

READ IT

This week's Bible story is
Holy Week
from Mark 11:1-11,
14:1—15:47.



Jesus is on the move!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Jerusalem
- Bethany
- Garden of Gethsemane
- Mount of Olives

The Gospel of Mark has three different endings, two of which are in the NRSV. One version ends at Mark 16:8. The other goes on for another ten verses. A lot happens in those ten verses, too! Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene and two disciples, commissions the disciples, and ascends into heaven. Which ending do you like better?

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 454-459, 462-473, 476-481

Spark Bible page 1115, 1119-1124

Family Prayer

Dear God, sometimes it's hard to know where we're going. We can feel uneasy and scared when we're in a new place. Help us remember how Jesus traveled and loved everyone he met. Help us trust in you in all of our travels. Amen.

TALK ABOUT IT

Family Conversations

- 1 How do you think Jesus got from place to place? How do you get around from place to place?
- 2 Jesus was greeted like a king when he entered Jerusalem. Have you ever been greeted warmly at a new place? Where was it? How did you feel?
- 3 Are there new people traveling through your community? How can you help them feel welcome?
- 4 Jesus traveled to a lot of different places in today's story. Why do you think he traveled to so many places? Where has your family traveled? Have you ever needed to make a sad journey to attend a funeral?

Eye Spark

Whenever you see a license plate from another state or province, take a moment to say a prayer for their safe travel.

Ear Spark

When you hear someone say "Hello" or welcome a friend, remember what the crowds said when Jesus entered Jerusalem.

LIVE IT



For families to do together

Looking for something to do with your palm branch after the service? You can weave your branches to make designs. To learn how, do some internet research for "palm branch braiding" or ask a crafty member of your church for ideas.

For younger kids

Go online to learn how to praise someone in sign language. To say, "Praise Jesus," touch your right index finger to your nose, clap your hands twice over your left shoulder, and touch each palm once with the other hand's middle finger.

For older kids

Go online and research what the city of Jerusalem looked like in Jesus' time. How big was it? Was it bigger or smaller than where you live?