



Holy Week & Easter Family Reading Guide

Follow this guide together as a family to read and talk about the stories of Holy Week and Easter in your Whirl Story Bible or Whirl NRSV Bible.

Palm Sunday

Whirl NRSV Bible

Matthew 21:1-11 (page 1137)
Mark 11:1-11 (pages 1173–1174)
Luke 19:28-40 (page 1223)

Whirl Story Bible

Hosanna! (pages 390–393)

Talk about these questions after you read:

- What emotions were the crowds feeling?
- What emotions were Jesus and his disciples feeling?
- Why was everyone so excited to see Jesus?

Maundy Thursday

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Matthew 26:14-29 (page 1149)
Mark 14:1-25 (pages 1179–1180)
Luke 22:14-23 (page 1228)

Matthew 26:30-75 (pages 1149–1151)
Mark 14:26-72 (pages 1180–1182)
Luke 22:39-62 (page 1229)

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Bread and Wine with Jesus (pages 394–397)
Deserted by All (pages 398–401)

Talk about these questions after you read:

- What emotions were Jesus and his disciples feeling?
- Who would you like to have dinner with?
- What does it feel like to be betrayed? How can you respond to a betrayal?

Good Friday

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Matthew 27:11-31 (pages 1151–1152)

Mark 15:1-15 (page 1182)

Luke 23:1-25 (pages 1230–1231)

Matthew 27:32-66 (pages 1152–1153)

Mark 15:16-47 (pages 1182–1183)

Luke 23:26-56 (pages 1231–1232)

Talk about these questions after you read:

- What emotions were the crowds feeling?
- What are some ways we can manage our anger and fear?
- We know that Jesus' death isn't the end. Why is it important to remember that?

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Pilate's Questions (pages 402–405)

When Jesus Died (pages 406–409)

Easter Sunday

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Matthew 28:1-10 (pages 1153–1154)

Mark 16:1-8 (page 1184)

Luke 24:1-12 (pages 1232–1233)

John 20:1-18 (pages 1268–1270)

Talk about these questions after you read:

- What emotions were the women feeling?
- What's something exciting that has happened to you?
- Why is it important to celebrate Easter?

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Easter Morning Good News (pages 410–413)

