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THE
last
SUPPER
FAMILY
EXPERIENCE





A tradition is something you do to remember something important. We want to help your family build a tradition around Easter. It doesn't have to be fancy or complicated, but just creating a place and a time each year to *remember together* what Easter means will create a tradition to anchor your faith to something tangible.

You probably already have traditions around Easter time—eating ham with extended family, dressing up in your Sunday best for church, Easter egg hunts in your lawn—*but what about one that sparks conversations and helps your family remember together what Jesus did for us?*

We believe that this could be a great way to do that and we want to help you start that tradition, step by step. We want to uncomplicate the process and help you with the words to say and the things to do as you create a new tradition in your family.

Will you join us?



STEP 1:

Catch the vision

Watch the first video at northwoods.church/centered to hear the vision behind Centered 2021.

TRAIN UP
A CHILD
*in the way
he should go;*

AND WHEN
HE IS OLD,

*he will
not depart*

FROM IT.

PSALM 22:6

STEP 2:

Plan your experience

Every family is different and what works for one family won't work for another. So, with your unique kids in mind, plan out what you're going to do.

Take some pictures.

Don't forget to take pictures - for your own memories and to share on social media! Use #DiscoverylandStories to share your photos!

Get it on the calendar.

Even though The Last Supper technically happened on the Friday before Easter, there's nothing wrong with choosing a day that works better for your family. But whatever day you choose, make sure you put it on the calendar so it doesn't get filled up with other plans.

Consider inviting others.

Talk about inviting a neighbor, friends, or a single person to join your family for this dinner. Just keep the group small so that conversations can happen.

Plan your meal.

It doesn't matter if it's macaroni & cheese from a box or a 3 course dinner, just have something your family will like.



Bake together.



On the next page, you'll find a simple recipe for unleavened bread. It's not required, but could be a fun activity to get the kids involved in!

Make it special.



Maybe get out the fancy cups or have the kids make some simple decorations or light a special candle.

Sit down together.

Make sure it's a real dinner experience by sitting down around the table and staying off social media. Be present with your family.

We'd suggest bringing a tablet or laptop to the table to watch the videos together while you eat.

Don't overcomplicate it. The point is not to add more to your busy schedule... The point is to slow down and remember what is most important this Easter season.





Unleavened Bread

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup vegetable oil
- $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup water

DIRECTIONS

- Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- Mix flour, oil, and salt together in a bowl; add water and mix using a pastry cutter until dough is soft.
- Form dough into 6 balls and press into disks onto the prepared baking sheet using your hands.
- Bake in the preheated oven until bread is cooked, 8 to 10 minutes.

STEP 3:

Get the Videos

We recommend looking over the video-led resources before you sit down to dinner to select which ones fit your family best. Below you will find a short explanation of each option.

You can find the videos at northwoods.church/centered

1

The Story of Holy Week for Older Families

The story of Holy Week, the week leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection, read from the NLT Bible. Best for families with kids 10 and up

2

The Story of Holy Week for Younger Families

The story of Holy Week, the week leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection, retold from a children's storybook Bible. Recommended for families with kids 9 and under.

3

Leading Through Communion

A short teaching about what Communion means, followed by a pastor leading your family through a time of communion. Recommended for families who have all accepted Christ as their personal Savior.

4

A Last Supper Reenactment

This video tells the story and significance of the Last Supper. Recommended for those who have not yet accepted Christ as their personal Savior.

5

A Time of Prayer

Guides you through a prayer to thank God for Jesus and his sacrifice for us, with prayer prompts for you and your kids to pray together.

