



God speaks to us in many ways, including through the Sunday Scripture readings. The Sunday Connection provides useful background and activities to better understand the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings, helping you to connect the Scripture to daily life in a meaningful way.

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## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, Cycle A

Sunday, April 5, 2020

### Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:14—27:66

Jesus is crucified, and his body is placed in the tomb. (Shorter form: Matthew 27:11-54)

### Family Connection

Palm, or Passion, Sunday begins the most sacred week of the Church year—Holy Week. During these days, we prepare ourselves for Easter by prayerful reflection upon the events of Jesus' Passion and death. You might display a crucifix in a prominent place this week, as reminder of the salvation Christ won for us. The crucifix can also be the focal point for family prayer during Holy Week.

Because of the length and complexity of the Passion narrative, young children have difficulty remaining attentive when it is proclaimed in its entirety. Families can choose to read a portion of this Sunday's Gospel each day of Holy Week, providing ample opportunity for children to ask questions and respond to the events described there. In this way, the entire week can become a "way of the cross."

Each day during Holy Week, the family can gather in a prayerful space with a crucifix as the focal point. The Passion as found in Matthew's Gospel might be read as follows throughout the week:

Sunday: Matthew 21:1-11 (Gospel at the Procession with Palms)

Monday: Matthew 26:14-25

Tuesday: Matthew 26:26-35

Wednesday: Matthew 26:36-56

Thursday: Matthew 26:57—27:14

Friday: Matthew 27:15-54

After reading from the Gospel each night, the family might reflect on the reading together. Conclude your prayer time together by praying the Lord's Prayer and/or singing an appropriate hymn, such as "Jesus, Jesus," "Were You There?" or "What Wondrous Love Is This."

## Hymn #233: Were you there when they crucified my Lord

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**Leader 1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

**Leader 2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

**Leader 3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?**

**Were you there when they pierced him in the side?**

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

**Leader 4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?**

**Were you there when the sun refused to shine?**

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

**Leader 5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

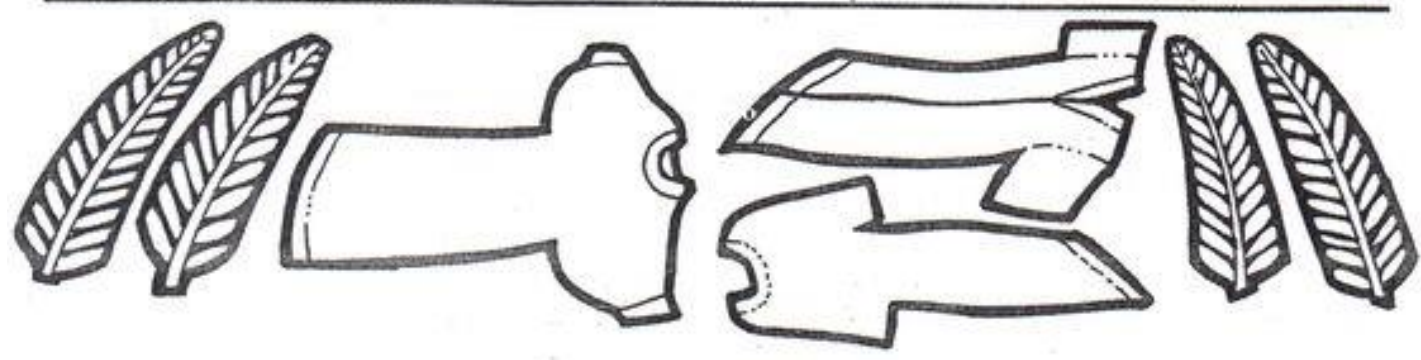
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

**Leader 6. Were you there when he rose up from the dead?**

**Were you there when he rose up from the dead?**

Sometimes I feel like shouting 'Glory, glory, glory!'

