



# SPARK

## Week 22 - Jesus' Passion, Death & Resurrection

After this time together your child will be able to do/know (one or all depending on their age):

- Jesus comes into Jerusalem on a donkey. People wave palm branches because they think he is the one who will free them from the Romans who were persecuting them.
- Jesus had the Last Supper where He instituted the Holy Eucharist.
- A man is asked to help Jesus carry His cross.
- Jesus sacrificed His life for each one of us.

**Week of Mar. 22 & 29 Focus:**

**Mark 15:1-39**

**Will you help Jesus carry His cross?**

### Adult Pre-work (15 min)

- Watch Lesson 22 preparation video at [saint-max.org/spark](http://saint-max.org/spark)
- Watch: [The Story of Jesus' Passion](#)



### Opening Prayer

## PRAY

+ Loving God, we thank you for sending your son Jesus to save us. Help us to always love like He loved us. Forgive us for the things we may have done wrong like \_\_\_\_\_. Please pray for \_\_\_\_\_.  
+ Amen

### Family Connection

## SHARE

This is the most important week in our faith. This is when we see just how much we are loved. Jesus lays down his life so that we might have eternal life with him. I would take this week one day at a time. Use your timeline pieces (in your packet) to build the story, adding one symbol for each part of the story.

Perhaps share a time when you had to sacrifice what you wanted in order for someone to have what they wanted. For siblings this is easy to talk about sharing of toys, TV/Computer/screen time, or choosing a restaurant to eat at (This was always hard for us with 4 kids!)

**Most importantly,** try to participate in as many of the Triduum liturgies as possible. Triduum begins with Mass of Our Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (Lent officially ends then.) and continues to the Mass of Our Lord's Resurrection. The three holiest days of our faith life. **Use your navy passport books to 'track' the services you attend.**



# LEARN



## Read the Bible Story

This story of Jesus' Passion can be found in Mark 15:1-39 ( pp. 70-85 in Picture Bible Stories & pp. 142-147 in Great Adventure Storybook)

There is SOOO much to talk about in Holy week. Let them guide you. It is not necessary that they understand every part today. We all grow in our understanding each year that we walk through Holy Week. Allow the week to unfold for them; let the Holy Spirit guide them & you!

- I wonder why the people were waving branches when Jesus entered Jerusalem? (*They thought he would save them from the horrible Romans who ruled over them.*)
- I wonder what this Last supper reminds you of? Do we see these actions somewhere where we visit weekly? (*At Mass*)
- I wonder what Judas was thinking when he agreed to turn Jesus over to the authorities? (*It could be greed but it has also been speculated that Judas wanted Jesus to save people from the Romans and he was trying to 'force' Jesus into power. We really can't know. We do know the effects of his actions caused him to hang himself.*)
- Why do you think Peter denied knowing Jesus? (*He was scared. Sometimes we are scared and make bad choices.*) Contrast/compare Peter & Judas: both deny, one seeks forgiveness one does not.
- This is a leap but some children might get it: Jesus is laid to rest in a tomb in a garden which is exactly where this all began with Adam and Eve. He is showing us He is the One God promised would come to save humanity.

**Wondering Questions:** I wonder what this Bible story is about? I wonder what God is teaching us through this story? (*Jesus became a man and conquered death so that we could live with God forever in heaven.*)

**If you or your child needs to Dig Deeper or watch the story:**

Jesus' Passion (5 min) For all ages!

## LIVE YOUR FAITH

This week as a family .....



1. Use the pieces in your packet to create your Holy Week timeline.
2. Use your Bible figures to retell the story.
3. Read the Animal's Eye Witness Story Book of Easter to read each night this week.
4. **Draw a picture or write a sentence or two about anything you learned from this story. (Use an angel bordered Homework Template)**

## PRAY

+ Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus, we know you love us soooo much. You died for our sins and now we can live with you forever in heaven. Today we pray in a special way for \_\_\_\_\_. Amen +

## Dig Deeper!



Ignatian Reflections: Jesus' Passion (3 min) Try this Ignatian type of imaginative prayer. Fr Michael Sparrough is originally from Cincinnati & Heart to Heart Ministries is based in Cincinnati.

How Jesus' Resurrection Changed the World (4 min) Jeff Cavins, creator of Bible Timeline which we are using for this year's curriculum.

Jesus' Passion & Cross - What do you think of when you make the Sign of the Cross? (6 min)