

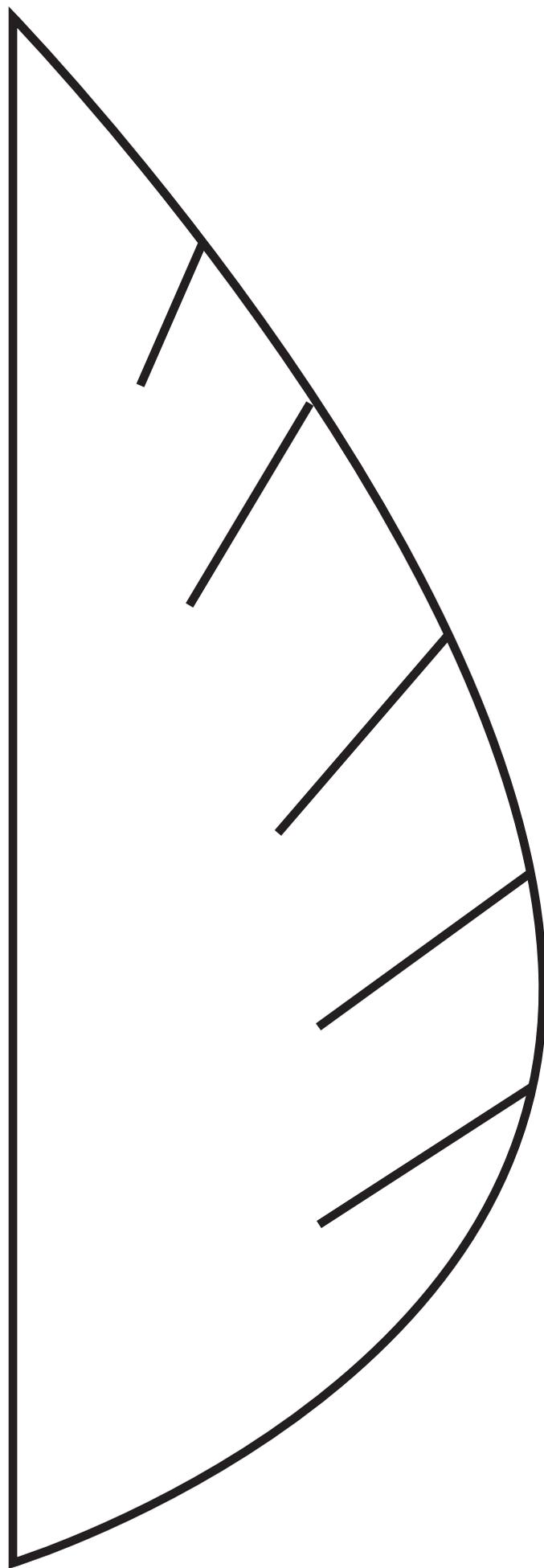
Triumphal Entry

Matthew 21:5-9: 5 “Say to the city of Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you. He is gentle and riding on a donkey. He is riding on a donkey’s colt.’ “ —(Zechariah 9:9)
6 The disciples went and did what Jesus told them to do. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt. They placed their coats on them. Then Jesus sat on the coats. 8 A very large crowd spread their coats on the road. Others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 Some of the people went ahead of him, and some followed. They all shouted,
“Hosanna to the Son of David!”
“Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!” —(Psalm 118:26)
“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

