

# HOLY

# WEEK

## EXPLORE THE GOOD NEWS

This Week is Holy Week, the week that commemorates Jesus' last week of life. This week, we prepare for the great Feast of Easter.

As you and your family observe Holy Week, what connections can you find between the events of Jesus' last week and what we do in church and at home? Draw or write your ideas in the colored boxes below.

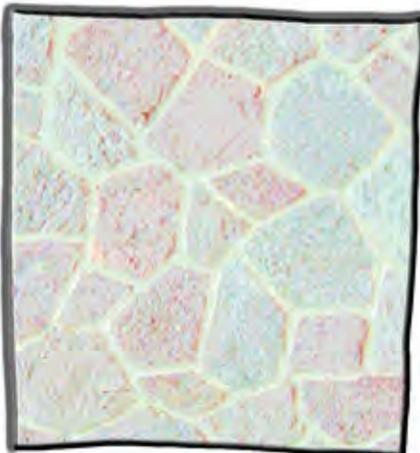
**Living the Good News  
Passion (Palm) Sunday – B**



### Thursday

Jesus' last week: Jesus eats a last meal with his disciples. He washes their feet and gives them a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you. He breaks bread and gives it to them to eat, saying, "Do this to remember me."

At church and at home:



### Friday

Jesus' last week: After spending the night in prayer in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus is captured, tried and condemned to death. He carries a cross to a hill, where soldiers nail him and two other condemned criminals to their crosses. There Jesus dies on the cross.

At church and at home:



### Saturday

Jesus' last week: Jesus is dead. His disciples gather to grieve and talk together. Several women make plans to take spices for his dead body early the next morning.

At church and at home:



# EGERIA FROM SPAIN

More than 1500 years ago the nun Egeria traveled to Jerusalem. She wrote letters back to her sisters telling about what she saw. One letter tells about what she saw on this Sunday of the year. She wrote:

“Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, which they call here the Great Week...As the eleventh hour draws near...Scripture is read in which the children bearing palms and branches come forth to meet the Lord...All the people rise immediately, and then everyone walks down from the top of the Mount of Olives...All the children who are present here, including those who are not yet able to walk because they are too young and therefore are carried on their parents’ shoulders, all of them bear branches, some carrying palms, others olive branches...”

How is our worship like theirs? How is it different?



# EASTER SUNRISE PUNCH

You will need:

- a pitcher
- 2 cups of lemonade
- 2 cups of pineapple juice
- strawberries (1-2 per person)
- whipped cream
- Mix the lemonade and pineapple juice in the pitcher.
- Pour into clear glasses and chill in the freezer for 10 minutes.
- Wash the strawberries (or thaw them if they are frozen) and carefully slice them.
- Take the punch out of the freezer. Scatter a few strawberry slices and a spoonful of whipped cream on the top of each drink.
- Say “Happy Easter, everyone!” and drink!