



# HOLY WEEK at home



## IDEAS FOR FAMILIES

### Creative Response

Find a bare branch and place it in a pot. Each day of Holy Week, attach a different symbol to the branch and read the associated scripture passage.

**Palm Sunday:** Read Matthew 21:1-9. Place palm and strips of cloth at the foot of the branch to symbolise the cloaks and branches woven on the road as Jesus entered Jerusalem.

**Monday:** Read Matthew 21:43-46. Place a stone at the foot of the branch to symbolise Jesus, the stone that was rejected.

**Tuesday:** Read Matthew 26:6-13. Hang a small bottle of perfume from the branch.

**Wednesday:** Read Matthew 26:6-16. Hang a rag or cloth on the branch.

**Maundy Thursday:** Read Matthew 26:17-30. Place a small plate and cup at the foot of the cross as a reminder of the Last Supper.

**Good Friday:** Read Matthew 27:1, 33-50. Hammer nails into the branch to represent the nails used to crucify Jesus, King of the Jews.

**Saturday:** Read Matthew 27:47-50. Place a black cloth over the branch.

**Easter Sunday:** Read Matthew 28:1-10. Remove the black cloth and decorate the branch with flowers, paper butterflies or paper airplanes.

### Use Growing Faith at Home

With readings and creative response for each day this week  
See Appendix 1 (included)  
([growministries.org.au](http://growministries.org.au))

The Easter Lego Challenge is a terrific hands on activity in which children recreate and retell parts of the Easter story each day.  
([buildfaith.org](http://buildfaith.org))

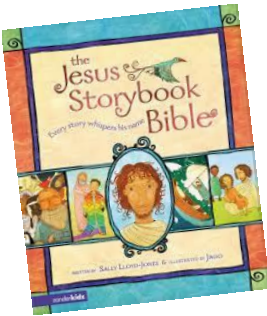


Create a Road to Holy Week using this simple template and Jesus figure.  
([everythingisgodsgift.blogspot.com](http://everythingisgodsgift.blogspot.com))

Create a Holy Week box to provide children with a simple, memorable way to tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Make one at church together or provide families with all of the pieces and the instructions to make them at home.  
([buildfaith.org](http://buildfaith.org))



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Do you use [The Jesus Storybook Bible](#) at home? Here's an [Easter reading list](#). (homewiththeboys.net)

The story of Jesus' resurrection, "God's Wonderful Surprise" is also available as a video [here](#). (Zondervan)

Here's a video in which an intergenerational diverse group of people tell [The Easter Story](#) and remind viewers of all ages that we have a job to do. It would be wonderful at the end of a worship service. It's also a great resource to forward to families or to post on your church Facebook page. (faithandwonder.com)



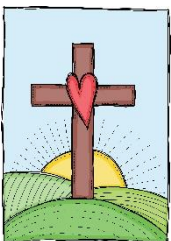
Wonder through Holy Week with this great [family devotional](#) (network.crcna.org)



[Daily worship](#) for families and small groups



Use the [We Wonder Podcast](#) at the end of each day together as a family for a contemplative devotion time. (wewonderpod.com)



For families with young children, use this great resource to [Walk thru holy week](#) (focus on the family.com)