

# Holy Week Devotionals 2026

**Parents of 1-6th grade kids:** We encourage you to use these devotionals for your own growth first, and then to help your kids grow—just like the safety instructions on an airline flight: “secure your own oxygen mask before assisting others.” We suggest you use the main devotionals for your own study, and the “**For Families**” sections to guide your kids in a simpler look at the Holy Week story.

## Wednesday

### Silence

The gospels don't tell us anything that specifically happened on Wednesday. Remember on Sunday, when Jesus rode toward Jerusalem on a donkey? The people shouted “hosanna!” and “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” (Mark 11:9). Their words came from the Old Testament - Psalm 118. This song celebrates the *hesed* of God. *Hesed* is a Hebrew word that means loyal, steadfast love. In the psalm, a king is returning from battle. He says that came near to failing, but God gave him success. The people in the psalm celebrate that the Lord has given success to the king - the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

As you read this Psalm imagine a king who has trusted in God and has come through a fierce battle against God's enemies with victory, and the people praising God for his love as the king returns to a celebration.

### As You Read:

1. Why do you think the people were quoting this psalm as Jesus rode into Jerusalem?

### Read: Psalm 118

### For Families:

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The gospel accounts don't record any specific events that happened on Wednesday. Today, we will reflect on Sunday's reading from Mark 11. The words that the people shouted came from the Old Testament book of Psalms. We will read the song that celebrates the *hesed* love of God.

### Read together: Psalm 118

1. Over and over again, you see the LORD mentioned in today's Psalm. Do you remember what “LORD” is in Hebrew? (*Yahweh*)
2. What is the Hebrew word for the LORD's steadfast love? (*Hesed*)
3. Did you learn anything new about the LORD from today's Psalm?