



Holy Week Story “Stone” Activity

1. Use this activity in the evening, in the morning or at dinner time beginning Palm Sunday and continuing through Easter Sunday.
2. Supplies: Use what you have at home: natural or glass stones, wooden blocks, cork, sponges, paper, cardboard or any base you can draw one. Grab permanent markers, acrylic paint, or crayons. Now all you need is you and your family’s collective imagination!
3. Using the Story Sheet, read a story each day. Discuss the provided questions. Then each family member makes a drawing on a piece of craft material.
4. After you have journeyed through all 8 days use these “stones” to tell the story of Jesus’ death and resurrection. Let any individual who wants tell the story of Holy Week use their “stones”. It’s fun to see what each person remembers and how they relate to the story!
5. Simple symbol ideas:
 - a) Palm Leaf or Cloak
 - b) Perfume bottle
 - c) Bread & Cup
 - d) Praying hands
 - e) Crowing rooster
 - f) Three crosses
 - g) Tomb covered with stone
 - h) Raised Jesus or Sunrise

Holy Week Story Sheet

Start each session with each family member sharing highs and lows of the day.

End each session by making the sign of the cross on each person's forehead or hand, saying, "You are a beloved Child of God."

Palm Sunday

Read: Matthew 21:1-11 or Palm Sunday (Spark Story Bible, pg 358)

Talk: *Have you ever been to parade? How were the parade honorees treated? What similarities to that experience do you see in Jesus' entry into Jerusalem? What are the differences?*

Create: Draw a palm leaf, cloak or other symbol of this story on one of your "stones"

Monday

Read: Matthew 26:6-13 or Banquet with Simon (Spark Story Bible, pg 294)

Talk: *Tell about a time when you received an expensive gift. How did that make you feel? Alternately, tell about a time you gave an expensive gift and why you did that.*

Create: Draw a perfume bottle or other symbol of this story on one of your "stones"

Tuesday

Read: Matthew 26:17-30 or The Last Supper (Spark Story Bible, pg 364)

Talk: *Talk about the elements of worship that you see in the story of Jesus celebrating Passover with the disciples.*

Create: Draw the bread & cup or other symbol of this story on one of your "stones"

Wednesday

Read: Matthew 26:36-50 or Jesus is Betrayed (Spark Story Bible, pg 370)

Talk: *Tell of a time when you were sad and wanted support from family. Imagine that they fell asleep or were distracted instead of helping you. How would that make you feel? Tell how you can be a helpful supporter to your family.*

Create: Draw a praying hands or other symbol of this story on one of your "stones"

Thursday

Read: Matthew 26:57-75 or Jesus is Betrayed (Spark Story Bible, pg 370)

Talk: *Tell of a time when a friend didn't act like a friend to you. How did that make you feel? Tell how you feel when others pressure you to ignore or be mean to your friends.*

Create: Draw a crowing rooster or other symbol of this story on one of your "stones"

Friday

Read: Matthew 27:1-31 or The Day Jesus Died (Spark Story Bible, pg 376)

Talk: *Tell about a time when you were sad. What color or sound or picture comes in your mind when you think of that sad time. What made you feel better?*

Create: Draw a three crosses or other symbol of this story on one of your “stones”

Saturday

Read: Matthew 27:45-66 or The Day Jesus Died (Spark Story Bible, pg 376)

Talk: *Tell about a funeral or memorial service that you attended. What do you remember about that experience?*

Create: Draw a tomb sealed with a rock or other symbol of this story on one of your “stones”

Easter Sunday

Read: Matthew 28:1-10 or The Empty Tomb (Spark Story Bible, pg 382)

Talk: *Describe a color, sound or picture in your mind when you think about Jesus being resurrected. How will you celebrate Easter?*

Create: Draw an alive Jesus, sunrise or other symbol of this story on one of your “stones”

*Spark Story Bible is available in hard copy and digital version at www.wearesparkhouse.org, Kindle Store, Amazon.com