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As we enter into Holy Week it's important to consider God's work in our lives through Jesus.

This booklet and accompanying board and stickers will hopefully give you and your children a special activity to help think about Jesus' death and resurrection. During this week we are remembering the lowest points of sin and the highest peaks of what God has done for us through Jesus. We have a way, the only way, to the Father through Jesus. That's worth celebrating!



He is **RISEN!**



Sunday

Hallelujah, He's Alive!

Color the Sunday space on your board **white**. This represents the resurrection! Death could not hold Jesus. He overcame death to give us life! After finishing today's reading and discussion, place the sticker that represents what happened on Sunday on the white square.

READ: John 20:1-31

*The tomb is open, He's alive!
Our crimson stain has been made white!
He bore our transgressions and rose the third day
Now we're welcomed into His endless grace.
Once was darkness, now is light
Thank you Jesus, for glorious life!*



Describe a time when you received wonderful news! What did the news make you do?

Did you jump up and down? Did you scream? What did you feel? When the friends of Jesus came to the tomb, it was empty. Jesus did not stay dead. It could not keep Him. It was wonderful news for all people. Because of Jesus' sacrifice, we can have eternal life. Our sins have been paid for and death has no hold over us. Praise Jesus for the greatest gift of life. When we realize what Jesus has done for us on the cross, paying the penalty for our sin, we can rejoice in His resurrection!

Sing joyfully this day for all Jesus has done.



Sunday

Scream and Shout

Color the Sunday space on your board **green.** The green represents the palm branches that people waved as Jesus entered Jerusalem. After finishing today's reading and discussion, place the sticker that represents what happened on Sunday on the green colored square.

READ: Matthew 21:1-11 (NIRV)*

*Come and see our Glorious King!
Lift up your branches, shout and sing!
Make way for the Son of David
Give Him honor, glory and praises!*



What would you do if a celebrity was supposed to come to your house?

What things would you do to prepare for the arrival of this famous person? Would you clean your room? Would you make a "welcome" sign? Lots of people had heard about Jesus and the miracles He had done, but most had never seen Him. When He came into Jerusalem, people were expecting someone who would be a physical king, so they shouted "HOSANNA" which means "save us now". They praised Him and waved palm branches which were like flags. They were excited to see this person who was going to save them. But He would save them in a very different way. Let's praise Jesus today. Share some things that you love about Him.



Monday

Drive Them Out

Color the Monday space on your board **gold** or **yellow**. This represents the temple area. After finishing today's reading and discussion, place the sticker that represents what happened on Monday on the gold colored square.

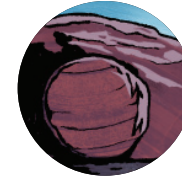
READ: Matthew 21:12-17

*The Temple was a sacred place
To worship God and seek His face
But some were using for money and gain
So Jesus drove them all away.*



Where is your favorite place to go? Where do you love to spend time?

What if one day you went to that place and someone had turned it into a garbage dump? How would you feel? Jesus knew that the place to worship His father, God, was the temple. But people had made it into more of a grocery store than a church. It was sad and hurtful. Jesus decided that the sacredness of the temple needed to be restored, so He flipped all of the tables upside down. People had put other things ahead of God and had forgotten what the temple was supposed to be about. Let's confess those things we have made more important than Jesus and ask for forgiveness from Him.



Saturday

The Saddest Goodbye

Color the Saturday space on your board **black**. This represents the grave. After finishing today's reading and discussion, place the sticker that represents what happened on Saturday on the black colored square.

READ: Matthew 27:57-66

*Jesus was placed inside the tomb
Wrapped in burial clothes
His eyes were shut, His body still
Then the tomb was closed.*



Have you ever been sick for a long time? How long? Does it feel sometimes like you will never get better?