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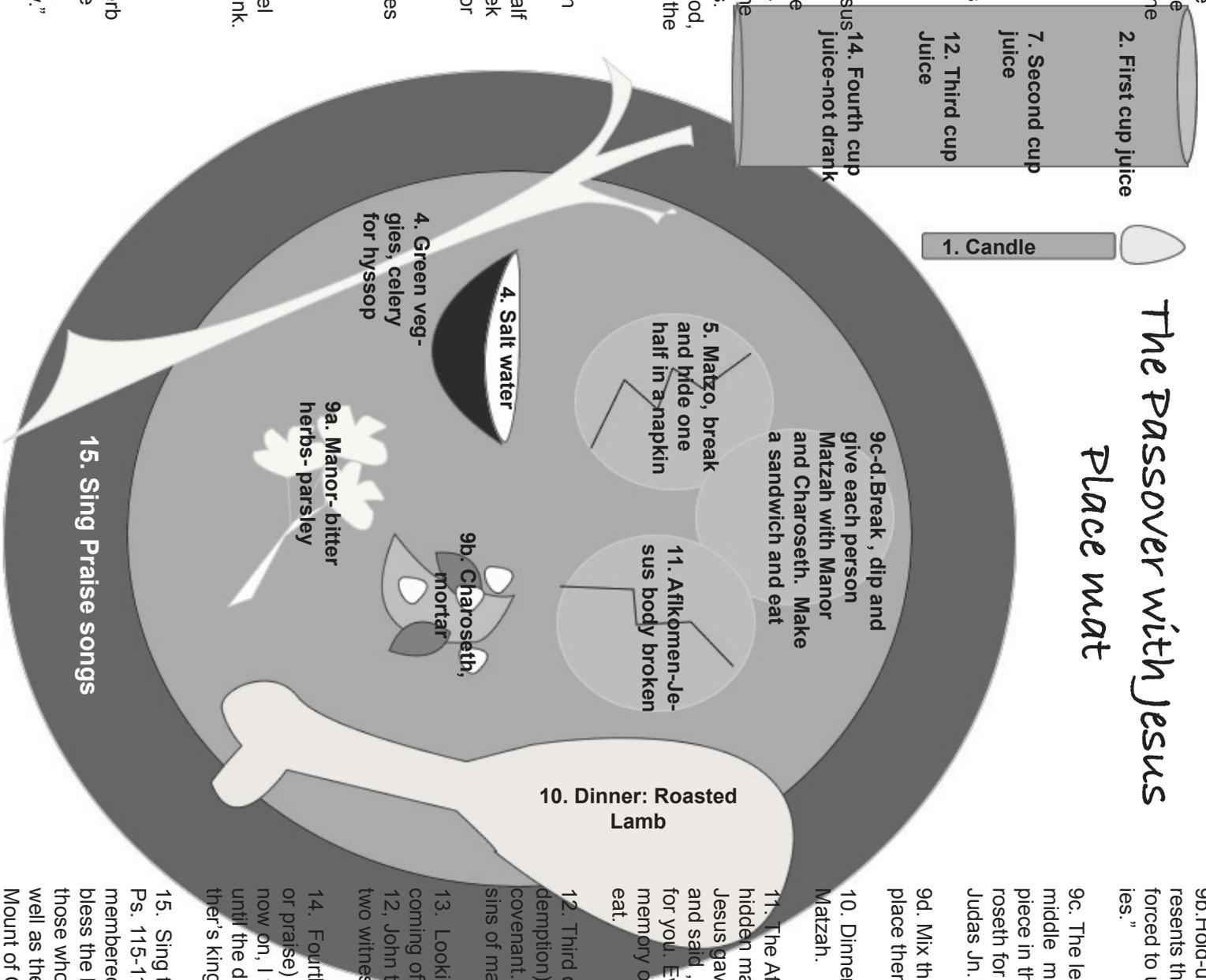
Easter Week Devotions

Supply List: cookie dough, Green hard candy, green construction paper, 12 raw eggs/vinegar/ food coloring/thin ribbon/needle, perfume, bowl/ soap/ towels, 2nails/ wire, rolls of TP, cup cakes/ relight candle, egg/grape juice/matzo/apples/honey/parsley/celery/candle.