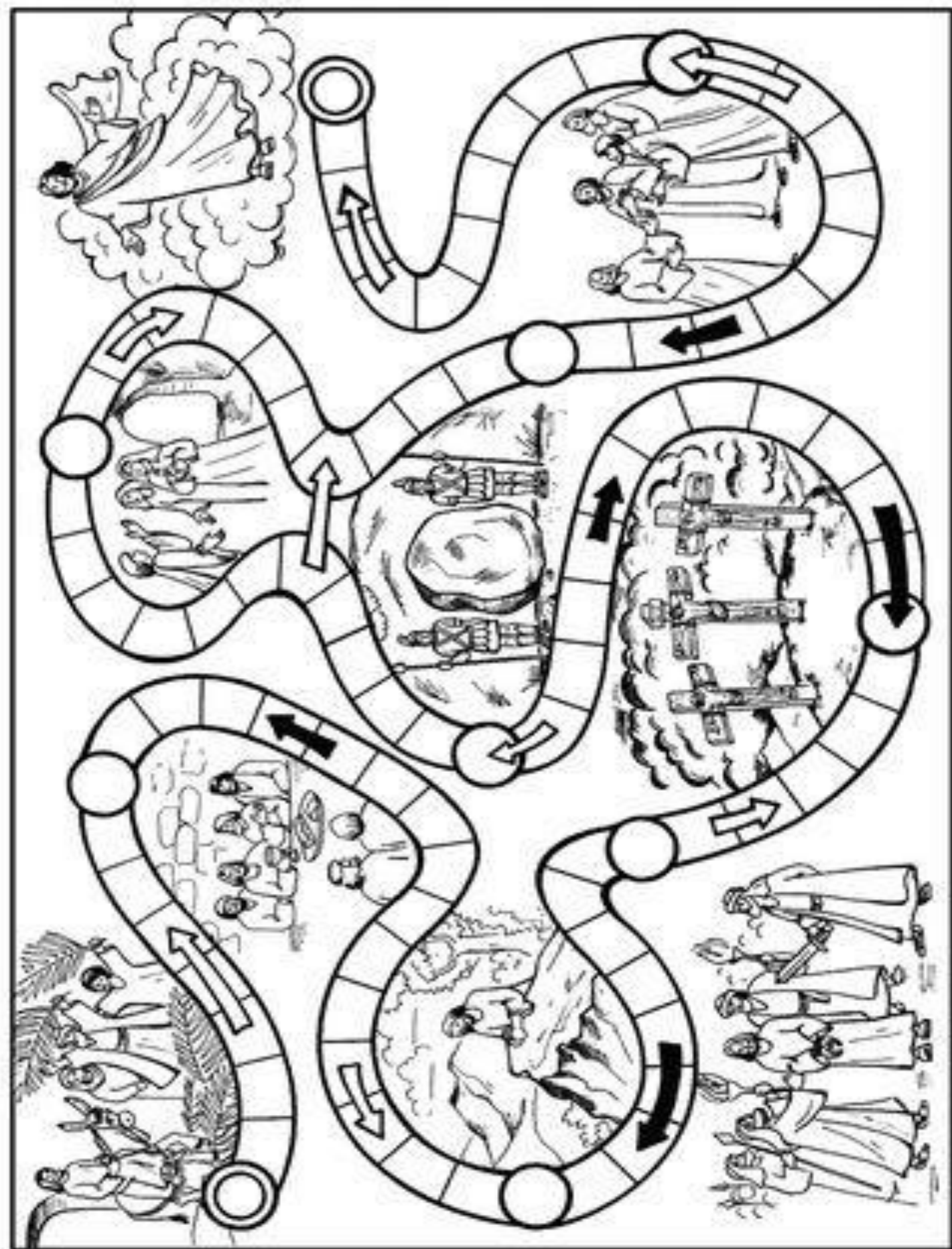
Were you there when he rose up from the dead?



PALM SUNDAY



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# DOMINGO DE RAMOS DE LA PASIÓN DEL SEÑOR, CICLO A

## DOMINGO 5 DE ABRIL DE 2020

### Lectura Del Evangelio

Mateo 26: 14—27: 66

Jesús es crucificado, y su cuerpo se coloca en la tumba. (Forma más corta: Mateo 27: 11-54)

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### Conexión Familiar

El Domingo de Ramos, o Pasión, comienza la semana más sagrada del año de la Iglesia: la Semana Santa. Durante estos días, nos preparamos para la Pascua reflexionando en oración sobre los eventos de la Pasión y muerte de Jesús. Puede mostrar un crucifijo en un lugar destacado esta semana, como recordatorio de la salvación que Cristo ganó para nosotros. El crucifijo también puede ser el punto focal para la oración familiar durante la Semana Santa.

Debido a la extensión y complejidad de la narrativa de la Pasión, los niños pequeños tienen dificultades para permanecer atentos cuando se proclama en su totalidad. Las familias pueden optar por leer una parte del Evangelio de este domingo cada día de la Semana Santa, lo que ofrece una amplia oportunidad para que los niños hagan preguntas y respondan a los eventos descritos allí. De esta manera, toda la semana puede convertirse en un "camino de la cruz".

Cada día durante la Semana Santa, la familia puede reunirse en un espacio de oración con un crucifijo como punto focal. La Pasión que se encuentra en el Evangelio de Mateo podría leerse de la siguiente manera durante la semana:

Domingo: Mateo 21: 1-11 (Evangelio en la procesión con palmeras)

Lunes: Mateo 26: 14-25

Martes: Mateo 26: 26-35

Miércoles: Mateo 26: 36-56

Jueves: Mateo 26: 57—27: 14

Viernes: Mateo 27: 15-54

Después de leer el Evangelio todas las noches, la familia podría reflexionar sobre la lectura juntos. Concluyan su tiempo de oración juntos orando la Oración del Señor y / o cantando un himno apropiado, como "Jesús, Jesús", "¿Estuviste allí?" o "Qué maravilloso es este amor".