



PALM SUNDAY

Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem

Backstory: Traditionally called "Palm Sunday," this day commemorates the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. He was welcomed by a joyful crowd waving palm leaves and shouting. When Jesus arrived, they rejoiced. His presence brought much hope. Because of this, Palm Sunday is essentially about hope.

Song: Living Hope - Phil Wickham

Scriptures: Mark 11:1-11 ; Matthew 21:1-11; Luke 19:28-40;
John 12:12-19

Bible Video: <https://skitguys.com/videos/palm-sunday>

Questions for Discussion: What brings you hope? How does Jesus help you feel hopeful?

Activity Idea: Send a Text - Think of someone in your life who is discouraged, frustrated, or afraid. Send them an encouraging, hopeful text message.





MIGHTY MONDAY

Jesus at the temple

Backstory: It's the day Jesus cleansed the temple by chasing out the money changers and overturning the tables. In this account, Jesus sets the example by standing up for what was right, even when it was unpopular. He knew what was right, and He did it. Sometimes, we know what is right, but we may feel afraid or embarrassed to stand up for it, especially if it will cause a scene or draw attention to ourselves.

Questions for Discussion: Have you ever had to stand up for what's right? How can we find the courage to stand?

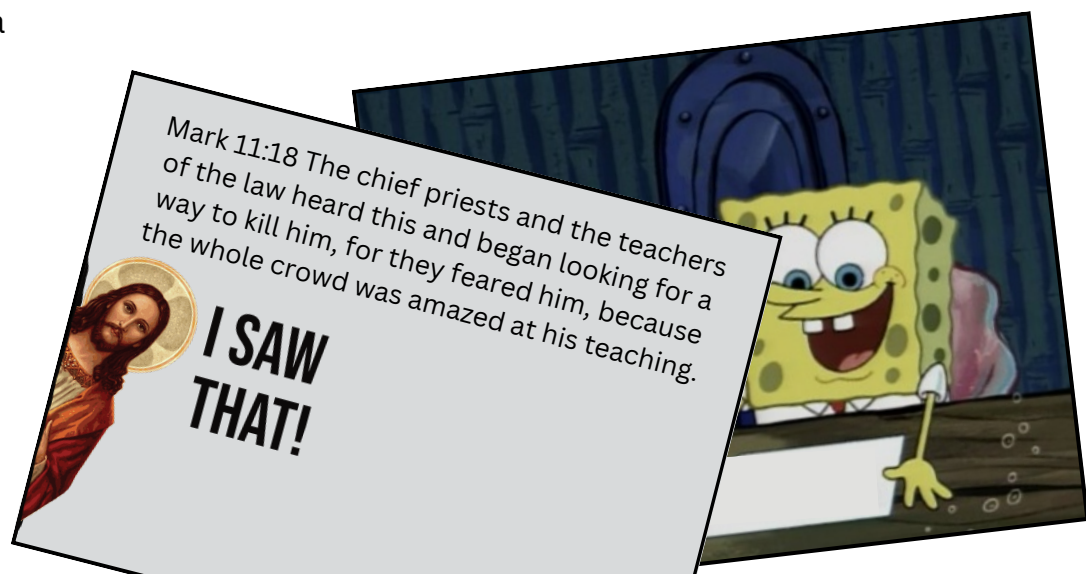
Song: Unusual - Francesca Batistelli

Scriptures: Mark 11:15-19; Matthew 21:12-13; Luke 19: 45-48, 1 Peter 2:9

Bible Video: <https://skitguys.com/videos/the-temple-cleansing>

Activity Idea: Make a Meme

Find an inspirational quote or scripture that means something to you. Using a free online meme designer (Rhonna Designs, Word Swag, Canva), make an uplifting meme to share on social media



TEACHING TUESDAY

Teaching in Parables



Backstory: "Teaching Tuesday" because of His teachings in the temple Jesus taught in parables and symbols. "Learning to learn" in this way is an important skill to develop.

Song: Speak - Bethany Music

Scriptures: Matthew 22-25, Mark 11-13, Luke 20-21, and John 12 are full of His Tuesday teaching.

Questions for Discussion: What is a parable? Why did Jesus often teach with parables and symbols? What is your favourite parable?

