# **Daily Challenge Guide**

# WALK his ways

a children's lent experience

#### **Dear Friends**,

Welcome to Lent! It's a 40 day journey (not counting Sundays!) to focus on God and prepare to remember and celebrate Jesus dying on the cross and rising from the grave to save each of us. Many people decide to "give up" things for Lent to help them remember that Jesus gave his life for us, but you can also "take on" doing good things, just like Jesus did.

If you are up for "taking on" Lent, then use this guide to complete a challenge each day (except Sundays) beginning February 17 and ending April 3. <u>Put</u> <u>stickers or draw shapes on the chart on</u> <u>the next page to keep track of each</u> <u>challenge you complete.</u>

Come on! TAKE ON Lent, join in, and WALK HIS WAYS!

## Each day of the week the challenge has a different theme: A home and family challenge



A school or daycare challenge

An environment challenge



A neighborhood challenge

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A global or world challenge



A devotional (God!) challenge

Challenge chartWEEK1WEEK2WEEK1WEEK3WEEK4WEEK5WEEK6













# Week 7 Holy Week

challenge 38



Make a cross to display in your house





Decorate Easter eggs with Christian symbols



### **Polish someone's shoes**

## **Holy Week Facts**

Holy Week is when Christians remember the last days of Jesus' life. It begins on the sixth Sunday of Lent with Palm Sunday and ends the night before Easter with Holy Saturday.

#### **Palm Sunday**

Palm Sunday marks Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Jesus, riding on a donkey, was cheered by the crowds, who waved palm branches and placed them in his path, crying 'Hosanna to the Son of David!' ('Hosanna' is a cry of praise meaning 'Please save' in Hebrew). But only a few days later, the same crowds would call for Jesus to be crucified.

Read the story in Matthew 21:1-16

### Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday marks Jesus 'Last Supper with his disciples. 'Maundy' comes from 'mandatum', which is Latin for 'command', because at this meal Jesus washed the disciples' feet and told them that they should love one another. As they celebrated the meal together, Jesus gave thanks, broke the unleavened bread and shared it with his disciples. He then took the cup of wine, blessed it and shared it. We do the same things at communion to remember Jesus.

### **Good Friday**

Good Friday marks the event of Jesus' death on the cross. It is called 'good' because Christians believe that Jesus showed God's love by dying on the cross.

Read the story in John 18 and 19.

### **Holy Saturday**

This remembers the day when Jesus lay in the tomb. It is a day to reflect on Jesus' death and to prepare for the marking of his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

### **Celebrate Easter Sunday!**

This marks Jesus' resurrection from the dead. It is a day of celebration and joy! Have an Easter egg hunt. Eggs are a symbol of new life! Greet others saying, "Alleluia! Christ is Risen!"



Read the story in John 13:1-15 or Mark 14:12-26