It takes a while to regain your strength and feel like yourself again. Jesus had been placed in a borrowed tomb, which was the traditional burying place at the time. His body laid in the tomb, wrapped in linens and prepared for burial. His disciples must have wondered what they were going to do now. Their leader and friend was gone, and they were left with nothing but fear. It must have been overwhelming and sad. What would they do now? But fear not...they would regain their strength. Praise Jesus for His sacrifice and give Him any fears that you might be struggling to overcome. Things can change in an instant!



Friday

Death on a Tree

Color the Friday space on your board **purple**. This represents the crucifixion and death of Jesus. His death on the cross took the burden of our sins. After finishing today's reading and discussion, place the sticker that represents what happened on Friday on the purple square.

READ: Matthew 27:11-50

*Beaten and bruised
Spat on, and mocked
Our King now breaths heavy
His head slowly drops.*



Can you think of a time when you were in a lot of pain? What hurt? What would have made it better?

Galatians 3:13 references Jesus' death on a tree, which is what we know the cross was made from. Jesus went through so much pain when He was on the cross. It was a difficult way to die. He was separated from the Father, and that hurt too. But He did it for you, because of His love for you. He loves and adores you enough to die for you. Think about what it means for someone to give their life up for you. Pray and thank Jesus for loving you that much.



Tuesday

A Friend Betrays

Color the Tuesday space on your board **gray** or **silver**. This represents the silver Judas Iscariot received for betraying Jesus. After finishing today's reading and discussion, place the sticker that represents what happened on Tuesday on the gray-colored square.

READ: Matthew 26:1-5, 14-16

*A friend becomes betrayer
Judas does a selfish thing
A decision that would later
Hand over our King.*



**Have you ever hurt your friendship with someone?
Has someone ever betrayed you?**

When you are hurt by someone it can affect not only your friendship but your heart. Jesus had chosen 12 men to surround Him and be His friends. One of them decided that money was more important than Jesus. Judas agreed to take 30 pieces of silver in exchange for betraying Jesus. That decision led to Jesus being captured, arrested, and crucified. Our words and actions can have very difficult consequences when it comes to others. Ask God to help you recall those who you may have hurt with your actions or words, and extend an apology to them. If there is someone who has hurt you, ask for God's help in forgiving them and finding reconciliation.



Wednesday

Silent Days

Color the Wednesday space on your board **light blue**. This represents quiet. We don't know what happened on this day, but we do know what was coming later in the week. After finishing today's discussion, place the sticker that represents what happened on Wednesday on the light blue colored square.

*Heaviness and darkness
Uncertainty looms about
We wait in quiet surrender
For God's plan to be carried out.*



What does it feel like when you know something is coming that will be very hard to go through?

It can feel very heavy and scary. You feel nervous and uncertain. What do you like to do when faced with these feelings? Does it help to do something active or do you want to just sit? We don't know what happened to Jesus on Wednesday of the week. Perhaps after all the activity that had occurred and considering what was coming, Jesus may have taken this day to rest and talk with His family and friends. It might have eased His heart and reminded Him of His love for people. We can all take time to remember the people we love and recall the wonderful blessings that God has given to us. Make a list of those people whom you love and thank God for them.



Thursday

Remember Me

Color the Thursday space on your board **red**. This represents the Last Supper (Passover meal with Jesus and His disciples). After finishing today's reading and discussion, place the sticker that represents what happened on Thursday on the red colored square.

Read: Matthew 26:17-30

*This is my body
This is my blood
Take it, eat and drink
And remember my love.*



Do you have any tokens or keepsakes?

They are reminders of special events that have occurred in your life or items that help us remember people. Why do you cherish them? Jesus and His disciples were celebrating the Passover meal, which was a reminder of the way God had delivered His people from death in Egypt. They drank the wine that represented Jesus' blood, and ate bread to represent His body. "Take and eat," He said. Jesus was inviting His disciples to celebrate the new covenant or promise that would bring deliverance from sins. This meal was like a special keepsake from Jesus to the church. Take some time to ask God for forgiveness of the sins in your life. Know that God loves you and wants you to love Him, too.