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12-DAY FAMILY DEVOTION

Dear parents,

USE THIS 12-DAY READING PLAN TO LEAD YOUR FAMILY TOWARD THE REAL MEANING OF EASTER. IT FOLLOWS THE LAST FEW DAYS OF JESUS' LIFE. OPEN AN EGG EACH DAY AND READ ABOUT WHAT JESUS DID FOR US!

BEGIN THIS DEVOTION ON THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE PALM

SUNDAY. YOU WILL CELEBRATE THE EMPTY TOMB ON EASTER SUNDAY!

ONE day

READ

John 12:12-15; Zechariah 9:9

OPEN

Egg 1 - Small Leaf

SAY

JESUS CAME INTO JERUSALEM DURING THE BEGINNING OF THE PASSOVER CELEBRATION. JERUSALEM WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY CROWDED DURING THIS TIME. PEOPLE WELCOMED JESUS AS HE RODE INTO JERUSALEM ON A DONKEY, JUST AS THE OLD TESTAMENT SAID HE WOULD.

ASK

**WHAT DID THE PEOPLE LAY DOWN ON THE GROUND WHEN JESUS CAME INTO JERUSALEM?
ON WHAT ANIMAL DID THE OLD TESTAMENT SAY JESUS WOULD RIDE INTO TOWN?**

PRAY

GOD, THANK YOU FOR SENDING JESUS. HELP US REMEMBER YOU AND WELCOME YOU INTO OUR DAILY LIVES DURING THESE DAYS LEADING UP TO EASTER. AMEN.

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TWO

READ

Matthew 26:14-16

OPEN

Egg 2 - 3 Coins

SAY

JUDAS WAS ONE OF JESUS' TWELVE DISCIPLES. HE WAS WITH JESUS FOR THREE YEARS. EVEN THOUGH HE WAS WITH JESUS, HE DID NOT KNOW JESUS. HE BETRAYED HIM. EVEN THOUGH JUDAS BETRAYED JESUS, GOD WAS STILL IN CONTROL AND HAD A PLAN.

ASK

**WHO WAS JUDAS ISCARIOT?
WHAT DID HE GET FOR BETRAYING JESUS?**

PRAY

GOD, WE KNOW THAT YOU ARE ALWAYS IN CONTROL, EVEN WHEN THINGS LOOK BAD. HELP US TRUST YOU EVEN WITH THE SCARIEST THINGS IN OUR LIVES. AMEN.

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THREE *day*

READ

Matthew 26:26-28

OPEN

Egg 3 - Cup

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SAY

JESUS CELEBRATED THE FIRST LORD'S SUPPER, ALSO KNOWN AS THE LAST SUPPER, THE NIGHT BEFORE HIS DEATH. CHRISTIANS NOW CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER (ALSO CALLED COMMUNION) TO REMEMBER JESUS' SACRIFICE FOR US AND REFLECT UPON WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR US.

ASK

**WHAT DID THE BREAD REPRESENT?
WHAT DID THE CUP REPRESENT?**

PRAY

**HEAVENLY FATHER, WE KNOW THAT WE COULD NOT SAVE OURSELVES FROM OUR OWN SINS. WE THANK YOU FOR SENDING JESUS TO DIE FOR OUR SINS. WE CANNOT IMAGINE WHAT HE WENT THROUGH AND WE WANT TO REMEMBER WHAT HE DID FOR US.
AMEN.**