

3 FOR THIRTY

Every day, set aside 30 minutes to sit down together as a family to do the following:

1. Reading

- Spend 10 minutes reading Matthew 21:1-17 together.
- Divide it among your family so that everyone gets a chance to read.
- Ask the question, “*what stands out to you from this text?*”

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

“1 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, ‘Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.’ 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: 5 ‘Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” 6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David!’ ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’ ‘Hosanna in the highest heaven!’ 10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, ‘Who is this?’ 11 The crowds answered, ‘This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.’”

Jesus at the Temple

“12 Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. 13 ‘It is written,’ he said to them, ‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it ‘a den of robbers.’” 14 The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. 15 But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David,’ they were indignant. 16 ‘Do you hear what these children are saying?’ they asked him. ‘Yes,’ replied Jesus, ‘have you never read, ‘From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise?’” 17 And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night.”

2. Praying

- Spend 10 minutes praying together.
- Find a quiet space that your family can gather together. Adults, lead the prayer time and invite your students to join in.
- Ask the questions, “*who do we need to pray for?*”; “*what needs are we aware of within our family, friend, and neighbor circles?*”

3. Journaling

- Spend 10 minutes journaling together.
- Have paper and something to write with ready.
- Write down what stood out to you from the text you read as a family.
- Write down what you can remember from prayer time. (Thoughts about specific people, places, or events that were prayed for, as well as any personal thoughts.)

4. Repeat Daily