STEP 4:

Enjoy the Occasion

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Start
Eating
Dinner



The Story of
Holy Week



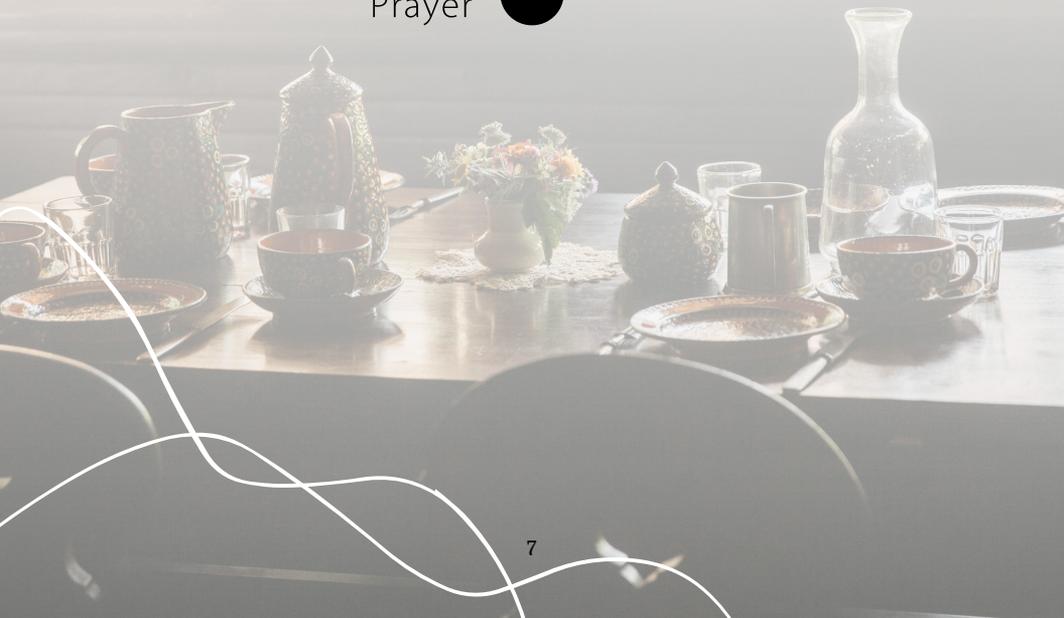
Dinner
Discussion



Communion or
Reenactment



Time of
Prayer





Dinner Discussion

Questions for Younger Children

- Whom do you love very much? Why do you love that person?
- How does it make you feel to know Jesus loves you?

Questions for Older Children

- How do you think Jesus felt when Judas betrayed Him? Luke 22:47–48
- Why did people want Jesus to die? Luke 23:5
- Why did Jesus ask His Father to forgive those who hurt Him? Luke 23:34
- Why do you think Jesus chose to die for us?
- How does it make you feel to know Jesus loves you so much that He died for you? John 3:16

Holy Week Timeline



Palm Sunday

Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, and many people put palm branches down for the donkey to walk on as a show of respect for Jesus. Many people thought he was the Messiah, coming to rule Israel.



Religious Leaders Plot To Kill Jesus

Jesus was a threat to the religious leaders because he performed miracles and had lots of people believing in him. They wanted the people to keep believing them, so they plotted to have him killed.



Last Supper

On Thursday night, Jesus sat down with his disciples to have a Passover dinner. He broke bread and said it was a symbol of his body. Then, he blessed wine and said it was a symbol of his blood. He told the disciples he would be murdered and would rise on the third day, and his body and blood were a sacrifice for sins.



The Arrest

After supper, Jesus and the disciples went into the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. The disciples fell asleep! Jesus prayed, and the soldiers came to arrest him after he was betrayed by his disciple Judas.



The Trial

Starting that night, Jesus faced Annas, Caiaphas, and Pontius Pilate. Pontius Pilate agreed to crucify Jesus between two rebels because the crowd demanded it.



The Crucifixion

Jesus was crucified Friday at noon. He lived on the cross for three hours, then said to the Father, "Into your hands I commit my spirit." And he died. There was an eclipse, and earthquake, and the very thick curtain inside the Temple was ripped in two.



The Resurrection

Some of Jesus' disciples, Mary Magdalene, and a few other believers saw the empty tomb on Sunday morning. Some saw angels who said "He is not here; he is risen." Over the next 40 days, 500 people saw the risen Jesus.

Holy Week Scriptures



Palm Sunday

Jesus went on toward Jerusalem, walking ahead of his disciples. As he came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead. "Go into that village over there," he told them. "As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying that colt?' just say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

So they went and found the colt, just as Jesus had said. And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners asked them, "Why are you untying that colt?"

