

# The Road to the Resurrection

Easter is a special time of year, and while chocolate bunnies and egg hunts may come to mind, there is something much more important that we celebrate – the death and resurrection of Jesus.

This month we're going to prepare our hearts to remember Jesus's death and celebrate His resurrection. We'll walk through some of the events leading up to Christ's death and resurrection, as well as learn about the why behind it. Each week we'll use different colors as symbolic reminders, creating our own road to the resurrection as we cherish the wonderful gift Jesus gave!



## Parent Guide:

I'm so glad you and your family are joining us this month! Here are a few tips to make your lessons go as smoothly as possible.

- Every study includes four parts to “RAMP up” learning – Read, Apply, Make it Stick, and Prayer. See [comesojourn.com/resources](http://comesojourn.com/resources) for more information on this method.
- I encourage you to preview the lessons before doing them with your family so you are familiar with the material. You know your children best and looking ahead gives you a chance to anticipate areas where they might need more (or less) time and focus for the best understanding.
- The lessons often build upon one another, so it is ideal to do them in order without skipping any.
- Before starting, check out the “Make it Stick” sections where materials for each activity are listed. I try to keep the crafts and activities simple, using things you may already have at home, but take a look in case you need to stock up on anything.
- I recommend printing the verses (last page), cutting them, and posting each verse in a place your children will frequently see it. We like to use the bathroom mirror – memorizing and brushing teeth at the same time!

Thanks again for joining us. I pray God blesses your family as you draw near to Him together!

# Lesson 1: Green – The Triumphal Entry



**Read:** Matthew 21:1-11

Have you ever been to a parade or watched one on TV? What did you see marching down the street? How did it make you feel?

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, it might have felt kind of like a parade. There were crowds shouting and celebrating. They were full of excitement and joy because Jesus was there.

The people cried out “Hosanna to the Son of David” as Jesus entered Jerusalem. Hosanna is a shout of praise, adoration, and joy. We should also praise and adore Jesus. He is our source of joy!



**Apply:** Green reminds us of the palm branches spread out before Jesus as the people praised Him. What can you praise Jesus about this week?



**Make it Stick:** Build the Road

This month we’ll work on building our road to the resurrection a little each week, starting with green today to represent the palm leaves at the triumphal entry.

Materials:

- The Road to the Resurrection printout (see last page)
- Green stamp pad or washable paint
- Crayons/markers (optional)

Instructions:

- Using stamp pad or paint, help your child make thumb print “palm leaves” along the road to Jerusalem (top of the page to the city)
- Add details to leaves and color the city if desired



**Pray:** Go back to the praises your child thought about (in the “Apply” section) and pray those in adoration of Jesus together.

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**Verse:** Matthew 21:9

# Lesson 2: Blue – Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet



**Read:** John 13:1-5, 12-15

There were no paved roads or cement sidewalks when Jesus lived. Instead, the people walked along roads of dirt. And for shoes they wore something like sandals. How do you think their feet might have looked after a walking around all day?

Washing feet was a job usually given to a servant, but Jesus chose to do it for His disciples, even though He was the Son of God living on Earth!

When Jesus washed His disciples' feet, He was showing them an example of love and was demonstrating what it means to be a servant to others. We can be like Christ and show an example of His love when we are willing to serve others too.



**Apply:** Blue reminds us of the water Jesus used to wash His disciples' feet. How can you show love by serving others? Come up with one idea to try this week.



**Make it Stick:** Build the Road

Let's continue building our road to the resurrection by adding the color blue this week as a reminder of Jesus washing the disciples' feet.

Materials:

- The Road to the Resurrection printout
- Blue food coloring
- Small rectangle pieces of paper towel
- Glue
- Scissors
- Water
- Crayons/markers (optional)

Instructions:

- Fill a small bowl with water and add 1-2 drops of blue food coloring.
- Let your child take 1-2 pieces of paper towel and drape them over the side of the bowl so that one end is in the water.
- Once the paper towel has soaked up some blue water, take it out and lay it on a flat surface to dry.
- When dry, trim paper towel into small pieces to fit the page, gluing them on The Road to the Resurrection page next to or in the drawing of the bowl.
- Color the bowl if desired

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**Pray:** Ask that God will give you a heart to see and take opportunities to show His love through serving those around you.

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**Verse:** John 13:14



Instructions:

- Using the black construction paper, cut out a tomb (wide “U” shape) and a stone (circle).
- Let your child crumple the papers to make them look rough, then flatten them out again.
- Glue the tomb to the bottom left corner of the Road to the Resurrection page
- Place the stone in front of the tomb using a rolled-up piece of tape on the back (you’ll want to be able to move it later!)
- With the red construction paper, cut two strips to create a cross shape
- Build the cross on top of the hill (covering the drawn in lines) on the Road to the Resurrection page, gluing it in place

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**Pray:** Thank God that, while our sins make Him sad, He offers forgiveness. Praise Him for the incredible gift that Jesus gave when He died on the cross.

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**Verse:** Romans 6:23



Materials:

- The Road to the Resurrection printout
- Cotton balls
- Yellow/gold glitter glue or yellow/gold marker
- Glue

Instructions:

- Glue cotton balls to the cloud shape on the road to the resurrection
- Remove the stone from the tomb because Jesus is risen! Tape it off to the side of the tomb to represent it being rolled away.
- Using yellow/gold glitter glue (or marker), add rays of light coming from the cloud and the empty tomb to represent Jesus' resurrection and the promise of heaven.

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**Pray:** Thank God that we can be clean, as white as snow, because of Jesus. Praise Him that Jesus rose from the grave and that He prepares a place for us if we put our trust in Him.

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**Verse:** Matthew 28:6

**Verses:** Cut out the verses to post each week

The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting,  
“Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;  
Hosana in the highest!” Matthew 21:9

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“If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one  
another’s feet.” John 13:14

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For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus  
our Lord. Romans 6:23

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“He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said...” Matthew 28:6

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