

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 5, 2020



BIBLE STORY:

John 12:12-13:15

BIBLE VERSE:

John 17:3

BABIES-PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

People loved Jesus, and He loved them.

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

Jesus loved and served others. (YK)

Jesus loved and served others even though He was the only one worthy of honor. (OK)

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

Romans 6:1-14

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

Romans 6:23

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *Romans 7:7-13*

MONDAY: *Romans 7:14-23*

TUESDAY: *Romans 7:24-25*

WEDNESDAY: *Romans 8:1-5*

THURSDAY: *Romans 8:6-11*

FRIDAY: *Romans 8:12-14*

SATURDAY: *Romans 8:15-17*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study John and Romans together as a family:



- **Jesus' last week.** Chapters 12-13 of John's Gospel share events surrounding the last week of Jesus' life on earth. On Sunday morning Jesus arrived in Jerusalem riding a donkey. The crowds surrounding Jesus honored Him by laying palm branches and cloaks on the road. This reception from the people would be short-lived as Jesus knew that within the week, He would sacrifice Himself for the sins of the people.
- **Serve, rather than be served.** Jesus chose to serve others as an example of how people also need to be servants of others. Jesus took a towel and a pan of water and washed the feet of His disciples. Peter protested, but Jesus told Peter that Jesus needed to do this thing since Peter had no idea what was about to happen. Jesus' example showed the disciples and others that to be great, one must serve others.
- **Follow My example.** Jesus told the disciples to follow His example, and Scripture includes many other instances where Jesus lived as an example for those who came after to follow. Jesus lived a perfect life and as such, deserves to be followed. While we are sinners and strive to live perfect lives, we will never be able to attain that perfection because of the curse of sin.
- **Should sin abound?** Paul asked the question he had heard from others: Should sin abound so God's grace through Jesus Christ could be magnified? Paul answered that of course not, people should not sin intentionally so that God's grace would be magnified. Sinners find freedom from the guilt of sin through salvation and are no longer slaves to sin. Paul explained to the believers that the consequence of sin, which Paul identified as death in Romans 6:23, is not a master over believers. Believers now had the freedom to know that when they did sin, Jesus' resurrection had already secured eternal life for them. Paul encouraged believers to live like Jesus so others could know that Jesus loves them, too.