



# MAKE AN EASTER TREE

## FOR HOLY WEEK

As a family, make an Easter tree to help illustrate the journey of Holy Week leading up to Easter.

Make your Easter tree by collecting some twiggy branches with no leaves (willow from your local florist works well) and arrange them in a vase using small rocks to hold them in place. The branches represent the cross and the lack of life we have without Jesus. Place decorations on the tree each day during Holy Week.

Use the list of readings on the next page to guide you as you make decorations for your tree.

On Good Friday cover the tree with a piece of fabric to represent Jesus death. On Sunday remove all the symbols and decorations and replace with butterflies, eggs and other symbols of new life to represent the new life we have through Jesus death and resurrection on the cross.

Be creative and have fun! Adapt your tree to make it meaningful for your family.



## Palm Sunday

### Bible Verses

Matthew 21:1-11

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Palm frond - real or fake

## Monday

### Bible Verses

Mark 14:3-9, 22-26

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Perfume, loaf of bread and cup of wine

## Tuesday

### Bible Verses

John 13:3-17

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Bowl of water and towel

## Wednesday

### Bible Verses

Matthew 26:14-16

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Thirty silver coins

## Maunday Thursday

### Bible Verses

Mark 15:16-24

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Thorns, purple material, nails and dice

## Good Friday

### Bible Verses

Mark 15:25-47

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Sponge and vinegar, INRI sign, wooden cross and large stone

## Easter Saturday

### Bible Verses

Colossians 2:12-14

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Water in a shell representing baptism or a baptism candle

## Easter Sunday

### Bible Verses

Mark 16:1-7

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An empty egg for an empty tomb



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