And the disciples simply replied, "The Lord needs it." So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for him to ride on.

As he rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of him. When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen.

"Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!"

But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, "Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!" He replied, "If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!"

LUKE 19:28-40 (NLT)

Religious Leaders Plot To Kill Jesus

The leading priests and teachers of religious law were plotting how to kill Jesus, but they were afraid of the people's reaction.

Then Satan entered into Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve disciples, and he went to the leading priests and captains of the Temple guard to discuss the best way to betray Jesus to them. They were delighted, and they promised to give him money. So he agreed and began looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus so they could arrest him when the crowds weren't around.

LUKE 22:2-6 (NLT)

Last Supper

When the time came, Jesus and the apostles sat down together at the table. Jesus said, "I have been very eager to eat this Passover meal with you before my suffering begins. For I tell you now that I won't eat this meal again until its meaning is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God." Then he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. Then he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. For I will not drink wine again until the Kingdom of God has come."

He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took another cup of wine and said, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you.

"But here at this table, sitting among us as a friend, is the man who will betray me. For it has been determined that the Son of Man must die. But what sorrow awaits the one who betrays him." The disciples began to ask each other which of them would ever do such a thing.

LUKE 22:14-23 (NLT)



The Arrest

Then, accompanied by the disciples, Jesus left the upstairs room and went as usual to the Mount of Olives. There he told them, "Pray that you will not give in to temptation."

He walked away, about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine." Then an angel from heaven appeared and strengthened him. He prayed more fervently, and he was in such agony of spirit that his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood.

At last he stood up again and returned to the disciples, only to find them asleep, exhausted from grief. "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation."

But even as Jesus said this, a crowd approached, led by Judas, one of the twelve disciples. Judas walked over to Jesus to greet him with a kiss. But Jesus said, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"

When the other disciples saw what was about to happen, they exclaimed, "Lord, should we fight? We brought the swords!" And one of them struck at the high priest's slave, slashing off his right ear.

But Jesus said, "No more of this." And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

Then Jesus spoke to the leading priests, the captains of the Temple guard, and the elders who had come for him. "Am I some dangerous revolutionary," he asked, "that you come with swords and clubs to arrest me? Why didn't you arrest me in the Temple? I was there every day. But this is your moment, the time when the power of darkness reigns."

So they arrested him and led him to the high priest's home.

LUKE 22:39-54 (NLT)



The Trial

At daybreak all the elders of the people assembled, including the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. Jesus was led before this high council, and they said, "Tell us, are you the Messiah?" But he replied, "If I tell you, you won't believe me. And if I ask you a question, you won't answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated in the place of power at God's right hand."

They all shouted, "So, are you claiming to be the Son of God?" And he replied, "You say that I am." "Why do we need other witnesses?" they said. "We ourselves heard him say it."

Then the entire council took Jesus to Pilate, the Roman governor. They began to state their case: "This man has been leading our people astray by telling them not to pay their taxes to the Roman government and by claiming he is the Messiah, a king."

LUKE 22:66-71; LUKE 23:1-2 (NLT)



The Crucifixion

But the mob shouted louder and louder, demanding that Jesus be crucified, and their voices prevailed. So Pilate sentenced Jesus to die as they demanded. As they had requested, he released Barabbas, the man in prison for insurrection and murder. But he turned Jesus over to them to do as they wished.

Two others, both criminals, were led out to be executed with him. 33 When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on his right and one on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.”

By this time it was about noon, and darkness fell across the whole land until three o’clock. The light from the sun was gone. And suddenly, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn down the middle. Then Jesus shouted, “Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!” And with those words he breathed his last.

LUKE 23:23-25; 32-34; 44-46

If you are able, we recommend stopping the story here until Easter Sunday morning, when you should read about Jesus' Resurrection together. This allows the full meaning of the darkness of the time that Jesus spent in the grave to sink in.

We recognize you know your child best and if it would be too hard for your child to wait until Easter, go ahead and read about what happened on Easter morning now.



The Resurrection

Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow.

The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint. Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying.

And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you."

The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel's message. And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there."

MATTHEW 28:1-10 (NLT)

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