Activity: Symbol Game

Parables teach us on a deeper, symbolic level. Try your own hand at it! Gather 8-10 super random items around your house. For example, a cheese grater, a hairspray bottle, a dryer sheet, etc. The stranger, the better! Put the items in a bag and ask each family member to choose one without looking. Each person then has to explain how their object is symbolic of a gospel principle and/or testifies of Christ. Their ideas will surprise you.



WEIRD WEDNESDAY

Judas decides to betray Jesus

Message: God loves you, no matter what.

Backstory: Wednesday is traditionally called "Spy Wednesday" because Judas agreed to betray Jesus. He "sold" Him for 30 pieces of silver, which is equal to about \$17 today and was traditionally the price of a slave.

Songs: You Say - Lauren Daigle and You Love Me Anyway - Sidewalk Prophets

Scriptures: Mark 14: 10-11; Matthew 26: 14-16; Luke 22: 3-6

Questions for Discussion: Are there ways we "betray" Jesus in our own lives? What choices do we make when no one is looking?



PASSOVER THURSDAY

The Last Supper



Message: The blood of the Lamb helps us conquer death and sin.

Backstory: It's Passover! The day of the Last Supper and the Garden of Gethsemane. You definitely need to be familiar with the first Passover for the Last Supper to have full significance. Here's the shortcut version if you

need a quick refresher: When the children of Israel were slaves in Egypt, Moses tried many times to free them. In a final attempt, God said the destroying angel would "pass over" each home with the blood of the Lamb on the doorpost. Otherwise, the firstborn in each family would die. After this event, the Israelites hastily left their homes, grabbing the bread that hadn't risen yet (unleavened bread). They escaped through the Red Sea. For centuries after the Jews would eat a ceremonial Passover dinner, complete with unleavened bread and bitter herbs (to remind them of the bitterness of slavery). The night before Christ died, the apostles gathered with Him for the Passover meal, also known as the Last Supper. At that meal, Jesus announces He is the Lamb, and the Law of Moses is fulfilled in Him. He takes the unleavened bread and wine and institutes the "new covenant."

Song: Overcome - Jeremy Camp

Scriptures: Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; John 13-18

Bible Videos: <https://skitguys.com/videos/good-friday>
<https://skitguys.com/videos/easter-upside-down-mara>



Questions for Discussion: What is the Passover, and why do Jesus and the apostles observe it?

Activity: Passover/Last Supper Meal

Have a family-friendly "Passover meal." Grape juice (for wine), pita bread (for unleavened bread), horseradish (for bitter herbs), and a few other foods that may have been on the table at Passover: HoneyComb cereal (for honeycomb), fish (or fish sticks or Swedish fish), hard-boiled eggs, raisins or figs), grapes, and olives.

GOOD FRIDAY

INVITATION: SHARE THE GOOD NEWS!

Message: Because Christ paid for our sins, we can repent. This is the best news ever!

Backstory: Traditionally called "Good Friday," this was the day Jesus suffered and died on the cross.

Songs: Best News Ever - Mercy Me and What Love is This? - Kari Jobe

Scriptures: Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 23; John 18, 19

Bible Videos:

<https://skitguys.com/videos/by-his-wounds-good-friday>

Questions for Discussion: Why did Jesus have to suffer and die for us? Why is this day called "GOOD Friday"

Activity Idea: Bake Hot Cross Buns!

Hot Cross Buns are traditionally baked on Good Friday and given to friends.





SILENT SATURDAY

Jesus was dead

Matthew 27:62-66

Also read: Luke 23:56

Song: How deep the fathers love - Selah

Youth Videos: <https://skitguys.com/videos/the-day-that-changed-the-world>

Questions for Discussion: How would it have felt to be the disciples believing Jesus was dead? What would your life be like without Jesus?

EASTER SUNDAY

INVITATION: RISE!

Message: Jesus is alive. He has died and is now risen from the dead

Backstory: Our favourite day! The day Jesus was resurrected and rose from the tomb.

Song: Still Rolling Stones - Lauren Daigle

Scriptures: Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20

Bible Videos: <https://skitguys.com/videos/the-beautiful-resurrection>

Questions for Discussion: What does the resurrection have to do with YOU?

Activity Idea: Empty Tomb Rolls

These are soft, homemade rolls with cinnamon sugar and butter-dipped marshmallows inside. After baking, the marshmallow is gone, and the roll is hollow and empty. They are sweet, sticky, and delicious.

