

→ EASTER

AS FAMILY AND WHĀNAU

"Let everything you do be done in love."

1 CORINTHIANS 16:14





This simple resource is designed to use at the start at Palm Sunday and go through Holy Week.

As a family and whānau, decorate one disk for each day to attach to a branch or hang like bunting from a string.

Together, create a family Easter Tree with Bible readings and questions to reflect on the passion of Christ story.

WHAT TO DO

YOU WILL NEED:

- 12 ROUND WOODEN DISKS (AVAILABLE FROM SPOTLIGHT, 6 PER PACK)
- PAINT OR PAINT PENS
- THIN TIP MARKER
- STRING
- BRANCHES
- POT

1. Paint each disk white and allow to dry.

2. Choose a simple picture or symbol to paint on each disk. Alternatively, cut out simple images and glue them onto the disks.

3. Write the Bible passage and question on the back of the disk.

4. Add a ribbon to the top of each disk to attach to a branch or bunting string.

5. Place a branch in a pot in the middle of the dining table where everyone can see it.

6. Each day add that disk to your tree.





1 Palm Sunday

READ: MATTHEW 21:1-11

REFLECT: JESUS WAS TREATED LIKE ROYALTY AS HE ENTERED THE CITY.
HOW WOULD YOU TREAT AND WELCOME JESUS IF HE ENTERED TODAY?



2 Coins

READ: MATTHEW 26:14-16

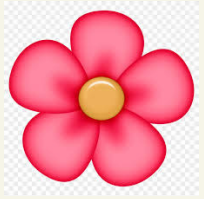
REFLECT: WHAT HAPPENED IN THIS PART OF THE STORY? WHY DO YOU THINK
JUDAS DID THAT?



3 The Last Supper

READ: MATTHEW 26:17-20

REFLECT: WHAT ARE SOME OTHER WAYS WE CAN GIVE THANKS WHEN WE BREAK BREAD?
CAN YOU COME UP WITH AND CREATE YOUR OWN FAMILY GRACE!



4 In the Garden

READ: MATTHEW 26:36-46

REFLECT: JESUS WAS VERY SAD, SO HE WENT OFF AND PRAYED. WHAT DO YOU DO
WHEN YOU FEEL SAD?



5 The Whip

READ: MATTHEW 27:15-26

REFLECT: IF YOU WERE ONE OF THE PEOPLE IN THE CROWD, WHAT MIGHT IT HAVE
FELT LIKE? COULD YOU HAVE DONE ANYTHING?



6 Crown of Thorns

READ: MATTHEW 27:28-29

REFLECT: WHY DO YOU THINK THEY MADE JESUS A CROWN? I WONDER HOW IT COULD
HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT IF THEY HADN'T DONE THAT?





7 The Cross

READ: MATTHEW 27:32

REFLECT: WOULD YOU HAVE PICKED UP JESUS CROSS FOR HIM? WHAT MIGHT IT HAVE FELT LIKE? SMELT LIKE?



8 The Nails

READ: JOHN 19:16-22

REFLECT: WHY WAS HE CALLED "KING OF THE JEWS"? DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS PART OF THE STORY?



9 The Spear

READ: JOHN 19:34

REFLECT: WHY DO YOU THINK THEY PIERCED JESUS SIDE? WHAT DO YOU THINK IT SHOWED THE PEOPLE WHO WERE WATCHING?



10 The Tomb

READ: MATTHEW 27: 65-66

REFLECT: WHY WAS JESUS PLACED IN SOMEONE ELSE'S TOMB? HOW HEAVY DO YOU THINK THE STONE WAS TO ROLL?



11 He is risen!

READ: MATTHEW 28:1-7

REFLECT: WHAT MIGHT THE WOMEN HAVE FELT WHEN THEY FOUND THE EMPTY TOMB? HOW MIGHT YOU HAVE FELT AND REACTED?



12 Love

READ: JOHN 3:16

REFLECT: WHICH PART OF THE EASTER STORY DID YOU LIKE THE MOST? WHICH PART WAS THE LEAST FAVOURITE? WHAT IS ONE THING YOU CAN DO AS A NEW FAMILY TRADITION FOR EASTER?

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EXTRAS

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Add your own simple arts and crafts activities to each day. As much or as little as your family wants.

Start your time by collecting up any ideas your family already has and make a plan that is achievable.

Here are some suggestions to get you started:

- Decorate your dining table with palm fronds
- Make palm fronds out of green paper for decorations
- Cook resurrection buns together
- Have an Easter egg hunt for your neighbourhood

Keep it simple. The aim is to spend time together.

MORE SUNZ RESOURCES

We have a great collection of Lent and Easter resources. You can find them here:

- sunz.org.nz/shop
- childrenandfamiliesnz.blogspot.com
- sunzbreakthrough.org.nz

