



The Story @ Home

Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story

Narrative Lectionary, Year 4 (2017-2018)

Lesson #4-28

John 19:16b-22 [12:12-27]

Last Week

Roman soldiers mock Jesus as “King of the Jews.” They strike him, put a crown of thorns on his head, and drape him in a purple cloak.

This Week

Pilate's soldiers crucify Jesus and will post an inscription that will call Jesus “The King of the Jews.”

Story Summary

Jesus is welcomed to Jerusalem by crowds shouting “Hosanna!” But not everyone was happy to see Jesus. The temple priests had been upset with Jesus for both his miracles and his message. They regarded his claim to be the Son of God as blasphemy. To get rid of Jesus, the priests and the local Roman government worked together. The story of Jesus dying on a cross is a love story. It is a story of God's love and Jesus' love for us. Jesus' love for us is so strong that he was willing to make this painful and humiliating sacrifice.

Practice: Worship

We show our love to God through worship. Our worship expression can utilize many of our senses. This week we experience worship visually through a prayer activity and scripture reading that focuses on symbols from Holy Week. Create your own family altar this week by adding one element from the *Try It At Home* readings to a table or central space each day (see below).

The Point

Both the crowds and Pilate say more than they know by calling Jesus a king.

Bible Nuts & Bolts

Difficult Passages

The Bible includes a number of passages that believers may find difficult. Some of these passages are simply confusing. Others are not confusing, but offend our sense of right or wrong. Passages dealing with slavery, haircuts, marriage, foods, cotton-polyester blend clothing, and even God's love may be difficult. In the midst of these difficult passages, we remember that God provides blessings, God protects God's people, and God calls and sends us.

Next Week

In an extended lesson, Mary recognizes Jesus and hears his command to go tell the disciples about his resurrection. After having appeared to only one disciple (Mary), Jesus appears to a group of his disciples for the first time, and discusses with Thomas the relationship between seeing and believing.

Family Discussions

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- ✝ In what way does this text speak to our theme of God's Kingdom is Revealed?
- ✝ What does this scripture have to do with our lives today?
- ✝ What part of this scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Sunday—Read John 19:16b-22 [12:12-27]

Jesus is a different kind of king.

Create a Family Altar in an area you all share by setting aside an area on a flat surface. Each day this week, you will add an object to your Family Altar. Add a palm branch or green leaf to your Family Altar.

Monday—Read John 17:10-13

Not one is lost.

Add another palm branch or green leaf to your Family Altar.

Tuesday—Read John 17:14-19

I passed your word on to them.

Add a crown to your Family Altar.

Wednesday—Read Psalm 22:1-5

Jesus' lament on the cross.

Add a cross to your Family Altar.

Thursday—Read John 19:23-30 Maundy Thursday

God's kingdom is revealed on the cross.

Family Altar: Dice to your Family Altar.

Friday—Read John 19:31-42 Good Friday

Preparing the King for burial.

Add a towel or cloth to your Family Altar.

Saturday—Read Psalm 22:6-11

Jesus' lament part 2.

Add a rock to your Family Altar.