharisees. Jesus' message was about hope, love and forgiveness of God, and the Pharisees wanted to kill Him.)

2. What were the Pharisees afraid of? (They were afraid that the people would follow Jesus and no longer trust the Pharisees. They would lose their control over the people).

The following pictures tell the story of the rest of the week. It was full of drama and sadness. Jesus knew what he had to do when he arrived in Jerusalem... he knew he would have to die a horrible death nailed to a tree for the sins of you and I and ALL the people of the world so that we could go to Heaven someday. **This was the reason He was sent to earth by His Father... to die for our sins. God so loved the world, He sent his one and only son that whoever believes in Him will have everlasting life. John 3:1**

EVENTS OF HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY: Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey with his disciples. They spent the night in Bethany, about two miles away from the city. His friends Mary, Martha, Lazarus and Simon lived there. His disciples most likely stayed in the Upper Room just outside of Jerusalem where the Last Supper occurred.

MONDAY: Jesus went into the temple of God, which was built for worship to His Heavenly Father. What He found there, was a marketplace FULL OF ANIMALS FOR SALE and men exchanging money. Jesus was so angry, he knocked over tables and told everyone to GET OUT! **His words were, "My temple will be a house of prayer, but you have turned it into a den of thieves!" Luke 19:46**

He returned to Bethany that night.

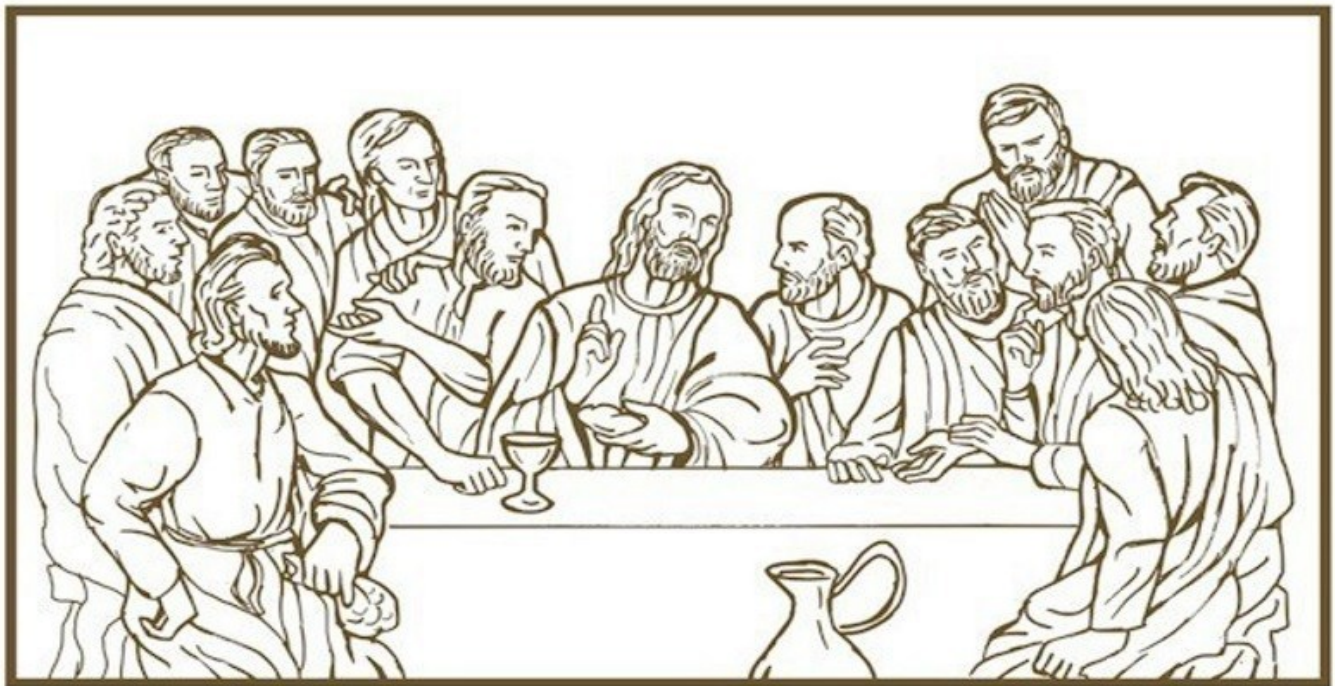


TUESDAY: Jesus spent the day in the temple teaching about the Kingdom of God to anyone who would listen (and LOTS of people came to listen!). The Pharisees interrupted Him and tried to trick Him into saying something that they could use against him in a court of law. But Jesus was the Son of God, and that would never happen!



Wednesday: Jesus and his disciples spent the day in Bethany and had a meal with Simon where a woman with expensive perfume came to the house and poured it over Jesus' head. The disciples were very upset, especially Judas, the one who betrayed Jesus. They began to scold the woman who could have sold the perfume and given the money to the poor. But Jesus said, "Leave her alone... you will always have the poor among you, and you can help them whenever you want to, but you will not always have me." Mark 14:6-7

Thursday: The Last Supper was held in the Upper Room. During this time, Jesus explained his upcoming crucifixion and passed around unleavened bread which represented his body and wine which represented his blood (the very first communion). He told his disciples that one day they would sit on thrones in the Kingdom of God. But he also said that one of them would betray Him and that upon death, his disciple Peter would deny that he ever knew Jesus, three times! Can you imagine how Peter felt???



After the Last Supper, Jesus and his disciples went to Mount Olive and the Garden of Gethsemane, a favorite place of Jesus. After a bit, He walked away from his disciples to pray with a heavy heart. He knew that his crucifixion was coming, and asked God, **"Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine. Then an angel from heaven appeared and strengthened Him. He prayed more fervently, and He was in such agony of spirit that his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood."** Luke 22:42-44. Did you hear that? His sweated blood because he was about to take the sin of the world upon himself so that whoever believes will have everlasting life!



The last thing that happened that night, was the soldiers came to arrest Jesus, and sure enough, Judas, one of His disciples betrayed Him. The soldiers were told ahead of time by Judas that he would kiss the man called Jesus, so they knew who to arrest. Some of the Pharisees were there as well. When the disciples saw what was happening, they said, **"Lord, shall we fight? We brought the swords!"** And one of them slashed off the ear of the High Priest's slave. Jesus responded with, **"No more of this"** and he touched the man's ear and healed it. (Luke 22:51). Jesus was then taken away to die for our sins. All of the disciples ran away at that point.



Let's pray together. Repeat after me;

Dear God,

Thank You for this day.

Thank You for the birds and the animals, the flowers and the trees.

Thank You for creating everything we see!

Thank you for our families and our teachers.

Thank You for the lives we live, and for making each person different.

**Thank you for teaching us about Holy Week
and the events that led to the terrible death of Jesus.**

Next week, we look forward to the Good News of Jesus' resurrection.

**Thank You for sending us Jesus to die for our sins,
so that we can one day be in heaven with you and our families, forever and ever.**

You are an amazing God, and we thank you! In Jesus' Name, Amen.