

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.

Sunday (Easter)

All Authority

A few women who followed Jesus visited his tomb early on Sunday morning. Instead of a dead body, they met a messenger of God, who told them that Jesus was alive, and to go tell all the other disciples. Then they saw Jesus. They bowed down, and Jesus told them “Don’t be afraid! Go tell my brothers and sisters to head to Galilee; they’ll see me there.”

When the eleven disciples (Judas Iscariot, who had given Jesus up to the authorities, was dead) met Jesus on the mountain in Galilee, he answered their doubts with a declaration: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” Because he had passed through death and defeated it, he had taken his place at the throne of God. The one who had lowered himself to the depths of our human suffering had now been raised to the highest position in the universe! And with that authority, he commissioned his disciples: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Read: Matthew 28:1-20

1. Why do you think the angel and Jesus told the women not to be afraid?
2. How does Jesus’ resurrection empower you to lead the people you know to become disciples of Jesus?

For Families:

Read together: Matthew 28: 1-18

1. What happened to the stone in front of the tomb?
2. What did the angel say to the women?
3. When Jesus appeared to His disciples, what command did He give to them?
4. How can YOU be a part of this mission?