Holy Week Activities for your family (with younger children)

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Day of Holy Week	Family Activities	K-2 Activities	3-5 Activities
Preparation before Holy Week	As a family create a set of <u>"Resurrection Eggs"</u> to help remember the events of Holy Week	Subscribe (FREE) to <u>Holy Heroes</u> and complete the daily activities each day this week. Activities and videos are emailed out each day and provide a wonderful selection for all ages.	
Palm Sunday	Make <u>Handprint Palms</u> to celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem	Cut out and arrange the events of Holy Week into the right order on this <u>Story Strip.</u>	Put the events of Holy Week in order using this worksheet. Look up the Bible verses first to check your answers.
Monday	As a family, act out one or both of the two "acts" from Palm Sunday: Triumphal Entry &/or Crucifixion Maybe record and share it.	Color, cut and assemble this <u>Names</u> of Jesus paper chain.	Fill in the blanks, complete the crossword puzzle and color <u>this</u> worksheet (use same file for Wed. K-2 activity)
Tuesday/ Chrism Mass	Read the Story of Jesus Cleansing the Temple (John 2:13-25) and then spend time cleaning your house to prepare for Jesus	Using these printables and an empty toilet paper roll, <u>create this 3-D cross</u>	Think ahead to Peter's denial of Jesus and imagine that you are there, write about it <u>using this worksheet</u> .
Wednesday	Use items from around your house to build a model of Jerusalem <u>(here is a map that</u> <u>may help)</u>	Use your detective skills to <u>find the</u> words and trace to reveal the scripture verse.	Use your detective skills to unscramble the words in each egg.

Holy Thursday	Celebrate the Institution of the Sacrament of Holy Orders by sending your priest a card or video thanking them for their vocation	Use the <u>Holy Thursday Notebooking</u> <u>Page</u> to <u>draw</u> different parts of the story of the Last Supper	Choose <u>from this list of options</u> and color a picture of the Last Supper and write 3-5 sentences about what it might have been like to be there.		
Good Friday Fast from all non-religious electronics for today (or at least from noon-3pm)	Pray the Stations of the Cross together as a family, you can use <u>these coloring pages of each</u> <u>station</u> or <u>watch on EWTN</u>	Use the <u>Good Friday Notebooking</u> <u>Page</u> to <u>draw</u> different parts of the story of Good Friday	Look up the Bible verses and imagine that you were there during each of these events.		
Holy Saturday You can find all of the readings for the Easter Vigil <u>here</u> .	Make Easter Story Cookies to enjoy tomorrow morning				
	Hang up as many Christmas lights as you can and then once it is dark, turn off all the lights in the house to feel what life is like without Christ. Slowly turn on all of the Christmas lights, just like at the Easter Vigil Mass				
Easter Sunday You can find all the readings for Easter Sunday <u>here</u> .	Dress up in your Sunday best and 'attend' Mass at a place of your choice, make your home as much like a chapel as you are able.				
	Read the Easter Story together as a family and pray together before hunting for eggs and baskets. And/or watch a movie about the life of Jesus together as a family				