- **Palm Sunday—Read aloud Mark 11:1-11.** Make palm-leaf cookies and or construction paper palm leaves. Cut frozen cookie dough into 2 X 1/2-inch strips. Roll the cookie strips and shape them into an outline of a palm leaf on the greased foil on a cookie sheet. Crush green candies in a bag with a hammer, and sprinkle to fill in the cookie center. Bake at 375 degrees for about eight minutes. Contrast the sweetness of the cookies with the harshness of breaking the candies with a hammer. Tell your children that this was a sweet day for Jesus, but he knew that soon he would be broken—or would die—for our sins. Jesus' triumphal entry is on the tenth day when the Passover lamb are chosen.
- **Monday—Read aloud Mark 11:15-18.** Jesus cleanses the Temple: Tell your children that this area of the temple was the place non-Jews could come to pray, but it had become a dirty, noisy, un-worshipful place. Together, decorate a worship space in your home for Easter Week. Include a Bible and candles in your worship area. A small, bare tree branch laced with white Christmas lights makes a nice backdrop. Light the candles or turn on the lights only during devotions to keep it special and meaningful.
- **Tuesday—Read aloud Mark 14:3-9.** This woman gave Jesus a very precious gift. We can give gifts that come from our heart, too. As each child shares something he or she can do to honor Jesus, spray perfume into the air or on the child. Decorate a beautiful piece of paper and form a cylinder around the perfume bottle for display at your family worship space. The Greatest Commandment: 1. Love the Lord your god with all your heart, soul and mind. She saw Jesus as Lord and worshiped him preparing Him for burial. The second greatest: 2. Love your neighbor as yourself. How? List the ways.
- **Wednesday—**Jesus makes us new, inside and out. Make Colored Blow Eggs. Put a 3/4 cup warm water, 5 drops food coloring, and 2 teaspoons of vinegar in each different color bowl. Dunk raw eggs into the coloring. After, polk a small hole in one end and a slightly bigger hole in the other end. Blow into the small hole. String them up. Jesus cleans us inside and out.
- **Thursday—Last Supper/Passover. Read aloud Luke 22:24-30, John 13:1-5, 12-17.** Who is the greatest in the kingdom of God? The least is the greatest in God's kingdom. Jesus washed feet to show his love. Have a bowl, a bar of soap, and paper towels ready. Before dinner, take turns washing each other's hands and drying them as you express love to each other. Eat your meal. **Matthew 26:17-30 Have Communion.** Break unleavened bread and drink grape juice. Preparation Day 13th They would eat on the 14th (at sun down)
- **Friday— Read aloud Mark 15:21-39.** You'll need two carpenter's nails, light gauge wire, and a twine for each child. Help children lay their nails across each other like a cross, start wrapping the wire around the point where the nails intersect to bind the nails into a cross. Crisscross the wire in the center. Have the kids recall an event of the Crucifixion with each wrap. Wrap more wire around the top and make a loop to hold the twine. Lamb slaughtered on 14th day for the sins of Israel and eaten at the end of the day which is the beginning of 15th day.
- **Saturday—Read aloud Mark 15:42-47.** Take turns wrapping each other in toilet paper just as Jesus might have looked when prepared for burial. Talk about how the disciples might have felt when all their hopes seemed destroyed when Jesus died. Ask, "How would you have felt if you had been there when Jesus died? What would you have done?"
- **Sunday—Read aloud Luke 24:1-9.** You'll need cupcakes and a trick re-lighting candle. Light it and talk about how Jesus came to be the light of the world. On Saturday, it looked like the light had been blown out. Blow out the candle and wait in silence while the flame is gone. When the flame comes back, celebrate! Point out that nothing can ever snuff out Jesus, the light of the world.

The Passover with Jesus

Place mat



1. Light the candle- "Blessed are you, oh Lord our God, King of the Universe, who sanctified us by the blood of the Messiah and commanded us to be a light for the nations and gave us Jesus, our Messiah, the light of the world."
2. "We take up the Kiddush cup and proclaim the holiness of this Day of Deliverance!" - everyone drinks
3. Wash hands with a bowl and pitcher-and/ or wash feet like Jesus
4. Dip the green vegetable in the salt water- representing the hyssop used to place the blood of the Passover lamb on the doorposts. "Blessed are you, oh Lord our God, King of the Universe, Creator of the fruits of the earth."
5. Hold up the matzo and break the middle one in half (or three in a stack) Replace the one half in the middle and wrap the other half in a napkin (the afikomen – Greek meaning "He came") and hid it for the children to find later.
6. The youngest asks, "What does this holy day mean to you?"
7. Second glass (the cup of affliction)- tell the story in Exodus 12, Sing the first Half of the Hallel ("Praise" psalm 113-115) and drink.
8. Wash hands with a bowl and pitcher
- 9a. Hold up the manor, bitter herb of parsley- "The Egyptians made the lives of our forefathers bitter. The bitter herb speaks of sorrow."

9b. Hold-up the charoseth - "This represents the mortar the Hebrews were forced to use building the Egyptian cities."

9c. The leader breaks the upper and middle matzah into pieces and dips one piece in the manor and one in the charoseth for each person. (Jesus identifies Judas Jn. 13:21-27)

9d. Mix the manor and charoseth and place them between the matzo and eat.

10. Dinner of Roasted Lamb, herbs and Matzah.

11. The Afikomen, The children find the hidden matzah and bring it to the leader. Jesus gave thanks and broke the bread and said, "This is my body. It is given for you. Every time you eat it, do it in memory of me." -give each a piece and eat.

12. Third cup of juice (The cup of redemption), "This is my blood of the new covenant. It is poured out to forgive the sins of many." -everyone sips.

13. Looking for Elijah to announce the coming of the Lord. (Mal. 4:5, Mark 9:1-12, John the Baptist and/or one of the two witnesses)

14. Fourth cup- (The cup of acceptance or praise) "Here is what I tell you. From now on, I won't drink wine with you again until the day I drink it with you in my Father's kingdom." Mt. 26:29 -not drank.

15. Sing the second half of the Hallel Ps. 115-118 close with: "The Lord has remembered us. He will bless us. He will bless the house of Israel. He will bless those who revere the Lord, the small as well as the great." And they went to the Mount of Olives.