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Sunday School JOY TREK At Home Lesson

"Journey to Palm Sunday & Holy Week"

We have arrived at Holy Week! Today, (Palm Sunday) we celebrate, waving palms and cheering as Jesus enters into Jerusalem. The religious leaders were angry and afraid of the attention He received. The next day one of His disciples betrays him to the leaders for money. On Thursday, (Maundy Thursday) Jesus will gather his disciples for a Passover meal referred to as The Last Supper. Jesus taught his friends many things on that night, to love one another and how to stay close if Jesus should leave them. After dinner they walk into the Garden filled with olive trees. Jesus goes off by himself to pray. Later, Jesus is arrested by soldiers for pretending to be a King. On Friday, (Good Friday) The soldiers make a crown of thorns and make him wear it. They make Jesus carry a heavy wooden cross. They put him on the cross and the world grew dark, as if a terrible thunderstorm was coming. It was as if all of creation was crying. Jesus prayed to God and God was with Him. After His death Jesus is placed in a tomb. Several days later, just before the sun comes up, 4 women go to the tomb to rub oil and spices on Jesus body. They had one last job to do, one final tribute to Jesus. They arrive at the tomb to see the boulder in front of the tomb had been moved. The tomb was empty! Join me next week to hear what happens next, to celebrate the gift wrapped in joy and tied with a ribbon of everlasting love!

Scripture: Matthew 26:26-27 ~ The Last Supper

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take and eat. This is my body." He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from this, all of you."

Family Conversations:

1. So many emotions this week. When was a time you felt both happy and sad?
2. Which part of Holy week is the most important part to you?
3. How did Jesus help his friends, the disciples? How does Jesus help us today?

Activities for families to do together:

1. What prayer did Jesus teach us? Say this prayer out loud with your family
2. All of Holy Week reminds us that "Jesus Loves Us" sing this song with your family
3. Draw a picture of the empty tomb, the sun coming up behind it and be ready to celebrate the good news!

Family Prayer:

Dear God,
Thank you for sending us Jesus.
Jesus showed us many things.
How to love, share, dance and sing.
He showed us how to learn, pray, help and care,
And he promised to always be there!
Help us to live with gladness and grace.
As we remember Jesus' journey to a sacred place.
By our side, as our loving guide.
Amen